

# Helmingham Parish Council

**Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held online on May 11, 2020 at 7.00pm.**

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

## **1/110520: Apologies for Absence**

Suzanne Curwen-Frost sent her apologies and her absence was approved.

## **2/110520: Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

## **3/110520: Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on March 2, 2020**

The minutes were approved.

## **4/110520: Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda**

Cllr Hicks reported that everything possible was being done to protect vulnerable residents in Suffolk. The Home but Not Alone service is being used and 1,800 volunteers have registered through the App. Enough PPE has been purchased to supply care homes in the county. Trading Standards are working to combat fraud. Household waste sites are operating a booking system. Garden waste is now being collected again. Large sums have been spent and efforts are being made to recover it from the government. Some schools have remained open and there has been much pressure on children's services. Volunteer groups are urged to register through the Home but Not Alone service.

Cllr Morley said some grants are still available to support small businesses. The cabinet and planning committees are now meeting online.

## **5/110520: 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**

It was agreed the Clerk would raise this with Cllr Hicks and the resident who made the original observation about Otley Road.

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## **6/110520: To consider any further developments on the deep grips which have been dug along Gosbeck Road**

It appears the grips have been tidied up following correspondence with the Estate.

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## **7/110520: To discuss developments on the installation of posts for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the village**

The Clerk will pursue this with Highways

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**8/110520: Financial report, including any payments due and approval of the accounting figures for 2019/20 which will form part of the audit process**

A bank reconciliation to date was presented showing a balance of £4,052.88, the first precept payment having been received. No payments were due. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/20 was presented and approved, and the Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the paperwork.

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**9/110520: Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council**

A pothole outside Old Hall Farm will be reported to Highways. Kerb work is required on the left side of the road between the post box and the school in order to stop lorries going off the road; this will also be reported to Highways.

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday November 16 and the dates of subsequent meetings would be set then.

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