



Helsby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Helsby Parish Council held in the Upper Hall at Helsby Methodist Church at 7.00pm on Monday 26th September 2022

Present:

Cllr. Peter Duffy – Chair
Cllr. Margaret Marsh

Cllr. Terry O’Neill
Cllr. Chris Ellams

Cllr. Mike Branigan

Claire Jones, Parish Clerk

In attendance:

1 member of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a one-minute silence was observed to pay respects to HM Queen Elizabeth II following her death on 8th September 2022.

1. It was **RESOLVED to vary the order of business on the grounds of urgency – HPC166/22**. It was noted that this meeting was being held to discuss urgent matters only following the cancellation of the 12th September Full Council meeting due to the death of Her Majesty. Members noted that the usual agenda would be resumed at the next meeting on 10th October.
2. Public Participation. It was **RESOLVED that the meeting be suspended for public participation – HPC167/22**. There being no matters brought to the Council’s attention, it was **RESOLVED that Public Air Time be closed and the meeting reconvened – HPC168/22**.
3. Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Temple, Holder and Garrity. Cllr. Gardner did not attend.
4. No members’ interests were declared.
5. It was **RESOLVED to renew the Council’s allotment insurance with Chris Knott Insurance at a cost of £134.98 – HPC169/22**.
6. It was **RESOLVED to accept the Helsby Garden Services quotes to remove the spoil heap at the cemetery at a cost of £194 and to remove and level some obstructive tree roots at a cost of £250 – HPC170/22**.
7. Correspondence was noted from WSP in relation to a proposed new care home on land at Chester Road/Cable Drive, Helsby. Members expressed disappointment that a public consultation exercise had not been held by the developers prior to the submission of a planning application expected in early October. It was **RESOLVED for the Chairman to write to WSP to offer the facilitation of a joint HPC/WSP public consultation exercise – HPC171/22**.

8. The dates of the next Council meetings were noted as follows:

26 th September	Finance Committee (immediately after this meeting)
10 th October	Parish Council meeting

It was noted that the Human Resources Committee as scheduled on 27th September would be rearranged to a later date.

9. Part B – Exclusion of the Press and Public. It was **RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paras 7, 8, 9 and 12 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 – HPC172/22.**

PART B – Exclusion of the Press and Public

10. Confidential item – Quotes were considered for the Christmas light installation and associated works contract. It was **RESOLVED to appoint AMR Technical to carry out the Council’s Christmas light installation and associated works contract to 2025 subject to a review at the end of the first year – HPC173/22.**

11. Confidential item – Quotes were considered for the Christmas tree installation contract. It was **RESOLVED to appoint Mega Electrical to carry out the Council’s Christmas tree installation contract to 2025 subject to a review at the end of the first year – HPC174/22.**

The meeting closed at 7.18pm

Chairman’s signature..... Dated.....