

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 11th February 2019

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Jane Catchesides	Chair	Yes
Sue Kehr	Vice-Chair	Yes
Neville Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
Judy Howard	Parish Councillor	Yes
Sue Cunningham	Parish Councillor	Yes
Chris Brown	Parish Councillor	Yes
Nigel Turner	Parish Councillor	Yes
Diana Garrod	District Councillor	Yes
David Finch	County Councillor	Apologies
Cathryn Carlisle	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes
Members of the public	2 members of the public	

Talk from the Hundred Parishes Society – Mike Young

Mike Young gave a very informative report on The Hundred Parishes Society, which was launched in 2014. They now have 104 parishes and there are 5 committee members, Ken Macdonald is Secretary, Douglas Kent is Chairman. This initiative is designed to increase awareness, enjoyment and care of an area of 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Herts and southern Cambridgeshire that is characterised by its rich and diverse heritage.

19/20 Apologies for Absence

There were none

19/21 Members' declarations of interest

Shareholders of the HBCBS Cllr Catchesides; Cllr Cunningham; Cllr Howard
Cllr Nicholson
HBVHMC Cllr Catchesides

19/22 Public forum

A member of the public asked about the LDF now it's been approved, the Local Plan has not been approved as yet, it needs some work doing on it before the inspector will sign it off. Outline planning was given recently for 5 houses at Pale Green which, he said, is outside the village envelope. The Resident also queried the planning position at Slate Hall. The resident asked for clarification on the Council's Planning opinions.

These are the comments made by the council in March 2016:

HELI 328 Land between Haven Cottage & water tower, Pale Green, Helions Bumpstead
Council has no objections to the development of this site

HELI 324 Land between Slate Hall & Chestnut Lodge, Haverhill Road, Steeple Bumpstead

Council would support any development of this site solely for light commercial use but

objects to any housing development.

Since then the Parish Council has changed and views of the Council has changed, the Council are in the process of looking at writing a planning policy.

19/23 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th January 2019 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Sue Kehr Seconded Judy Howard.

19/24 Finance Report

Payments

19/241	£293.15	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk's Salary	BACs
19/24.2	£47.36	E-on	Lighting	D/D
19/24.3	£19.99	BT	Telephone	D/D
19/24.4	£19.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	BACs
19/24.5	£25.00	EALC	Training	BACs

Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Howard and Cllr Cunningham checked the invoices prior to the meeting. Cllr Kehr will authorise the payments.

Cllr Nicholson asked where the PPT invoice was shown? The Clerk explained that it was a separate item on the previous minutes. Cllr Nicholson also mentioned the £300 in the special reserves for legal fees. Cllr Catchesides proposed that the money get moved back into general reserves as Cllr Nicholson suggested, this was seconded by Cllr Nicholson.

19/24.6 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form

The Clerk had circulated the Monthly Bank Reconciliation and Budget sheet prior to the meeting.

19/24.7 Electricity Comparison

Councillors looked at the comparisons the Clerk had received and suggested that the Clerk and Cllr Brown look into getting the best deal for the council. The Clerk asked that once they had identified the best deal, she was authorised to sign the contract. This was agreed by all the council.

Cllr Nicholson had asked about LED lights effecting wildlife, Cllr Catchesides had asked Martin if this was true, he had said that he hadn't heard of anything.

19/25 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported she had received a phone call from Keith Andrews regarding getting the gang mower serviced and sharpened, Cllrs agreed that the money comes out of the mower fund. Best quote obtained was £800-£900 from CB Mowers of Wimbish

Several local parishes have their defibrillator housed in the old phone box; there is a recognised scheme to do this. The Clerk had spoken to the Clerk at Birdbrook to see if they had moved their telephone box, but they had not needed to. The Chair had had a conversation with HBCBS about the location of the defibrillator, they had suggested moving our phone box to outside the pub and putting the defibrillator in it. This

would mean that BT wouldn't pay for the electricity, and it was considered to be far too heavy to move.

The Clerk to find out when the Defibrillator will be delivered.

The Clerk is trying to contact Jan Stobart from RCCE to arrange for her to attend the Annual Parish Assembly to talk about Parish Plans.

19/26 District Councillor's Report

The DC sent the Clerk her report prior to the meeting this will be forwarded to councillors.

19/27 County Councillor's Report

No Report

19/28 Reports from Councillors with Matters affecting the village

The tree in the copse at the rear of the Churchyard that's leaning over: it has not been possible to identify who owns the land, so it was agreed that the Council should pay to have the tree taken down. Cllr Catchesides to speak to Malcolm Cox.

Had Dave West got any materials from P3 for the footpaths markers etc. Clerk to chase.

The new Notice Board for Wiggens Green is being delivered at the end of the week. The Clerk to arrange for it to be put up.

Cllr Cunningham asked about Gritting Salt, Malcolm Cox had only got 3 bags left. The Clerk had spoken to ECC Highways who run the salt bag scheme and they don't have any more bags in stock; The Clerk has order a pallet load and it should be with Malcolm this week. A ton of bags cost approximately £140

19/29 Highways Issues: Clerk to report

Flooding, Sages End: Clerk to send photos to ECC Highways

The Clerk has report the incident to highways on Sunday also reported Water Lane.

Malcolm Rowson had contacted the clerk about the tree debris in the stream at Water Lane, the Clerk had already written to Paddock View about this.

The gentleman who came to look at Sages End Road flooding problem was checking it wasn't a mains water problem, and said he would report it to Highways.

19/30 Footpath review update

19/11.1 Footpath Map To Agree final version for printing

Cllr Catchesides had put together what the draft Map would look like so far, and asked if we could get a better version of the main map. The Council felt we needed more photos. Cllr were asked to look at the text and let Cllr Catchesides know of any changes.

19/31 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall

Nothing to report

19/32 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

The Council need to appoint 2 lay members to the PPT. Next Agenda.

19/33 Village Enhancement

19.33.1 To discuss village repairs

The Clerk has spoken to Mark Williams and he'll get back to the Clerk with some prices, for putting the Grasscrete in, mending the bus shelters,

19/34 Consultations /Publications sent

There were none

19/35 Forward Planning: report of meeting.

The Council met to talk about Forward Planning and discuss what plans the council has for the village. The Cllrs agreed that The Clerk organises a Housing Needs Survey.

The Clerk will look into writing a planning policy

19/36 Litter Pick

23rd March 2019 11 am. The Clerk has ordered all the necessary equipment

19/37 Elections

To discuss forthcoming elections on 2nd May. The Clerk to see if there is anything to put on Facebook and the Website.

19/38 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

None.

19/39 Date of the next meeting 11th March 2019

19/40 Meeting Closed at 9.02pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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