

MINUTES of HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

MONDAY 10 MAY 2010

62/10 ATTENDANCES

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which commenced at 20.00hrs.

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Mr M. Rowson	Chairman	No
Mr J. Collar	District Councillor	No
Mr G. Moore	Parish Councillor	Yes
Dr. M. Lawfield	Parish Councillor	Yes
Mr M. Istance	Parish Councillor	Yes
Dr. J. Catchesides	Vice-Chairman & Parish Councillor	Yes
Mr. T.Evans	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes
Mr .P. Noakes	Parish Councillor	Yes
Mr D. Finch	County Councillor	No
Mr N. Turner	Parish Councillor	No
Mr. I. Purdie	Village Hall Management Committee	Yes

63/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Rowson, Mr. Turner

64/10 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2010. The minutes were agreed to be a correct record and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

65/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interests were submitted.

66/10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Purdie repeated his question of whether the Parish Council is prepared to re-address the collection of VAT on behalf of various Village organisations. He also asked if any retrospective actions will be taken and what actions will be taken to avoid these financial issues in the future. This will be addressed at the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting to be held on 14th May 2010.

67/10 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

Mr. Evans was formally introduced as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, and welcomed by all present.

68/10 HIGHWAYS

The Annual Highways Inspection was carried out on 21st April with Matt Reeve. A number of issues were highlighted during the inspection. This will be discussed at next meeting.

69/10 FOOTPATHS

Dr. Lawfield informed the meeting that P3 intends to reduce its funding for the cutting of footpaths. The current cost of cutting is based upon 13p per metre and P3 intends reducing the cost to a lower rate of 5p per metre covering 18Km in total. The 5p per metre cost will not be implemented until next year.

Dr. Lawfield mentioned that P3 were offering to provide way marker discs to define parish boundaries at a 50% discount. The discs could incorporate the Village's own design or logo. He also suggested a sign could be erected at the point where the 3 counties meet.

70/10 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report was submitted.

71/10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Mr. Moore informed the meeting that there had recently been a break-in at the Cricket Pavilion for the second time in 3 weeks. The Pavilion doors had been damaged and a number of items had been stolen including sweets and alcohol.

Dr. Lawfield asked if any progress had been made in locating suitable land for allotments. Sixteen households in the village requested allotments in the Parish Plan Update survey, and the PC has a responsibility to provide them. Dr. Catchesides reported that there is grant funding available to support such provision. Agreed Agenda item next meeting.

Mr Noakes reminded the Council of concerns about the safety of the children's Play Equipment. Dr. Catchesides reiterated that "evidence of need" would be essential in obtaining grant funding, and suggested a meeting of parents with young children. Agreed Agenda item next meeting.

72/10 NEXT MEETINGS

Finance Sub-Committee	Friday May 14 th	20:00hrs
Planning Sub-Committee:	Monday June 14 th	19.30hrs.
Parish Council	Monday June 14th	20:00hrs

Meeting closed at 21.30hrs.

Signed: _____

Mrs. J. Catchesides – Vice-Chairman

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Abbreviations:

PC – Parish Council

BDC – Braintree District council

ECC – Essex County Council

FP – Footpath

LDF – Local Development Framework

PPU – Parish Plan Update

VHMC – Village Hall Management Committee

EA – Environment Agency

Hrs – hours

ROW – Rights Of Way

RCCE – Rural Community Council of Essex