



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



of the meeting of Helmdon Parish Council, held in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Harris, Holloway, Lockett, Marchant, Moody,

In attendance: 4 members of the public.

205. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bearman.

RESOLVED: To not approve Cllr Bearman's absence

206. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Moody declared an interest in item 211B- due to it being the company he works for.

207. Approval and signature of the minutes of October 25th, 2023

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of October 25th, 2023

208. Matters arising

None

209. Open Forum (15min max- 3 min per person)

- A project for the flood mitigation is in progress. It is suggested that the area up Grange Lane gets dug out and slabbed. To be picked up in January 2024 meeting.
- A lot of HGV traffic are coming through the village as late as 10-11pm. Cllr Marchant to email HS2 regarding hours.
- Due to the large tunnels coming for HS2, the lorries are increasing down B4525 for the next 3 ½ years.

210. To fill the vacancies on the council by co-option

Billie Minshall expressed interest in the vacancy of the council. Billie has lived in the village for 7 years after living abroad working with animals. Billie previously worked in social services in Milton Keynes. She is interested in representing the older population of the village also, new comers.

RESOLVED: To coopt Billie Minshall in to the council.

211. Finance:

- A. To receive the financial statement: to note payments and receipts

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- B. To consider invoices to be paid:

Payee	Invoice number	Purpose	Amount
NCALC	3349	Training for Faye H	£57.60
Charmaine Jay		Postage	£6.25

RESOLVED: To approve invoices to be paid

- 219. Apologies for absence
- 220. Declarations of Interest
- 221. Approval and signature of the minutes of November 22nd, 2023
- 222. Matters arising
- 223. Open Forum (15min max- 3 min per person)
- 224. To fill vacancies by co-option
- 225. To consider a new website provider as the current provider is going out of business at the end of March 2024

226. Finance:

C. To receive the financial statement: to note payments and receipts.

D. To consider invoices to be paid:

Payee	Invoice number	Purpose	Amount
NCALC	3372	Training for Charmaine J and John M	£79.20
Charmaine Jay		Lanyards	13.59
2Commune	4704	Domain Renewal	180.00
Reading Room	402	Reading room hire	95.00
Reading Room	413	Reading room hire	72.50
2Commune	4737	Partial hosting	500.40

- a. To receive recommendations from Finance committee for 2024/25
 - i. To set the Budget for Expenditure 2024/25
 - ii. To set the Precept Demand for 2024/25
 - iii. To consider timetable for the Small Grants Scheme 2024/25
 - iv. To approve Clerks salary increase from SCP 20 to SCP 21

- 227. To appoint new Neighbourhood Watch Representative
- 228. To review councillors and representatives
- 229. To consider making proposals to WNC under the Community Governance Review
- 230. To review flood mitigation project
- 231. To consider re joining the National Allotment Society
- 232. To consider training on 7th February 2024
- 233. To gather a working group for the Parish Plan 2024/25
- 234. To consider topics for the annual village meeting on 22nd May 2024
- 235. The Welsh Lane (B4525) gittings

212. Close

RESOLVED: Meeting closed 20.43

Next meeting is on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.30pm