



HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING



Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of Helmdon Parish Council, held at
The Reading Room on **Thursday 2nd November 2023**

MINUTES

1) Apologies for absence

None

2) Declarations of Interest

None

3) Approval and signature of the minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2023

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2023

4) Matters arising

None

5) Open Forum

No members of the public present

6) To approve and sign bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the bank reconciliation

7) To review trees owned by Parish Council

Trees owned by the Parish Council have never been identified around the village.

It is important to identify the trees around the village and source a company that can do an inspection on each tree to identify risk level.

RESOLVED: Cllr Moody to map out trees on Parish Online and Clerk to source company to inspect said trees.

8) To review Grass Cutting Contract

The council are currently in the first year of a 3 year contract.

2023/24 was a hard year for grass growth.

The success is down to the frequency of visits.

RESOLVED: To continue contract with R & G. Council to observe frequency and if necessary, have extra cuts for War Memorial.

9) To review the 2023/24 budget vs spend

The 2023/24 budget Vs spend was noted.

It was also noted that Reading Room hire was higher than usual due to Parish Council paying towards the rent for the Community Larder

10) Preliminary consideration of the 2024/25 budget

Preliminary consideration of 2024/24 budget was noted. More information is needed for budget, such as, the tree inspections.

RESOLVED: To bring 2024/25 draft budget to next meeting on 4th January 2024

Signed _____ dated _____

Charmaine Jay
Clerk to Helmdon Parish Council