



HELMDDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES



of the meeting of Helmdon Parish Council, held in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs Harris, Holloway, Marchant, Minshall, Moody (Chair), Plunkett, Wheeler and the Clerk.

219. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Luckett

RESOLVED: To approve Cllr Luckett absence

220. Declarations of Interest

None

221. Approval and signature of the minutes of February 28th, 2024

RESOLVED: To approve and sign the minutes of February 28th, 2024

222. Matters arising

- Either Cllr Holloway or Cllr Minshall will pick up litter equipment for the litter pick on 7th April. Clerk to send information to both.
- It was confirmed that R & G are happy for another party to do additional cuttings on the War Memorial.

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

- Grass cutting that was completed on Monday on Station Road was completed by highways
- It was suggested that the council thank the web masters for their hard work on the previous website. The council noted this and of course thank the webmasters for their hard work.
- The Barn at Priors farm that fell sometime ago has never been rebuilt- it was questioned if there have been any representations made to get the listed building rebuilt. The current status is that there have been no representations, but it will be explored.

224. Finance:

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

RESOLVED: Report noted and approved

B. To consider invoice(s) to be paid:

Payee	Invoice number	Purpose	Amount
R & G	120556	Bramble Cutting	£102.00
Parish Online	34UG036-0009	Website Service	£420.00

NCALC	INV-3525	F Holloway Training	£39.60
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RESOLVED: To approve payments for all invoices

225. Report on the 2nd Annual Allotment Ply Holders' meeting and to consider recommendations

The plot holders have requested a skip at the councils expense as a one off due to previous plot holders leaving their plots in a poor state with litter.

RESOLVED: For the council to pay for a skip for the plot holders to get rid of the rubbish at the allotments.

226. To receive an update from the Station Road working group

No current update but a Zoom call is going to be arranged for W/C 1st April 2024 with Cllr's Minshall, Plunkett, Shepherd, Geoff Abbey and Peter Coy.

RESOLVED: To receive an update in the May meeting.

227. To consider the Transparency code

The premise was agreed that the council will adopt a new Transparency Code. It was under discussion how to narrow the Transparency Code down and more specific to Helmdon Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To adopt the amended Transparency Code.

228. Proposal for Community Recycling Project

It has been suggested that the council get a skip free of charge as a one off event for residents to get rid of any small electrical items, save them going to Towcester.

RESOLVED: Either Cllr Holloway or Luckett to speak to the school to ask permission for the skip to go in the car park.

229. Report and update on the transition of website, domain name, and email services

RESOLVED: To note and approve the report

230. Annual report of the Parish Highways Representative

RESOLVED: To note and approve the report

231. An update regarding Welsh Lane (B4525)

Clerk to chase up letter sent to CEO regarding B4525.

There are 4 main concerns for the B4525:

- Gritting store- if it is a gritting store, it needs to be blocked off. If it is a lay by it needs to be tarmacked alongside bins to be allocated.
- The pot holes
- An alarming accident rate due to increased HGV's
- 50 MPH speed limit is too fast

RESOLVED: To follow up after the Annual Village Meeting.

Signed _____ Dated 22nd May 2024

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