

PARISH OF HELMINGHAM

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Helmingham held on 30 May 2023 at The Coach House, Helmingham Hall, Helmingham (start time 7.00pm)

Present: Councillor A Mayhew (Chairman of the Parish Council - presiding)
Parish Councillors I Pepper, D Styles and N Styles
Councillor M Hicks (County Councillor)
Councillor N Hardingham (District Councillor)
S Jennings (Clerk)
L Clark
C Deeley

1. Apologies for absence

Parish Councillors J Bowden and S Curwen-Frost.

2. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 23 May 2022

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 May 2022 be approved and confirmed.

3. Reports by Councillors and other representatives

Councillor M Hicks, the County Councillor, gave a verbal report which included the following topics –

- The County Council's budget – balanced without reductions in front line services
- Additional money for road signs replacement, roadside flooding, pavements and footpaths and potholes.
- Devolution in Suffolk – provisional deal with Central Government with funding and investment over a period to allow the County Council to do many things but will require a directly elected Leader at the 2023 election
- Conversion of all street lighting to LED
- Delivery of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services review
- Foxhall Recycling Centre – improvements, and success of re-use shop
- Electricity pylons running through Norfolk and Suffolk – minimal consultation, and need for further mitigation measures. Local MPs and Councils campaigning for an offshore ringmain system as an alternative to pylons.

Councillor Hicks was thanked for this contribution and left the meeting.

Signed: *Lesley Clark*

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Chair to Helmingham Parish Council

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Councillor N Hardingham, the newly elected District Councillor, then submitted his report on the following topics:

- New make-up of the District Council including Cabinet Member appointments/responsibilities
- Cost of Living Support – to be continued
- Community Grants available in Mid-Suffolk
- New Emergency Services Hub in Stowmarket
- New affordable homes in Needham Market

Councillor Hardingham was thanked for his contribution.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.29pm.

CHAIRMAN

Signed: *Lesley Clark*

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