

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 11th January 2016

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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

Mr. Noakes attended the meeting as a member of the public.

Cllr. Baker chaired the meeting in Cllr. Catchesides absence.

The Chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which commenced at 8:00pm.

7/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Catchesides, Cllr. Finch Cllr. Bolton.

8/16 Members' declarations of interests

None

9/16 Public forum

Mr. Noakes commented on the lack of progress made on re-launching the Community Speed Watch scheme. He had obtained several potential dates for CSW volunteer training to take place. The Clerk offered to circulate this information via email to residents.

10/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2015

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the Council Meeting held on 4th December 2015. Proposed: Cllr. Richardson Seconded: Cllr. Kehr **Unanimously agreed**. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

11/16 The Three Horseshoes

Members of the pub steering group had been invited to attend the meeting.
A "Save our Pub" sign had been erected on the Village Green.
A local brewery had expressed an interest in participating in the purchase of the pub.

12/16 Repairs to the Children's Playground

Cllr. Kehr reported that she had obtained a further quotation for the playground repairs totalling £6,380. Further quotations would be sought.

13/16 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land

Carried forward to next meeting.

14/16 Footpath Diversion Scheme

The Clerk had informed the Planning Inspectorate that the appeal should be carried out by written representations and not as a public hearing. The Council had received a letter from the Ramblers Association requesting a public hearing instead of accepting written representations. The Council had not been informed of the appeal dates.

15/16 District Councillor's report

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

16/16 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a Freedom of Information request from a resident. The FOI request was for all correspondence relating to the footpaths in Paddock View and the Recreation Ground in relation to the Footpath Diversion Scheme. The Clerk advised the Council that this would involve a significant amount of time. The Clerk would request payment for extra hours work in order to comply with the FOI request.

The Clerk had been asked by Braintree District Council concerning the correct name for Drapers Green. Following advice from Cllr. Nicholson, the Clerk had advised BDC that the correct postal street name for Drapers Green was Drapers Lane.

The Clerk had received a telephone call for assistance from a resident concerning the flooding in the village centre following the blockage of the culvert. It appeared that Essex County Council Highways had cleared the culvert shortly after having received the telephone call.

17/16 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.

The Clerk had successfully contacted the council's bank to arrange the blocking of the laptop rental company's direct debit transaction

PAYMENTS

<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101510	11 January 2015	Clerk's Salary	£205.22
D/D		Street Lighting	£31.24

The Council unanimously approved these payments.

18/16 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

Cllr. Nicholson reminded Members of the recent requests for volunteers from different agencies

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mrs Jane Catchesides
Chair

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