

HELMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Parish Meeting
AGM of the Parish Council
The Coach House, Helmingham Hall

7.00pm on Monday May 17, 2021

MINUTES

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1/170521	Elections of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021/22 Julian Bowden was elected Chair and Alan Mayhew Deputy Chair without contest.
2/170521	Apologies for absence and approvals Ian Pepper had sent his apologies and his absence was approved Cllrs Julian Bowden, Suzanne Curwen-Frost, Nick Styles, Alan Mayhew and David Styles were present together with one member of the public. County Cllr Matthew Hicks and District Cllr Suzie Morley were unable to attend.
3/170521	Declarations of interest and dispensations requested None
4/170521	Approval of the Minutes of the PC meeting on January 18, 2021 The Minutes were approved.
5/170521	Reports from County and District Councillors and public comments on matters on the agenda Written reports were presented by the County and District Councillors which are published on the website along with these minutes.
6/170521	Progress reports on outstanding issues including installation of posts required for purchase of a SID as previously agreed, and any further issues arising from road conditions The sign has been ordered from Westcotec Ltd at a price of £3,250.00 plus VAT as previously agreed.

7/170521	<p>Financial report, including payments due, and approval of the accounts for 2020/21 in preparation for the internal audit by SALC</p> <p>A bank reconciliation was presented for the year to March 31, 2021, showing a balance of £6,863.69. This sum includes the grant funding totalling £3,100.00 received from the District and County Councillors towards the cost of the speed sign.</p> <p>The end of year figures are the basis for the annual accounts for 2020/21 and it was agreed to authorise the Clerk and Chair to prepare and sign the necessary audit return paperwork.</p> <p>A bank reconciliation for the period to May 16, 2021, was also presented showing a balance of £7,848.97. The first instalment of the precept (£1,301.00) has been received.</p> <p>Payment was made as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>May 16, 2021</td><td>SALC</td><td>559</td><td>£142.12</td><td>Subscription</td></tr><tr><td>May 16, 2021</td><td>Rod Caird</td><td>560</td><td>£173.80</td><td>Clerk Pay</td></tr></table> <p>No grant payment having been made to the PCC during 2020 for upkeep of the churchyard, it was agreed to make a payment of £250.00 to cover 2020 and 2021, and to inquire about the annual costs being incurred for this purpose.</p> <p>Payments were made under sections 111 and 112 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	May 16, 2021	SALC	559	£142.12	Subscription	May 16, 2021	Rod Caird	560	£173.80	Clerk Pay
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8/170521	<p>Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council</p> <p>Various road defects and potholes were identified and would be reported to Highways using their online tool.</p>										
9/170521	<p>Dates of meetings in 2021/22</p> <p>The following dates were agreed: October 18, December 13, 2021, and January 17, 2022, all at 7.00pm at Old Hall Farm.</p>										

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1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None. One member of the public was present</p>
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2	<p>Chairman's welcome, introduction and report on 2020/21</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those attending and reported on a difficult year, constrained by the coronavirus restrictions. The Parish Council had however held all its meetings remotely, using Zoom, and had operated successfully and within budget.</p>
3	<p>Reports from village organisations including the Primary School, followed by discussion on matters raised by members of the public</p> <p>A report had been submitted by the school as follows:</p> <p>Helmingham Primary has had a really interesting and challenging year.</p> <p>The continued dramas of the covid pandemic came at the same time as a change in leadership to the school so there have been new faces and changes throughout the year. We have formed a partnership with Henley Primary school and are now working under the banner of Greenfields Partnership, with the 2 schools sharing the Academy Head Teacher- Miss Stephanie Hawes.</p> <p>We have also made several changes in the school, reducing the classes from 4 to 3, partly due to the lower numbers in our current cohorts. For September, this will mean that we will still have the Nursery and Reception children together, 1 class will have years 1-3 and the other years 4-6. The classes will be renamed as part of the legacy projects with year 6.</p> <p>We have appointed an Assistant Academy Head- Mr Tom Hardy who is joining us from Rendlesham Primary School, another of the schools in our Trust. He will spend half of his week in the classroom teaching KS2 and is also going to be training as a SENDCo.</p> <p>Although the children have not had as much time in school as we would like, we have started work on our new curriculum topics and we aim to link our learning across the school under 5 curriculum threads-</p> <p>Civilisation, community and Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chronology - Cause and consequence - Comparison - Legacy <p>We are currently looking at improving the school grounds further. We are hoping to replace the benches</p>

	<p>and seating and looking at creating a mini crazy golf/ putt course for use at break times.</p> <p>This term, children will have the opportunity to enrich their curriculum further with a pantomime experience, an archery taster session and a trip to Colchester Zoo too.</p> <p>As is usual in the education sector, there will continue to be changes and challenges, but we are really positive and optimistic for the future of Helmingham Primary School.</p> <p>On the initiative of a resident, it was agreed after discussion to set aside the sum of £250.00 towards the cost of a Helmingham Parish Picnic, to be held on a suitable date in the coming two months, to give people an opportunity to meet and socialise in great surroundings, marking emergence from the pandemic restrictions.</p> <p>Once a date has been found (after the meeting Sunday July 11 has been identified as a suitable date) a leaflet will be prepared for distribution throughout the village.</p>
4	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>May 2022 on an exact date to be confirmed, at the Coach House, Helmingham Hall</p>