

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on

Monday 13th March 2017

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
<i>N. Nicholson</i>	Chairman	Yes
<i>J. Catchesides</i>	Vice-Chairman	Yes
<i>S. Kehr</i>	Parish Councillor	Yes
<i>J. Howard</i>	Parish Councillor	Yes
<i>S. Cunningham</i>	Parish Councillor	Yes
<i>M. Lawrie</i>	Parish Councillor	Yes
	Vacancy	
<i>D. Garrod</i>	District Councillor	Yes
<i>D. Finch</i>	County Councillor	No
<i>C. Carlisle</i>	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes

17/40 Members' declarations of interests

Cllr Nicholson the Pub

Cllrs Catchesides and Cllr Kehr the Village Hall

17/42 Apologies for Absence

CC Finch

17/43 Public forum

Keith Andrews attended and explained that he had been cutting the recreation ground since 1959. Over the years they've had several mowers, one of which his son bought because the village hadn't got any money to spare. The present mower was purchased with a grant of £4500.00 from the "money for villages fund" and £750 from each group that uses the field.

The VHRC committee has now been taken over by the Parish Council and, Mr Andrews was wondering if it would be possible for the PC to pay for the parts he had had to buy to mend the mower. This was agreed by all members of the council and Mr Andrews was told that, in future, he only needed to speak to the Clerk. The PC didn't expect him to pay for parts for the mower.

The PC has been putting money away each year for when the mower eventually dies and we need a new one. It was agreed that the Cricket Club and the Pavilion also put money aside for such an event.

Mr Andrews said one of the proudest moments of his life was when he went to the Village Adventure Competition and Helions Bumpstead won for the new pavilion they had built. The Parish Council really appreciated all the hard work that went on to keeping the recreation ground looking so good.

The Chairman mentioned that the Parish Council gives grants to the Cricket Club and Pavilion each year.

Another member of the public pointed out that the Recreation Ground, is a great resource for the rest of the village; it's not just a cricket club, children come to ride their bikes up there, people walk their dogs.

The Play Area needs money spending on it, it was suggest that we either repair it or ditch it

A suggestion was made by the member of the public that if the PC did have some money left the PC used to give a donation the Stanley Drapkin Primary School to help cover costs of the swimming lesson which is a life skill that could save a person life.

17/44 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Catchesides and Cllr Kehr.

17/45 Finance Report

17/45.1 Payments

17/45.2	£206.72	A Evans	Clerks Salary	101652
17/45.3	£221.12	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerks Salary	101655
17/45.4	£77.60	HMRC	Tax	101654
17/45.5	£34.41	E-on	Electricity	D/D
17/45.6	£25.36	Jane Catchesides	Parish Mag	101656
17/45.7	£50.18	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerks Expense	101657
17/45.8	£45.40	Farrant Electrical	Inspection	101659
17/45.9	£75.00	Upsons	Mower Repairs	101658

Payments were approved by all members of the council present.

17/45.2 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form

Were approved by all members of the council present.

17/46 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she had received a cheque for £480.00 towards a new computer and software for the computer.

The Clerk reported that the Litter Pick went very well, 25 people attended and we collect about 50 bags of rubbish and 14 tyres and couple of exhaust systems. It was agreed that this should be done again in the autumn.

17/47 District Councillor's Report

The District Council bought a letter saying that the Parish Council was successful in our application for a grant of £750 towards the bike rack.

17/48 County Councillor's Report

No report.

17/49 Proposal to install a bicycle rack at the Village Hall

The Grant for £750 has been received from the DC the PC will need to put in £1425, it was agreed that Cllr Catchesides, Cllr Nicholson, and Cllr Kehr to go down and decide where to put the bicycle rack.

17/50 Superfast Essex and Local Broadband

Martin Catchesides came to the meeting to update the PC on Superfast Essex, County Broad Band and Buzcom. Superfast Essex had sent the PC a letter stating that 17 Postcodes were under review and that County Broadband was the Existing Deployment in the village, which is untrue as a group of residents got together with both County Broadband and Buzcom to see which company could serve the village better and decided that Buzcom was the best option. The village is now served by Buzcom for faster broadband. Martin Catchesides agreed to draft a letter to Superfast Essex on our behalf.

Buzcom have been having some problems in the village but should be sorted by the end of the month

17/51 Councillor Training

Training will take place on Tuesday 21st at 7pm in the meeting room.

17/52 Road and Footpath Faults

The Clerk had received a phone call from Adam Jenkins the PROW officer for Helions Bumpstead. He informed the clerk that the bridges we reported as slippery were not dangerous and nothing would be done about them at the present.

Footpath No 14 the bridge will be repaired.

17/53 Highways

17/53.1 Local Highway Panel

To approve the Quiet Lanes Form

Cllrs suggested a few changes to the form once this had been added, the Clerk can send off the form.

17/53.2 Highway Maintenance

To agree to draft a letter to David Finch re ECC Highways, regarding problems with recent road repairs.

It was agreed that the Clerk draft a letter explaining that the workers came all the way from Kent and how can this be cost effective, and people have had come back several times to rectify poor workmanship.

17/54 Councillor Vacancy Update

The Parish Council can now advertise to co-opt a resident on to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the clerk draft a notice.

17/55 Annual Parish Assembly

Thursday 27th April 7.30 for 8.00 pm The Clerk had invite a list of people to give a speech, she has also invite the Steeple Bumpstead First Responders to do a short demonstration. The Clerk to buy refreshments for the evening.

17/56 Essex Village of the Year 2017

It was agree to take part Cllr Catchesides asked all Cllrs to write 500 words about the parish before the end of March.

17/57 Helions Bumpstead Footpath Map

The Clerk had got an A2 Footpath Map print so councillors could see what it would look like all councillors thought it was really good; as the centre of the village looks really crowded there would be an A4 size of the centre of the village on the reverse side. The Clerk was ask if we could get the right map on back as some of the footpaths are marked in the wrong place. Cllrs were asked what else we could put on the reserve side The Clerk showed what Shalford had on their map for some ideas

17/58 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall

Cllr Catchesides explained that the meeting room would be undergoing a makeover at the end of April. Everything needed to be cleared, it was agreed that the photocopier was hardly ever used and barely usable and the Clerk was asked to find out where to dispose of the it. Cllr Catchesides and Cllr Kehr have agreed to clear all the VH and PC things from behind the curtains and dispose of anything that isn't needed.

17/59 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

To improve the entrance to the Recreation Ground
It was suggested that all councillors look at the site and report back at the next meeting.

17/60 Work Community Governance Review - Initial Survey

Councillors completed the survey.

17/61 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

17/62 Date of the next meeting

10th April 2017

17/63 Meeting Closed at 9.47pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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