

# **Helmingham Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors Julian Bowden (Chair), Alan Mayhew, Ian Pepper, Suzanne Curwen-Frost and Nick Styles. County Cllr Matthew Hicks and District Cllr Suzie Morley were also in attendance. The meeting was minuted by Ian Pepper in the absence of a Parish Clerk.

### **1/170122: Apologies for Absence**

David Styles

### **2/170122 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

### **3/170122 Recruitment of a new Parish Clerk**

The meeting discussed the latest status. No new potential Clerks have been forthcoming. A “Clerks meeting” will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January where potential options may come to light. We are also exploring collaboration with the Chair from Hemingstone who is also looking for a Clerk.

Matthew Hicks agreed to give some thought to potential candidates and Ian Pepper agreed to explore options for continuing without an officially appointed Clerk and will report back.

### **4/170122 Updates from Matthew Hicks and Suzie Morley**

Verbal summaries of previously published reports were outlined.

Suzie Morley suggested that there may be some locality funding available and the PC discussed how we may look to gain funding to improve the Helmingham Park car parking area with hardcore.

### **6/170122 2022 Precept**

It was agreed that the precept for 2022 would be retained at 2021 levels as the PC do not wish to further burden residents at this difficult time.

### **7/170122 Urgent Matters for the attention of the Council**

Alan Mayhew reiterated the issue whereby a recent accident caused by a lorry had damaged the siding and a signpost on the edge of the village (on the B1077) and how further roadside damage can be seen elsewhere in the village. Alan agreed to register the issue via the Suffolk Highways website and potentially request a site meeting.

### **8/131221 To confirm dates of the next meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.00pm – venue TBA. This will also be the AGM

Further meetings during the year will be:-

Monday 21 November 2022

Monday 12 December 2022

Monday 16 January 2023