

## **Helmingham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 11th December 2023 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Alan Mayhew (Chair), Ian

Pepper, Julian Bowden, Suzanne Curwen-Frost, David Styles, Nick Styles, Bliss Marshall  
(prospective Parish Clerk)

The meeting was minuted by Ian Pepper in the absence of a Parish Clerk.

### **1/111223: Apologies for Absence**

Matthew Hicks

Nick Hardingham

Lesley Clark

### **2/11123 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

### **3/111223 Introduction and agreement to appoint new Parish Clerk**

Bliss Marshall was in attendance and has agreed to become our new Parish Clerk. Bliss will start with effect from 1 January 2024. This was agreed by all present and we welcome Bliss into her new role.

### **4/111223 Update from District Councillors**

Updates were provided via email only

### **5/111223 Urgent Matters for the attention of the Council**

- Pot holes outside North Park Farm and Old Hall Farm need to be reported to SCC Highways (action Ian Pepper)
- Lesley Clark was welcomed to the Parish Council (in her absence) and appropriate forms etc completed
- Register of Interest forms for Parish Councillors were completed for return to BMSDC
- It was agreed that we would proceed with a request for funding for an additional Speed Identification Camera via Councillor Hardingham (£1200 to be requested). We would also like to request additional poles on Gosbeck Road and near Helmingham Primary School. Ian Pepper to investigate and complete forms.

It was agreed that we would like to make donations of £100 each to the following organisations:-

Headway

East Anglian Air Ambulance

Helmingham School/Nursery

Citizens Advice in Ipswich

First Responders

East Anglian Childrens Hospice

### **6/111223 Precept**

Precept is to be agreed at the January meeting. Current view is that we would not increase at this stage.

### **7/111223 Any Other Business**

None

### **8/111223 Next Meetings**

Meetings in 2024 were agreed as follows:-

Monday 15th January (Old Hall Farm at 7pm)

Monday 29th April - AGM (Coach House, Helmingham Hall - to be confirmed - at 7pm)

Monday 28th Octoober (Old Hall Farm at 7pm)

Monday 16th December (Old Hall Farm at 7pm)