

# HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
J. Catchesides	Chair	Yes
C. Baker	Vice-Chair	Yes
S. Kehr	Parish Councillor	No
A.Meldrum	Parish Councillor	No
N. Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
P. Richardson	Parish Councillor	Yes
L. West	Parish Councillor	No
R. Bolton	District Councillor	No
D. Finch	County Councillor	No
T. Evans	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes

Mr. Martin Catchesides was present as a member of the Superfast Broadband Working Party and Mr. Mark Istance was present as a member of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which commenced at 7:30pm.

### 100/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Kehr, Cllr. Meldrum, Cllr. West

### 101/15 Members' declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

### 102/15 Public forum

Mr. Catchesides reported that 20 houses in Helions Bumpstead were now installed with superfast broadband by Buzcom. A further 10 houses would follow within the forthcoming 2 weeks. One or two complaints had been received from villagers who were disappointed with the level of service provided and these had been forwarded to Buzcom.

Mr. Istance informed the Council that he had recently carried out an inspection of the Children's Play Area with Cllr. Kehr. The perimeter of the bark areas would require refurbishment by replacing the perimeter timber with 4 inch diameter or half round timber lengths. The timber "Firemen's Poles" would need to be replaced and the tallest one was about to fall over. He also informed the Council that his existing work commitments meant that he had no time available to carry out any refurbishment or repairs to the Children's Play Area.

### **103/15 Confidential related to Clerk's Contract of Employment**

The Clerk left the meeting during the Council's discussions. The Clerk was informed of the Council's decision.

### **104/15 Investment in a loudspeaker system in the Village Hall**

Carried over to next meeting.

### **105/15 Maintenance of Village Green**

Cllr. Catchesides reported that a specification for the works had now been produced and an advertisement would be placed in the Village Magazine.

The Clerk would enquire as to whether a known local handyman/gardener would be interested in carrying out the work.

### **106/15 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land**

Cllr. Catchesides reported that the Council's legal adviser on this matter originally requested information which was not available. Certain indemnities were also required which required the legal adviser's guidance. Cllr. Richardson offered to find out what would be required from the Council and other local organisations.

### **107/15 Footpath Diversion Scheme across Paddock View**

The Clerk reported that the public footpaths officer at Essex County Council Highways had not, after eight months, sent the necessary documentation in order for the appeal process to begin.

Cllr. Nicholson pointed out that at least one footpath across Paddock View had remained closed for two and a half years with no enforcement action being taken by Essex County Council Highways. The Clerk reported that he had asked County Councillor Finch to make enquiries as to why there had been such a long delay. The Clerk would then make a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman if a reply had not been received by Cllr. Finch before the end of the current week.

### **108/15 District Councillor's report**

There was no report in Cllr. Bolton's absence.

### **109/15 Clerk's report**

The letter containing comments from the Council on the Wind Turbine application following a request by the Planning Inspector had been sent.

A donation of £100 had been received from a resident of the village and the Clerk had responded with a letter of thanks.

### **110/15 Finance Report and Approval of Payments**

Copies of the Financial Report, bank statement and list of payments were distributed to Members prior to the meeting.

**PAYMENTS**

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101480	10 August 2015	Cheque Cancelled	
101481	10 August 2015	Clerk's Salary	£515.44
101482	10 August 2015	Clerk's PAYE	£62.60
101483	10 August 2015	Election Expenses	£59.00
101484	10 August 2015	Phone and Broadband	£146.69
101485	10 August 2015	Verge Cutting	£597.60
101486	10 August 2015	Grass Cutting	£190.00
101487	10 August 2015	Clerk's PAYE	£62.60
101488	10 August 2015	Grass Cutting	£215.00
D/D		Street Lighting	£32.80
D/D		Laptop PC Rental	£16.90

The Council unanimously approved these payments.

**111/15 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda**

Cllr. Baker reported that he had recently undertaken the task of cleaning the road signs in the village.

Cllr. Catchesides reported that an organisation called Heart Start would be carrying out free CPR training for groups of 10 people in the village.

Cllr. Catchesides would like the Council to consider entering the Local Council Awards Scheme. To be added to next meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs Jane Catchesides**  
Chair

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