

# **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**