

Helmingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday November 18, 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).

1/181119: Apologies for Absence

Ian Pepper had sent his apologies and his absence was approved.

2/181119: Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

None

3/181119: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on May 13, 2019

The minutes were approved

4/181119: Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda

No member of the public was present and Cllrs Hicks and Morley were unable to attend. Cllr Hicks' County Council report for November 2019 was circulated to Parish Councillors and will be published on the parish website.

5/181119: To consider Planning Application DC/19/04884: Helmingham Primary School - erection of black powder coated weldmarsh security fencing panels 2.1m high to secure the school's perimeter

The application was supported.

6/181119: To receive an update on the proposed speed limit on Gosbeck Road

The draft legal order has been produced and sent to Suffolk Legal. The next stage will be a formal three week legal consultation, in the form of notices on site. This is the legal process which has to be followed for the introduction of a speed limit and it is required to make it enforceable. It is likely to be a number of months before an actual speed limit will be installed, but it is progressing.

7/181119: To consider a draft budget for 2020/21 and to appoint internal auditors for 2019/20

A draft budget, in line with the current years' budget, was presented and will be further considered at the Parish Council meeting on Monday, January 20, 2020, when the precept will also be set. It was felt likely that the precept would be held at its current level. SALC was appointed auditor for 2019/20.

8/181119: Financial report, including any payments due.

Decisions will be made at the January meeting on any grants to be made to local organisations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

A bank reconciliation to date was presented showing a balance of £3,795.96. Payments were made to CAS Insurance (Parish Council cover) £210.67; Rod Caird (clerk pay) £169.20, HMRC (PAYE) £42.20, and Community Action Suffolk (website) £60.00.

Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.

9/181119: Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

None at this time

10/181119: To confirm the dates of the next meeting and meetings in 2020

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 20, 2020, at Old Hall Farm at 7.00pm