

Helmingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday March 2, 2020 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Julian Bowden, Alan Mayhew, Ian Pepper, David Styles and Nick Styles and Rod Caird (clerk), together with one member of the public, County Cllr Matthew Hicks and District Cllr Suzie Morley

1/020320: Apologies for Absence

None

2/020320: Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

None

3/020320: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on January 20, 2020

The minutes were approved, though it was noted reference should have been made to the need for further work on the grips on New Road

4/020320: Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda

Cllr Morley presented her written report. Cllr Hicks reported that no further work is being done on the proposed Ipswich Northern Route. Street lighting is being converted to LED by late 2022. The County's budget has been approved, showing a 1.98% increase in Council tax. This year's government funding is satisfactory but future years are uncertain. Funds have been set aside for climate emergency works and for road safety schemes around schools. The County will assist with road closure proposals for VE Day celebrations.

The Clerk agreed to contact again the resident who raised concern about HGV use of Otley Road, to see if further information was available on this.

The 30mph signage on Gosbeck Road is progressing through the legal process.

A resident reported that very deep grips had been dug along Gosbeck Road resulting in heaps of debris close to the edge of the road, presented a risk to vehicles. As this seemed to have been done privately, Cllr Hicks agreed to raise the problem with Highways for attention.

5/020320: To receive an update on the proposed speed limit on Gosbeck Road and to consider any further information on the reported increase in heavy goods vehicle traffic on Otley Road

Both matters were discussed under item 4.

6/200120: Financial report, including any payments due.

A bank reconciliation to date was presented showing a balance of £3,073.16. No payments were due.

7/020320: Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

It was agreed to seeking funding from the District Councillor's locality budget for a Speed Activated Sign, to be moved around several positions in the village. Cllr Pepper will identify suitable positions for posts and the Clerk will apply to Highways for their installation. An application will be made to Cllr Morley.

It was agreed to co-opt Suzanne Curwen-Frost as a Parish Councillor, filling the vacancy which has existed since the election in May 2019.

8/020320: To confirm the dates of the next meeting and future meetings in 2020 including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday May 11, 2020 at 7.00pm in the Coach House. There will also be a meeting on November 16, 2020 at 7.00pm in Old Hall Farm.
