



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



All Councillors are summoned to an Ordinary Meeting of Helmdon Parish Council to be held in the Helmdon Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on **Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7:30 pm.**

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend this meeting. This meeting may be recorded, filmed or broadcast without prior notice to the Parish Council, provided that such activity does not impede the conduct or business of the meeting.

AGENDA

- 317. To receive and approve apologies for absence
- 318. Declarations of Interest
- 319. Approval and signature of the minutes of November 27th, 2024
- 320. Matters arising
- 321. Open Forum (15min max, 3 min per person)
- 322. B4525 (Welsh Lane) - Update on proposed reduction to 40mph
- 323. To agree a response to the West Northants Council proposal to put a parking restriction on the Chipping Store on the B4525
- 324. To consider and respond to the government's consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England
- 325. To receive recommendations from the Finance Committee
 - a. To delete the words 'up to the sum of £10,000' from item 6.9 (iv) in the Financial Regulations to allow the clerk to internally transfer any funds required
 - b. To agree the budget for 2025-26
 - c. To agree the precept demand for 2025-26
 - d. To consider the timetable for the Small Grants Scheme 2025-26
 - e. Proposal to change the maximum grant value on the Small Grants Scheme to £400
- 326. To receive quotes for repairs to the public benches and noticeboards
- 327. To consider whether to increase the number of grass cuts in 2025 at a cost of £127 per additional cut
- 328. Finance:
 - A. To receive the financial statement: note payments received and consider invoices to be paid.

Invoices paid since the last meeting using delegated powers:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Staff costs	N/A	Salaries and associated costs	£380.38
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Direct Debits paid since the last meeting:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
30.11.24	Unity Bank	Banking fee	£6.00
09.12.24	Yu Energy	Electricity	£17.40

09.12.24	Yu Energy	Electricity	£50.02
16.12.24	Lloyds Bank	Credit card fee and ink	£11.49
31.12.24	Unity Bank	Banking fee	£6.00
08.01.25	Yu Energy	Electricity	£18.25
08.01.25	Yu Energy	Electricity	£52.02

Invoices to be paid:

Payee	Invoice No	Description	Amount
Do It For Defib	N/A	Donation re defibrillator	£1,200.00
Thomas Kirkham	140291	Water pump hire	£135.00
DCK Payroll Services	24970	Payroll provider	£24.00
KPS Tree Care	1111	Tree work on Jenners Piece	£1,100.00
Helmdon Community Foundation	465	Room hire Oct to Dec 24	£102.50
Helmdon Primary School	E2047000016	Playing field rental	£398.00
Staff costs	N/A	Salaries and associated costs	£865.37

Receipts: None

329. To review the following policies
 - a. Code of Conduct
 - b. Complaints Procedure
 - c. Expenses Policy
 - d. Flag Policy
 - e. General Privacy Notice
 - f. Data Protection Policy
330. To consider adopting a Helmdon Parish Council Sexual and General Harassment Policy
331. To receive the report and consider the recommendations from the Flood Event Debrief meeting
332. To receive an update (if any) from WNC Planning Enforcement on matters related to the Helmdon Old Station Local Wildlife Site (HOSLWS)
333. To receive a report and update from the Parish Plan Working Group
334. Helmdon Welcome Pack
335. To agree activities to promote candidacy for the local elections to be held on 1 May 2025
336. To consider the offer of wood chippings from West Northants Council (WNC)
337. To consider whether the parish council wishes to do anything for the COVID-19 Day of Reflection to be held on Sunday 9 March 2025
338. To consider what information items should be published on the Parish Council Website



Signed

Dated 16th January 2025

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