

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 11th April 2016

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
C. Baker	Chairman	Yes
J. Catchesides	Parish Councillor	Yes
S. Kehr	Parish Councillor	Yes
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

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

52/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Meldrum, West, Bolton, Finch

53/16 Members' declarations of interests

None.

54/16 Public forum

There were no members of the public present.

55/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016

The minutes were **approved** as a correct record of the Council Meeting held on 14th March 2016 and were signed by the Chairman.

56/16 Planning Application 16/00410/OUT. Outline planning permission for up to 95 residential dwellings (including up to 40% affordable housing), Land West of Finchingfield Road Steeple Bumpstead Essex.

Cllr. Baker summarised the application and reported on his recent attendance at a public meeting held in Steeple Bumpstead. He recommended that the Council should object to the application. Many Helions Bumpstead residents are served by the Steeple Bumpstead Surgery and the proposed development would place a severe strain on the surgery putting patient's health at risk.

The proposed development would also create a significantly increased use of Helions Bumpstead's village roads and narrow lanes already used by Steeple Bumpstead car drivers. These roads and narrow lanes are unsuitable for high traffic throughput which would significantly increase the levels of noise, pollution and speeding through Helions Bumpstead.

Proposed: Cllr. Baker. **Seconded:** Cllr. Nicholson. **Unanimously agreed.**

Action: Clerk to contact Braintree District Council with the Council's comments.

57/16 File sharing

Carried forward to next meeting.

58/16 Emergency Page

The changes to the Emergency page were **agreed** by the Council and would be published in the Village Magazine and posted on the Council's website.

59/16 Communication protocol

The Council **agreed** that all Members should be aware that all written communication concerning council business can be released into the public domain as a result of Freedom of Information requests.

60/16 Three Horseshoes

Following the dismissal of the Appeal by the Planning Inspector the Council **agreed** that the Clerk contact BDC to determine what action will be taken concerning enforcement.

Action: Clerk to contact BDC Development Control Manager.

61/16 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land

Cllr. Richardson reported that no progress had been made since the previous Council meeting.

Action: Cllr. Richardson and Clerk to draft letter to the Council's legal adviser.

62/16 District Councillor's report

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

63/16 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from a resident who was renting land from the Parish Property Trust. Although the resident had made regular rental payments to the PPT the cheques had not been presented to the bank for several years.

The Clerk had received the new Street Cleaning Agreement from BDC which would provide a grant of £750 for 2016/17. The enclosed letter advised that future grants may involve "payments in kind" as a result of further pressure to reduce costs.

The Council's regular Internal Auditor was not available to carry out the 2015/16 audit. The Clerk was endeavouring to find another auditor for approval by the Council.

64/16 Finance Report and Approval of Payments

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

PAYMENTS

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101518	11 April 2016	Clerk's Salary	£168.54
101519	11 April 2016	PAYE	£42.00
101520	11 April 2016	Membership Subscription	£129.67
101521	11 April 2016	Magazine Printing	£480.00
101522	11 April 2016	Membership Subscription	£10.00

The Council unanimously approved these payments.

65/16 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

A parish council cluster meeting would be held in Birdbrook and Cllr. Baker said he would attend.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cllr. C. Baker
Chairman

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