

# HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
C. Baker	Chairman	Yes
J. Catchesides	Parish Councillor	Yes
S. Kehr	Parish Councillor	Yes
N. Nicholson	Parish Councillor	No
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. and Mrs. McKenna attended the meeting as members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting, which commenced at 8:15pm.

### 99/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Finch, Cllr. Nicholson

### 100/16 Members' declarations of interests

None.

### 101/16 Public forum

Mr. McKenna said that in March he had asked whether the Chairman knew who had objected to proposed footpath diversions. Mr. McKenna said that the Chairman had lied because he had, at that time, said that he did not know who the objectors were. Mr. McKenna called on the Chairman to resign.

Mr. McKenna asked why Mr. Nigel Turner had presented the Council's statement of case at the recently held public hearing and how much Mr. Turner had charged for his services.

Mr. McKenna asked for a written response to his questions.

The Chairman said that he would consider Mr. McKenna's comments and questions before responding.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenna then left the meeting.

## **102/16 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The minutes were **approved** as a correct record of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and were signed by the Chairman.

## **103/16 Mowing schedule for Children's Play Area**

Cllr. Kehr suggested that the mowing schedule for the Children's Play Area was not adequate given the recent wet weather.

The Council **unanimously agreed** to delegate authority to Cllr Kehr to instruct the Council's contractor to carry out additional cuts of the Children's Play Area when necessary.

## **104/16 Three Horseshoes Pub**

Cllr Nicholson had drafted a letter to James Cleverly MP, thanking him for his attendance at the Hog Roast and asking for his help to act as facilitator for the sale of the pub. The Steering Group had responded, saying they would contact Mr Cleverly when they felt the time was right.

It was noted that the appeal period after the enforcement notice was sent to the pub had now expired.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact BDC to ascertain whether or not an appeal has been lodged.

## **105/16 Registration of Village Hall and Recreation Ground Land**

Cllr. Richardson reported that he would continue to progress this with the Council's legal adviser.

## **106/16 Footpath Diversion Scheme Public Hearing**

Cllr. Catchesides reported on the Public Hearing held in the Village Hall.

**Action:** Clerk to thank Mr. Nigel Turner for presenting the Council's Statement of Case.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate whether the land at Paddock View is designated as garden land or agricultural land.

## **107/16 District Councillor's report**

None in Cllr. Bolton's absence.

## **108/16 Clerk's report**

The Clerk reported that the Council could now co-opt a new Member following Cllr. Meldrum's resignation.

The Clerk would notify Braintree District Council of Cllr. West's recent resignation.

## **109/16 Finance Report and Approval of Payments**

It became clear that although copies of the Financial Report, bank statements and payments list had been emailed to Members prior to the meeting, they had not been received. The Clerk apologised and would re-send the documents after the meeting. The Clerk reported on the payments to be made as follows:

## PAYMENTS

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
101540	11 July 2016	Youth Club	£60.00
101541	11 July 2016	Bowls Club	£60.00
101542	11 July 2016	Error Cheque Cancelled	
101543	11 July 2016	Cricket Club	£60.00
101544	11 July 2016	Bumps and Babes	£60.00
101545	11 July 2016	Street Cleaner	£65.00
101546	11 July 2016	Play Area Repairs	£525.60
101547	11 July 2016	Verge Cutting	£597.60
101548	11 July 2016	Insurance	£591.58
101549	11 July 2016	RCCE Membership	£48.00
101550	11 July 2016	Play Area Inspection	£105.00
101551	11 July 2016	Error Cheque Cancelled	
101552	11 July 2016	CPRE Membership	£36.00
101553	11 July 2016	Clerk's Salary	£168.54
101554	11 July 2016	PAYE	£42.00
101555	11 July 2016	Coffee Morning	£60.00
101556	11 July 2016	Table Tennis Club	£60.00
D/D	11 July 2016	Street Lighting	£31.75

Cheque No. 101550 was held for payment pending receipt of the Play Area Inspection report.

The Council unanimously approved these payments.

### 110/16 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

None

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

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

**Cllr. C. Baker**  
Chairman

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