

MINUTES of HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

MONDAY 14 JULY 2008

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which then commenced at 8.00pm.

74/08 ATTENDANCES

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Mr M. Rowson	Chairman	No
Mr J. Collar	District Councillor	Yes
Mr G. Moore	Parish Councillor	Yes
Mr B. Freight	Parish Councillor	Yes
Dr. M. Lawfield	Parish Councillor	Yes
Mr M. Istance	Parish Councillor	Yes
Mrs J. Catchesides	Vice Chairman / Parish Councillor	Yes
Mrs C. Purdie	Parish Councillor	No
Mrs T. Freight	Parish Clerk & RFO	Yes
Mr D. Finch	County Councillor	No
Mr P. Noakes	Parishioner	Yes
Mr C. Baker	Parishioner	Yes
Mrs M. Walker	Village Magazine Editor	Yes
Mr I. Purdie	PPT Representative	Yes

75/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Rowson and Mrs Purdie

76/08 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th June 2008 were agreed to be a correct record and then duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

77/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Information: Personal and prejudicial matters relating to agenda items: -

Mrs Catchesides declared her personal interest in item 85/08, as she is a member of the Management Committee. **Decision:** In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, the councillor remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussions for all the above items and the vote thereon.

78/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Information:

a) *Speeding Of Traffic in Village:* Mr Noakes again expressed his concerns on speeding vehicles. Clerk informed him that PCSO Sippett had been contacted and he would organise a speed check within the village in the next few weeks. **Action:** Clerk to contact ECC Highways with a view to place our own traffic calming signs on private land. Mr Baker to produce "Kill Your Speed" posters which would be placed on notice boards, in the magazine, the website and circulated by email.

b) *BT Payphone Provision*: Mr Noakes had spoken with Alan Massey at BDC and Rick Thompson at BT concerning removal of pay phone in village. He was advised that the response date been extended until 18 July and criteria for opposition should state that there is no other payphone for over 400 metres and no reliable mobile network. The K6 model payphone was over thirty years old and English Heritage also advised that these old payphones were part of our rural heritage. Mr Noakes was thanked for his help. **Action**: Clerk to write officially to both BDC and BT to object to proposals.

Both Mr Noakes and Mr Baker stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

79/08 REGISTRATION OF LAND OWNED BY PARISH PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Information: The application forms for land registry had been forwarded to PPT two years ago. Clerk enquired if PPT had registered the Village Green and Recreation Ground. Mr Purdie is now the official point of contact and up to date copies of accounts and trustee details have been sent to Charity Commission. He also reported that there was a different Charities Act form that needed to be completed to lift the no ball games covenant from the Recreation Ground. The procedure remained unchanged and in all should take approximately four months to complete.

80/08 VILLAGE GREEN LEASE FROM PARISH PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Information: Clerk requested if PPT had obtained a new lease for the Village Green as the original expired four years ago although PC had continued to pay rent. **Action**: Clerk to forward another copy of old lease to Mr Purdie and item to be deferred for a few months.

81/08 OWNERSHIP OF ROSKINS MEADOW

Information: Establish ownership of meadow with a view to renting land on behalf of village for a nature reserve area. **Decision**: Agreed to make initial enquires for this proposal. **Action**: Mr Baker to search ownership on Land Registry website and Clerk to contact owners with proposal.

82/08 RESIGNATION OF VILLAGE MAGAZINE EDITOR

Information: Clerk reported that Mrs Walker had placed notices around village requesting new editor for magazine. Parish Council unaware of her intentions to resign. Mrs Walker has had no response to her posters. **Action**: Mrs Walker to place poster in September issue of magazine and formally resign from position.

83/08 PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Information: Disappointing response for public meeting held on Friday 20 June 2008 with only 15 residents in attendance. No new actions proposed. One suggestion made that farmers market signs could be used for advertising future community events.

84/08 CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS / DECISIONS

Information:

- a) *Current Planning list* – Circulated (copy attached) and the Clerk reported the recent decisions / applications.
- b) *Planning Sub-Committee 23rd June 2008* – Circulated (copy attached). **Decision**: Agreed as a correct record and signed by Vice-Chairman.

85/08 VILLAGE HALL MAJOR PROJECTS

Information: Mrs Catchesides reported the following (see attached report):

- a) *Kitchen Refurbishment* – Anonymous donation from resident received for £6,400.

- b) *Entrance Porch* – An insect infestation has occurred in the green oak by Wood yard Beetle. **Decision:** Agreed needs to be sprayed. **Action:** Mr Freight to donate treatment left over from recently treating the Church.

86/08 HIGHWAYS

- a) *Highways Inspection* – Following inspection work to be undertaken as follows: -
- i) *Sages End Road* – Work to commence 28/07/08 for 5 days – Road closure.
 - ii) *Camps Road & Church Hill* – Work to commence 04/08/08.
- b) *Drain Clearance* – Work completed in both Water Lane and Camps Road. Clerk requested drain clearance Haverhill Road, Sages End and Church Hill.
- c) *Steeple Bumpstead Road* – Ditch blocked near Whyte House. Difficulty in ascertaining ownership of land. Telephoned ECC and requested if Highways could undertake ditch clearance due to the dangerous T-junction, as access needs to be from the road. **Action:** Clerk to request work in writing.
- d) *Culvert at Village Green:* Mr Purdie reported the PPT and the two other land owners who are affected by this culvert replacement had been contacted by ECC solicitors to draw up a framework document concerning temporary and permanent access. PPT to insert clause that ECC to restore Village Green once work completed. Compensation may be awarded for disruption and work scheduled for September 2008 for approximately four months.

87/08 FOOTPATHS

Information: Dr Lawfield reported the following: -

- a) 6 way markers placed in Wiggins Green
- b) 3 steps created at FP near Cosy Corner, Sages End Road.
- c) 2 bridge kits have been ordered. Delivery date August and to be erected in Drapers Green and Boblow Hill.
- d) Steep slope on FP at the back of Pub to be graded off to create a gentler gradient.
- e) Monthly walks on third Saturday of each month still taking place after the Farmers Market at 14.00 from the Cross Road near village green. **Action:** Clerk in liaison with Dr Lawfield to produce flyers and posters giving details of walk.

88/08 NATS

Information:

- a) *Responses from BDC & MP:* Clerk circulated copies of responses from our MP and BDC following our opposition to NATS proposals. **Action:** Clerk to place responses in magazine.
- c) *Meeting with BAA & SSE:* Several wayward low flying planes with their wheels down planes had been seen over different locations in the village by residents. A meeting was arranged with the Clerk, Mr Baker, Vikki Hughes BAA noise control and Martin Peachey SSE. Both parties supportive of the problems with noise and the restrictions on routes and heights on arrival aircraft were explained in detail. At meeting BAA agreed to provide an analysis of the last two week period compared with previous year. Also place a mobile noise-monitoring unit in the village which would monitor for a three month period over the next three years. From this data BAA would provide an interim report. Mr Baker was thanked for his help concerning NATS proposals. **Decision:** Mrs Catchesides agreed the unit could be sited on her land with an alternative site at Boblow House. **Action:** Clerk to obtain permission from Mr & Mrs Nason for alternative site and then contact BAA with site addresses. Place in magazine direct telephone number of BAA for residents to individually report low flying aircraft. Mrs Catchesides to insert this information also on website.

89/08 FINANCE

Information:

- a) Members were circulated copies of the current Parish Council Accounts, retrospective payments list, Bank Reconciliation records, cheque list, monthly budget and Bank Statements (copies attached).
- b) Clerk reclaimed VAT for the period 01/01/08 – 31/03/08 totalling £3,237.09 on 27/06/08. Awaiting payment.

90/08 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Information: Mr Collar reported the following: -

- a) He attended Local Area Committee meeting on 09/07/08 at which Clerk gave presentation for Hearing Loop in Village Hall, which was awarded.
- b) Pavilion Mower application to Local Area Committee submitted for August.

91/08 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION & REPORTED INCIDENTS

- a) *Clerk's report* – A brief outline of highlighted items in the attached report were given to members.
- b) *Reported incidents* – On 30 June a vehicle crashed into the chevron sign, road sign and the notice board at Wiggins Green. Action: Clerk to contact drivers insurance company for compensation.

92/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next Planning Sub-Committee is scheduled for Monday 28th July 2008 at 19.30.
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11th August 2008 at 20.00.

Meeting closed at 22.22.

Jane Catchesides
Vice-Chairman

*For further information regarding these minutes, please contact
Mrs Terri Freight – Helions Bumpstead Parish Clerk & RFO*

Abbreviations: -

PC – Parish council
BDC – Braintree District council
ECC – Essex County Council
FP - Footpath
RLP – Revised Local Plan
PPT – Parish Property Trustees
VHMC – Village Hall Management Committee
LDF – Local Development Framework.
SSE – Stop Stansted Expansion
RFO – Responsible Financial Officer