

# Helmingham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday March 4, 2019 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors Julian Bowden, Alan Mayhew, David Styles, Nick Styles and Rod Caird (clerk). County Cllr Matthew Hicks was also present.

## **1/040319: Apologies for Absence**

Melvyn Blowers was absent; Rob Parmenter has sent apologies due to illness.

## **2/040319: Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

## **3/040319: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on December 10, 2018**

The minutes were approved

## **4/040319: Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda**

Cllr Hicks' County Council report for March 2019 was circulated to Parish Councillors and will be published on the parish website.

In discussion Cllr Hicks noted that the Highways traffic survey on Gosbeck Road showed a "slim" justification for a 30mph limit on the stretch advocated by Ian Pepper at various Parish Council meetings. The report has gone to the relevant panel; if supported by the panel, the case has to go for consultation and then further legal work.

On the proposed northern bypass, Cllr Hicks reported that route and business case consultations would take place during the summer, and a final proposal would go to the government in the autumn. There are opposing views but a clear outcome is desirable.

## **5/040319: To consider Planning Application DC/19/00886 - Gables Barn, Gosbeck Road – erection of detached double garage**

There was no objection to this proposal.

## **6/040319: Progress reports on outstanding issues:**

- **provision of high-speed broadband**
- **road safety and speeding concerns as raised at previous meetings**

It was noted that improved broadband speeds were now becoming available through internet service providers able to connect to improved facilities provided by Openreach.

The Gosbeck Road speeding issue had been discussed during the previous item.

The concern about safety of roadside posts on Gosbeck Road, apparently placed by a homeowner on Highways land, has been reported and the outcome is still awaited.

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It was noted that potholes have appeared between the back gate to Helmingham Hall and the New Road junction. A manhole cover is broken past Valley Farm. The footpath bridge needs repair opposite the pink cottage by North Park Drive (footpath 18?).

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**7/040319: To consider a report from the Clerk on the district and parish council elections timetable, and the arrangements for the AGM of the Parish Council**

The timetable was noted and interested Councillors completed nomination forms which the Clerk will deliver to Mid Suffolk by the due date. The Clerk will also contact Cllr Parmenter about completing a form.

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**8/040319: Financial report, including any payments due.**

A bank reconciliation was presented, showing a balance of £2,581.83 once all cheques had cleared the account. Payments were made to Rod Caird (Clerk pay, £164.82); HMRC (PAYE, £82.40), and SALC (election briefing, £3.76).

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**9/040319: Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

None at this time.

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**10/040319: Date of next meeting**

Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Coach House, Helmingham Hall, which will be the AGM of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting.