



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



of the meeting of Helmdon Parish Council, held in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on **26th January 2022** at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Bearman, Gray, Harris, Marchant, Moody (Chair), Plunkett, Thorpe, Wheeler and Charmaine Jay (Clerk)

In attendance: 7 members of the public and Cllr Alison Eastwood (WNC)

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Garner

RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Garners' absence.

2. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None

3. To approve for signature the minutes of the council meeting held on 24 November 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed without amendment.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Open forum

a. To consider parking on Station Road

The residents of Station Road attended and gave their views on how the land should be used in the future.

6. Finance

a. To receive the financial report and consider invoices to be paid

RESOLVED: That the following bills be approved for payment:

Company	Invoice Number	Reason	Amount
Pathfinder Legal	228043	Profit costs	£447.60

Reading Room Fee	310	Quarterly fee	£50.00
Marcus Young	3755	Fee 1/4/21-31/3/22	£613.92
Pump Garden	N/A	Upkeep of Pump Garden	£230.00
2Commune	3476	Renewal of domain name until 21/3/2024	£180.00
R & G	117685	Maintenance fee	£153.60
Flag Masters	237817-1	Cost of 2 flags	£156.56
Mike Barnes	9090475	Snapshot Banners	£96.81
		Total	£1927.49

b. To receive an update from the Finance Committee meeting of 6th January 2022 and to consider any recommendations

RESOLVED: To remove Mr Coatsworth off from Lloyds corporate card and add Cllr Thorpe on as programme administrator.

c. To award the 2022/2023 grass cutting tender

RESOLVED: Defer decision to February 2022 meeting.

d. To set the Budget for expenditure for 2022/2023

It was agreed to accept the Finance Committee's recommendations to set the Budget for Expenditure for 2022/2023 at £31,039.51

RESOLVED: Set 2022/2023 expenditure to £31,039.51

e. To set the Precept demand for 2022/2023

Helmdon Parish Council received the Finance Committee's recommendations to set the Precept Demand for 2022/2023 at £28,000

RESOLVED: To set 2022/2023 precept at £28,000

f. To approve cost of £185 for Charmaine Jay to attend New Clerks course

RESOLVED: Council approved Charmaine Jay to attend new clerks course at the cost of £185.

7. To consider parking on Church Street/ Station Road junction

Representations were made on parking in the vicinity.

RESOLVED: Cllr Moody to review situation.

8. To consider a date for tree planting for The Queen's Green Canopy

It was confirmed the village have been successful in receiving 105 trees from Woodland Trust to arrive between 28 February- 18 March 2022.

RESOLVED: Potentially Friday 18 or 25 March 2022, if school has no commitments. Date TBC.

With regards to the specimen tree, locations near Helmdon Wall tree or up by the Church were considered.

RESOLVED: To put an item on the agenda for February 2022 meeting.

9. To consider "access only" on Church Street while Radstone Road is closed

It has been noted that Radstone Road will be closed in the near future due to extensive periods due to HS2 construction and the diversion routes will cause more traffic on Church Street.

RESOLVED: Cllr Eastwood to raise at the next HS2 meeting and Cllr Moody to get in touch with Helen Howard from highways.

10. To consider how to move forward with the Banbury bus service

It has been noted that number of passengers on the bus have dropped due to shops closing in Castle Quay shopping centre.

RESOLVED: Cllr Plunkett to gather a survey together and ask The Helmdon Fellowship to see what their take would be. Next meeting of The Helmdon Fellowship is 11 February 2022.

11. To engage with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP working group comprising the clerk and two councillors.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Bearman, Marchant and Plunkett alongside clerk formed as AMP working group.

12. Councillor questions

Cllr Wheeler asked when the next meeting of the Planning committee is.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bearman to work with clerk to organise a date.

13. Close

RESOLVED: To close the meeting (21.19)