

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 10th September 2018

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		None

18/179 Apologies for Absence

CC Finch

18/180 Members' declarations of interest

Shareholders of the Three Horseshoes Cllr Catchesides; Cllr Cunningham; Cllr Howard
Cllr Nicholson; Cllr Kehr;
HBVHMC Cllr Catchesides; Cllr Sue Kehr; Cllr Nigel Turner

18/181 Public forum

There were no members of the public present.

18/182 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th August 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Nicholson mentioned that cycle racing on public roads is unsafe
Cllrs vote 5-2 against encouraging cycle racing through the village.

18/183 Finance Report

Payments

18/183.1	£293.15	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk's Salary	BACs
18/183.2	£47.36	E-on	Lighting	D/D
18/183.3	£18.99	BT	Telephone	D/D
18/183.4	£19.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	BACs
18/183.5	£11871.65	Playdale	Play Equipment	Balance

Payments were approved and signed. Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Howard checked the invoices prior to the meeting.

18/183.6 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form

The Clerk had sent out the Bank Reconciliation and budget form prior to the meeting.

18/183.7 Grants: to look at Grant Applications

18/183.7.1 HB Sport Pavilion £200.00

18/183.7.2 HB Cricket Club £200.00

18/183.7.3 HB Village Hall £750.00

18/183.7.4 St Andrew Church £500.00

The Clerk explained that there had been a legal update from the EALC which states that s.6(1)(a) of the local government Act 1894 (“1894 Act”) The Act states that it prohibits councils’ involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings or land or contributing to the costs. The Council agreed to pay this year’s grant but would wait and see the outcome from NALC as they seek to ask Parliament to clarify this.

The Clerk to send a covering letter to the PCC explaining our situation.

18/184 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported that an ECC Highways officer visited the village on the 14th August to look at the flooding in Sages End Road, he agrees that there is obvious water flow coming from the grass/block paved area near Cosy Corner. It was noted that the ditch to the west on the northern side of the road is overgrown with vegetation, which could impede on the water flow.

An ad-hoc jetting crew are due to visit the site within the next few weeks to attend to a blocked gully outside High Bank and the site will be checked for any further issues during the routine inspections, the next of which is due to be undertaken in September 2018. It should however be noted that, as previously advised, if the ditches need attention then this would be the responsibility of the landowners.

The Clerk had contacted Jason Turnbull of Bartlow Estate with regards to footpath 11, The Clerk is waiting for his report.

18/185 District Councillor’s Report

The A120 the Millennium slip way will be starting soon, this will give access to Freeport off slipways rather than going to Galley’s Corner.

Cllr Catchsides has a Grant Application from Common Ground she will pass this on to the DC

The Stansted Airport application has been put back to October. DC said she would pass on any info she receives.

18/186 County Councillor’s Report

No Report

18/187 Reports from Councillors with Matters affecting the village

Is there going to be an Autumn Clean up this year?

Do the Parish Council want to replace the broken Basket Ball Hoop, we need to check the storeroom to see if there is another hoop in there.

The road sign at Wiggins Green has been looked at by Braintree District Council.

Are the Footpaths in good shape? some of the fields have been ploughed and not reinstated yet.

Cllr Turner thanked the Clerk for her help in getting the second clean-up, done for the fire damage to his daughter's car.

Cllr Turner asked if Planning Applications came from the Church does it come to the Parish Council for approval, the Application would need to be put to BDC Planning Dept who would forward it on to the PC for their comments.

When speaking to the Police you need to be more specific which county they need if phone by mobile you either get Suffolk or Cambridge constabulary

The Clerk has received the Emergency Plan to update, Cllr Catchesides is updating the plan and has asked David Hiscox if he will be the village co-ordinator once it's been updated; Cllr Catchesides will forward it to all Cllrs and DC.

18/188 Highways Issues

The road sign as you go down past the church on the right hand-side give the wrong priority, this needs to be changed. It should say stop at the junction, or removed completely

Cllr Catcheside asked who owns the Kersey? None of the Councillors seem to know.

18/189 Footpath review update

Cllr Cunningham asked, we going to get a grant for footpath cutting and a Handy man.

18/189.1 Footpath Map Review

Waiting for a photo of the sign to be touched up. It was agreed that the sign does need repainting.

18/190 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall

There is a Jive class starting on a Wednesday night.

18/191 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground needs to be registered with the Land Registry

18/192 Three Horseshoes Pub

The solicitors are being instructed at the moment.

18/193 Village Enhancement

18/193.1 To discuss village repairs

Adverts have been put in the village magazine for a Handyman and Street Cleaner needed.

18/194 Local Services Fund

The Clerk has sent in a Pre-Application check list to the EALC the deadline for this is the 15th September. The Clerk has been given the go head to complete an application form.

18/195 Tree Planting

Cllr Turner is to plant 5 acres of trees, these will be a mix of traditional native trees and scotch pine. A belt of trees will be added in the near future. Cllr Turner suggested that we have a policy to encourage tree planting, we could plant on the Recreation Ground and some of the PPT Land.

The Dedham Vale extends to the road of Steeple Bumpstead which is very close. The Council felt there was a lot more planting going on than we knew about. It was felt at the present time we put this on hold, we could look at planting some in the near future at the rear of the recreation ground and on PTT land

18/196 CPRE Fracking Campaign

Cllrs felt that this didn't affect Helions Bumpstead

18/197 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

Cllr Nicholson will continue his campaign on behalf of HBPC against air pollution caused by stacking aircraft, he will draft a letter to NALC, Teresa Coffey etc

18/198 Date of the next meeting

8th October 2018

18/199 Meeting Closed at 8.37pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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