



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



of the meeting of Helmdon Parish Council, held in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on 27 July 2022 at 7:30pm.

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

In attendance: 6 members of the public including Cllr Eastwood

062. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bearman

RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Bearmans absence.

063. Declarations of Interest

None

064. Approval and signature of the minutes of September 28, 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed with one amendment. Cllr Thorpe was not present on September 28, 2022.

065. Matters arising

- Clerk to request a revised quote from Playdale for the play equipment.
- Renewal insurance documents have been received.

066. Open forum (15min max- 3 min per person)

- A concern raised regarding parking at the top of Field Way. Highways needs to be contacted regarding illegally parked cars.
- A concern regarding the lack of white lines on the bridge towards the War Memorial. It has been reported and has been inspected, it is due to be reinstated within 12 months.
- Bulbs have arrived and have been partially planted. A working party is needed to plant the remaining around the Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree. This is to be carried out 12th November 2022 in the morning.
- Concerns regarding the planning application for Cross Lane, even though the Parish council and 30 + residents object to it. There is a meeting in Towcester on November 3, 2022.

067. To receive an update from HS2 liaison officer from recent meetings.

The last meeting was talking about boundaries to the east of Radstone.

Cycle route is continuing to be discussed but are keen to establish a route.

The bridleway is showing signs of development.

Cleaning has been evident on roads to keep it safe for road users.

RESOLVED: Cllr Marchant to update in January meeting due to next meeting being 10th December 2022

068.Finance

a. To approve bills for payment (below)

RESOLVED: That the following bills be approved for payment:

Payee	Invoice number	Purpose	Amount
Reading room	350	Hire of Reading Room	£60.00
NCALC	2328	Training for Cllr Hosea	£52.80

069. To consider a request for a grant of £100 to S. Lidgley for spring bulbs to plant around the village

RESOLVED: To approve a request for a grant of £100 to S. Lidgley for spring bulbs to plant around the village.

070.To receive an update on recent Warm Helmdon meetings and activites

- Cllr Hosea explained the purpose of Warm Helmdon.
- Warm Helmdon is in touch with like minded groups such as Climate Action West Northamptonshire (CAWN)
- Warm Helmdon are reaching out to people in the community to look at the houses that represent the housing stock and then carry out a survey to look at where there could be improvements to energy efficiency
- Warm Helmdon are requesting the support of Helmdon Parish Council

071. To receive feedback from Cllr Plunkett on attendance at the Northants 75th Annual Conference

The two main topics discussed at the Northants 75th Annual Conference were cost of living crisis and local policing.

It was felt that Helmdon were ahead of the curve as the issues have been raised regarding cost of living crisis.

RESOLVED: Cllr Plunkett's feedback was noted

072.To receive information on the progress of the Community Larder and consider next steps

The community larder is still work in progress and are establishing a venue. Meetings are ongoing with the school and the Reading Room. Cllr Eastwood is extremely supportive of the cause and offered to pay upto £50 as it is such a huge success in other villages.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the council would support the community larder with a £200 budget to conduct a trial (as previously agreed, Cllr Eastwood would pay up to £50)

073.To appoint a representative to attend and speak at the meeting of the South Northants Local Area Planning Committee to be held on Thursday 3 November 2022 at 1415 in Towcester.

RESOLVED: Cllr Marchant is the representative to attend on Thursday 3 November 2022

074. To consider training for the village defibrillator

The defibrillator belongs to the school and the school are happy to provide a venue for the training.

RESOLVED: Cllr Gray to contact training providers and Cllr Moody to enquire around the village.

075.To consider village activities for the Coronation of King Charles III to be held on Saturday 6 May 2023

It was agreed the Parish Council are to be more pro-active and a budget needs to be established. It was suggested between £500-1000.

RESOLVED: To set up a working group for the Coronation of King Charles III to establish budget and potential activities.

076.Close

RESOLVED: Meeting closed (20:56)

Next meeting is 23rd November 2022.