

# HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Jane Catchesides	Chair	Yes
Sue Kehr	Vice-Chair	Yes
Neville Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
Judy Howard	Parish Councillor	Apologies
Sue Cunningham	Parish Councillor	Yes
Chris Brown	Parish Councillor	Yes
Diana Garrod	District Councillor	Apologies
David Finch	County Councillor	Apologies
Cathryn Carlisle	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes
Members of the public	Keith Cricket Club	1

#### 17/170 Members' declarations of interests

Cllr Catchesides, Cllr Kehr: Members of VHMC

Cllr Nicholson: Three Horseshoes

#### 17/171 Apologies for Absence

Were received from Cllrs Finch and Garrod

#### 17/172 Public Forum

Mr Andrews explained that the Cricket Club have cut the grass 26 times this year, and this has cost approximately £200 in fuel. The Cricket Club were wondering when they might receive the grant is for this year. The Chairman explained that the cheques would be going out this week, and recommended that the grant be increased to £200 to cover the increased costs. This was agreed by the full Council.

The Resident mentioned that the beech hedge was looking a mess near the play area. The Clerk explained that hedges are only allowed to be cut from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept; The Clerk will speak to Malcom Cox to arrange for it to be cut.

He also asked for the road to be swept at the cross roads to remove loose chippings.

#### 17/173 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

#### 17/174 Finance Report

##### Payments

17/174.1	£252.72	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerks Salary	101591
17/174.2	£41.66	E-on	Lighting	D/D
17/174.3	£18.99	BT	Telephone	D/D
17/174.4	£19.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	101592
17/174.5	£200.00	Malcom Cox	Rec Cutting	101594
17/174.6	£22.61	Martin Catchesides	Mag Dist	101595
17/174.9	£474.53	Mobile Mini	HBVH	101593
17/174.10	£1050.00	Village Hall	3 years hire	101596

17/174.11	£375.00	HB Pavilion	Grant	101598
17/174.12	£750.00	HB Village Hall	Grant	101597

Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Kehr checked the Invoices prior to the meeting.

17/174.7 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form

The Monthly Bank Statement was approved by all councillors present.

17/174.8 Bank Mandate Update

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that the new mandate was now in place.

17/175 Clerk's Report

The Clerk has been informed that the light at Drapers Green is not working; she has reported this to A & J Lighting who will go out and fix the light. At the present time, we don't have a maintenance contract with anyone. The Council cancelled the contract approximately 5 years ago when new lights were installed, and felt that a contract wouldn't be needed. The Clerk has asked A & J Lighting to send her a quote for looking after the Parishes lights.

17/176 District Councillor's Report

No report

17/177 County Councillor's Report

No report

17/178 Reports from Councillors with Matters affecting the village

Cllr Brown raised the issue of the volume of low-flying aircraft over the village this summer. For next Agenda. Cllr Nicholson to draft letter to Stansted Airport.

17/179 Highways

Sages End Road will be closed on 18th September 2017 for 1 day. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while BT undertakes restore service.

Cllr Nicholson reported that the new residents at the Meadows have put up a mirror and are using the entrance nearer the bend. Cllr Nicholson feels that this is a dangerous entrance on to the road due to the large hedge blocking the sightline and should not be used. The Council asked Cllr Nicholson to go along and introduce himself to the residents and explain the problem.

17/180 Footpath review update

17/180.1 Footpath Map Review

Cllr Howard reported that the bridge on Footpath 73?? has been removed but there's a ramp right next to where the bridge was, so there is no problem - footpath 73 where it meets footpath 1.

Footpath 1 has a weak bridge at the junction with footpath 14.

Footpath 11 the hedge is overgrown the Clerk did mention that hedge where just beginning to be cut by farmers; this one is on Bartlow Estates land.

17/181 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall matters affecting the Parish Council

17/181.1 Update on refurbishment work.

The refurbishment on the main hall has started; plaster is being taken off and revealed a few nasty surprises. There's had to be some rebuilding done, the VHMC have found that the original walls were lime washed then rendered on the inside of the hall, the plaster and the lime wash is coming straight off the walls leaving bare bricks. The VHMC have had a meeting and the hall will now be dry lined and vented in to the ceiling.

17/181.2 Village Events

Cllr Nicholson is concerned that the VHMC hasn't had a major event for over a year. The Chair and Cllr Kehr said that there were only 6 people actually attend Village Hall Meetings and were in desperate need of some new blood to help run events. Volunteers always welcome.

17/182 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

17/182.1 Fields in Trust/Parish Property Trust

No report

17/183 Playground Report

Cllr Kehr reported she had not heard from Tesco's but that can take 6 months. She has nearly completed the application form for the CIF which needs to be in next week. Cllr Kehr has had a lot of interest from people in the village with regards to help once the Council get a grant. Cllr Kehr would like people to get more involved before a grant was approved.

Some villages have removed the old equipment so that it saves money and more can be spent on the new equipment. There is a table and bench in the middle of the play area on a concrete slab which need removing. It might be worth getting a working party together to do some of the work.

17/184 The Three Horseshoes Pub

Cllr Nicholson elaborated on the article in the September Village Magazine.

17/185 Emergency Plan

Cllr Brown said he would look at the draft Emergency Plan. The Clerk has managed to get the response date extended to the beginning of November.

17/186 Superfast Essex Broadband

Martin Catchesides had corresponded with the Superfast Essex team as agreed at the last meeting, concerning their survey of village properties that had to be completed in August 2017.

The position (as shown on the Superfast Essex State Aid map) is that all properties in the Parish are eligible for future investment from Superfast Essex. Essex have committed to all fixed properties in the County achieving Superfast speeds - defined as

30Mbps - by the end of 2019.

There were seven properties that were shown to already have superfast speeds. These were strictly within the parish boundary, but are all across the by-pass and served by Haverhill. One of them was Buildbase. Our Clerk was very helpful in clarifying and correcting these property details on the State Coverage map.

The position now is that by 31/12/2019, Essex has undertaken to bring Superfast Broadband speeds to the Parish i.e. 30Mbps. The most likely route for this will be a fibre cable from the Steeple Bumpstead exchange to the Junction box in Helions by the road junction to Steeple. The operator is likely to be Openreach. With current technology it is likely that only houses close to the box will receive broadband speeds close to 30Mbps.

17/187 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

Low-flying Aircrafts  
Councillor Training - Finance

17/188 Date of the next meeting

9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

17/189 Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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