

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 14th September 2015

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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

Mr. and Mrs. Hale attended the meeting during item 7 (Speeding Traffic) of the agenda as members of the public

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

112/15 Apologies for Absence

None.

113/15 Members' declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

114/15 Public forum

The Chair allowed Mr. and Mrs. Hale to contribute to the discussions during item 7 of the agenda.

115/15 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th August 2015

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the Council Meeting held on 10th August 2015.

Proposed: Cllr. Meldrum **Seconded:** Cllr. Kehr **Unanimously agreed.** The minutes were signed by the Chair.

115/15 To consider repairs to the Children's Playground

Cllr. Kehr reported that she was awaiting a recommended scope of work and estimate from a contractor.

Cllr. Baker reported that he had carried out some urgent remedial work in the Children's Playground.

116/15 Nosterfield End Wind Turbine

Cllr. Nicholson reported that he had recently come into the possession of a report commissioned by the Health and Safety Executive giving a risk assessment of wind turbines. The data used in the report was not credible.

117/15 Speeding Traffic

Mr. and Mrs. Hale asked whether it would be possible to have 30MPH repeater signs erected, specifically along Water Lane. Cllr. Kehr suggested "Slow" road markings to be marked on the road. Cllr. Baker reported that the Community Speedwatch activity in the village had not been active for some time due to a lack of trained volunteers. He had not been able to identify the contact at Essex Police to arrange training for Speedwatch volunteers.

Action: Clerk to contact area police inspector to complain about lack of police action to curb speeding in the village and to identify police contact to arrange Speedwatch training.

118/15 Investment in a loudspeaker system in the Village Hal

Cllr. Catchesides reported that plans were in place to dry line the Village Hall and this would likely change its acoustics. No further action would be considered until the dry lining had been completed.

119/15 Maintenance of Village Green

The Clerk reported that interest had been shown from a person who would be able to carry out the necessary work required. A rate of £10/hour had been proposed. The Council **agreed** that this rate was acceptable.

Action: Cllr. Catchesides to discuss and agree scope of work required

120/15 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land

Carried over to next meeting.

121/15 Footpath Diversion Scheme across Paddock View and Essex County Council's responses.

Cllr. Nicholson reported on the recent emails received from the Public Rights of Way Officer at Essex County Council disclosing the names of objectors and requesting objections to be withdrawn. Members expressed their complete lack of confidence in the PROW Officer introducing unnecessarily long delays into the appeal process and their ongoing frustration at the lack of enforcement action taken to re-open closed footpaths across Paddock View (formerly Whitegates).

Action: Clerk to send complaint letter to ECC Leader, David Finch and submit a Freedom of Information Request to ECC for information on times taken for PROW Officers to submit required information to the Planning Inspectorate for appeals to commence.

122/15 District Councillor's report

Cllr. Bolton had nothing to report.

Cllr. Baker asked Cllr. Bolton why Braintree District Council requires all monthly council tax payments to be received on the first day of each month rather than operate a more flexible approach to allow payments to be received at other times in the month.

123/115 Clerk's report

A donation to the Pub Fighting Fund had been received bring the fund value to £529.

The Village Magazine printer had claimed that a further cheque drawn to replace a lost cheque had been returned by its bank. The Clerk's enquiries with the council's bank revealed that the cheque had not been presented to the bank. The Clerk had requested the printer to return the cheque for further discussions with the Council's bank.

124/15 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

Cheque No.	Date	Purpose	Amount
101487	14 September 2015	Clerk's Salary	£337.72
101481	14 September 2015	Clerk's PAYE	£18.00
101482	14 September 2015	Magazine Distribution	£25.00
101483	14 September 2015	Grass Cutting	£190.00
101484	14 September 2015	Street Cleaning	£65.00
D/D		Street Lighting	£32.80
D/D		Laptop PC Rental	£16.90

The Council unanimously approved these payments.

125/15 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

Cllr. Nicholson informed Members about an incident concerning the sighting of a red car in Water Lane. The first of the recent spate of burglaries occurred two weeks later.

Cllr. Catchesides reported that she had been informed about delivery drivers delivering items to the wrong addresses in Mill Road and the Bungalows, Mill Road. A request was made to erect a larger more prominent sign.

Cllr. Catchesides reported that the Village Hall will be re-decorated. The Council will be asked to pay the invoice and be re-funded by the Village Hall in order to re-claim the VAT portion.

Cllr. Catchesides reported that the "Head Start" training will take place on a Saturday during the end of October and early November.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mrs Jane Catchesides
Chair

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