

Helmingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16 January 2023 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Alan Mayhew (Chair), Julian Bowden, Ian Pepper, Suzanne Curwen-Frost, David Styles and Nick Styles. The meeting was minuted by Ian Pepper in the absence of a Parish Clerk.

Note: This meeting covered both the postponed 12 December 2022 Meeting AND the 16 January 2023 Meetings

Minutes from Postponed 12 December 2022 Meeting

1/121222: Apologies for Absence

None

2/121222 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

None

3/121222 Update from District Councillors

Provided via email

4/121222 Update on recruitment of a new Parish Clerk

We discussed the support being provided by SALC for a Locum Clerk and how that had progressed.

5/121222 Urgent Matters for the attention of the Council

None

Meeting ends

Minutes from 16 January 2023 Meeting

1/160123: Apologies for Absence

None

2/160123 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested

None

3/160123 Update from District Councillors

Matthew Hicks

Cost pressures continue. Council Tax rise 1.99%. Social Care 2% rise
No frontline reductions
Devolution deal for Suffolk – more say over how money is spent. In consultation process
Winter warm and coffee caravan operational
Fire Service message regarding playing on ice

Suzie Morley

Fees and charges review – most remaining the same. New bins up
Bin lorry naming competition
£1.4M Leisure Center grid cost reduction plan – solar panels
New tenant policy reverting to previous lifetime tenancy model
15500 new trees being planted at Gateway 14

4/160123 Update regarding appointment of new Clerk

Ian Pepper reported that we have approached the new Pettaugh clerk to see if he would be willing to take on Helmingham as well. Meeting planned for 17 January and subsequent interviews will be arranged if he is willing to apply

5/160123 Urgent Matters to be brought to the Councils attention

None

6/160123 Precept for 2023

Precept was set at same as 2022 £2600 and duly applied for
Julian Bowden stated the latest Council financials and payments
made/due

The Council agreed to pay the Churchyard maintenance for last year
and this year to the sum of £250 for 2022 and £250 for 2023 (£500 in
total)

Donations of £100 each to the Air Ambulance and First Responders
were agreed

7/160123 Any Other Business

Flooding has been noted near New Road (on the road to Helmingham
School) and Ian Pepper agreed to report this via the SCC Highways
website

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 April 2023 at the Old Coach
House, Helmingham Hall to commence at 19:00, which will cover
both the regular meeting and the Annual General Meeting**

Meeting Ends