

## **Helmingham Parish Council**

Minutes of the Helmingham Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Old Hall Farm, Helmingham at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Alan Mayhew (Chair), Ian

Pepper, Suzanne Curwen-Frost, David Styles, Nick Styles, Lesley Clark (prospective Parish Councillor), Bliss Marshall (prospective Parish Clerk) and District Councillors Nick Hardingham and Matthew Hicks.

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

### **1/061123: Apologies for Absence**

Julian Bowden

### **2/061123 Declarations of interest and dispensations requested**

None

### **3/0611223 Update from District Councillors**

**Nick Hardingham** updated us regarding:-

- Flooding
- Solar Farms
- Sustainable Transport
- Home Insulation grants
- Updating Council Housing
- Community Project funding availability (Nick to send process to Ian Pepper for action)

**Matthew Hicks** updated us regarding:-

- Flooding – 600 properties in County flooded. Compensation allocated
- HS2 money has been re-allocated and may be used to upgrade railway and road junctions in the County
- Library support is being reviewed and public comments can be made online

### **4/061123 Update regarding Parish Clerk**

Stuart Jennings has decided not to pursue the opportunity to act as Helmingham Parish Clerk. However, Bliss Marshall has expressed a possible desire to take the role on. Bliss will be considering her options and further update will be discussed at the next meeting in December.

### **5/061123 Urgent Matters for the attention of the Council**

- Road near Pearl Farm has deteriorated to near collapse and needs to be reported to SCC Highways (action Ian Pepper)
- Lesley Clark expressed a desire to join the Council. Ian Pepper will establish process and advise.
- Register of Interest forms for Parish Councillors were completed for return to BMSDC

#### **6/061123 Precept**

Financial position was reviewed and precept will be agreed at December meeting for submission before end January 2024

#### **7/061123 Any Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday 11 December at 19:00 at Old Hall Farm**

**Meeting Ends**