

# **Helmingham Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18 October 2021 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors Alan Mayhew, Ian Pepper, Suzanne Curwen-Frost, David Styles and Nick Styles. The meeting was Chaired by Alan Mayhew in the absence of Julian Bowden.

### **1/181021: Apologies for Absence**

Julian Bowden (Chairman), County Cllr Matthew Hicks and District Cllr Suzie Morley

### **2/181021 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

### **3/181021 Parish Council Clerk, Rod Caird**

A minute of silence and reflection was held in memory of Rod Caird, the Parish Clerk, who recently passed away.

### **4/181021 Immediate recruitment of a new Parish Clerk**

The meeting discussed how we may identify and appoint a new Clerk to the Council. IP reported that there is a SALC meeting being held this Thursday at which this topic will be discussed. IP will report back on the output from that meeting. We also agreed to look at how other Parishes are dealing with this unfortunate situation.

### **5/181021 Speed Indicator Device**

The speed Indicator Device has been installed and will be periodically moved around the Parish. We also agreed to investigate the possibility of additional posts near Helmingham School. IP will contact Suffolk Highways as to how this may be achieved.

It was also queried as to whether insurance is in place for the device. This will also be investigated.

## **6/181021 Urgent Matters for the attention of the Council**

AM raised an issue whereby a recent accident caused by a car travelling at high speed had caused significant damage to buildings at Old Hall Farm. Excess speed had a direct impact in this accident, which is not an isolated incident. This area of highway has been the subject of similar incidents in the recent past. It was agreed that the Council (IP) would approach Suffolk Highways and/or County Cllr Matthew Hicks around how we could get chevrons fitted on both approaches to warn drivers of the hazard ahead.

## **7/181021 To confirm dates of the next meeting and future meetings**

The next Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 13 December at 7.00pm at Old Hall Farm. A subsequent Parish Meeting has also been scheduled for Monday 17 January at 7.00pm, also at Old Hall Farm.