

## HELMSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk & RFO: Ms V Ellis

### Minutes of the HELMSLEY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY Monday 15th April 2024 at 6.00pm in the National Park Committee Room

1. The Chairman, Councillor Val Arnold, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were agreed and signed.
3. **North Yorkshire Police.**  
Apologies were received from NY Police. The Chairman expressed her disappointment and the police will be written to.
4. **[Helmsley Archive](#) new website.**  
Helmsley Computers sent apologies due to illness but informed the clerk that all the photographs were on the new website.  
Councillor Duncombe gave a short talk about Helmsley Archive which was started with the John Collier Collection of photographs in 2008.  
John Collier lived in High Street, Helmsley and was a woodsman for Helmsley Estate. Various residents of Helmsley decided to preserve the photographs and they were assisted by the North York Moors National Park Authority. The residents especially involved with organising their preservation, arranging meetings, and with exhibitions were Jane Barker, and Dr Paul and Jen Harris. A second collection was added from Charles (Charlie) Beecroft who had a hardware store on Castlegate.
5. **Grants funding from Helmsley Town Council 2023-2024**  
Talks were given by some of the groups who received grant funding from Helmsley Town Council. All thanked the council for its support.
  - **Friends of Helmsley School** gave a talk with an illustrated presentation showing how the children had benefitted from the previous grant and their plans for the future, including how they use Ipads for creativity and learning.
  - **Helmsley Open Air Pool** gave an account of the busy past year and the planned improvements.
  - **Helmsley Sports Club** – the Administrator sent her apologies and a member of the public read out a report from the Club including a resume of all the successful events held by HSC in 2024, their grant award of £34,999 from **North Yorkshire Sport** for the refurbishment of the Pavilion after which the Trustees plan to increase usage of the facility. The importance of the funding and support from Helmsley town Council was mentioned. The premises are used by other groups including Next Steps.
  - **Helmsley Town Hall** – a report was given by Councillor S Arnold on the building plans.
  - **Citizens Advice North Yorkshire** – Councillor V Arnold had visited their market stall a number of times over the winter and noted their extensive and valuable help.
  - **Helmsley Library** – Councillor V Arnold is a regular volunteer, one of 33 now. The outpost of Barclays is popular and seems to be working well.
  - **Moorbus** – apologies were sent just before the meeting as a representative was intending to give a short talk but was unable to attend.
6. **Helmsley Town Council Chairman's report.**  
The Chairman noted that Helmsley Town Council had a new councillor, Tony Johnson, elected after former councillor Annika Dowson moved away. Annika had been instrumental in forming Helmsley Together and running popular and successful events in Helmsley and will be missed. Helmsley's Town Crier David Hinde will be attending some of the 2024 events in town.
7. There were no questions to Helmsley Town Council Chairman, Cllr Val Arnold and Helmsley's councillor at North Yorkshire Council, Councillor George Jabbour.

Signed

Chairman of Helmsley Town Council

Date