

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 13th November 2017

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Jane Catchesides	Chair	No
Sue Kehr	Vice-Chair	Yes
Neville Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
Judy Howard	Parish Councillor	Yes
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	1 member of the public	

17/214 Apologies for Absence

Were received from DC Garrod, CC Finch, and Cllr Catchesides

17/215 Members' declarations of interests

Cllr Kehr: Members of the VHMC

Cllr Nicholson: Three Horseshoes

17/216 Public forum

A resident mentioned that the bus stop opposite the green has woodworm in it.

And he mentioned that the bench near the telephone box was in need of repair.

Cllr Kehr said that this was already in hand.

The Resident wanted to know why the Parish Council had paid for the refurbishment of the planter in front of the village hall.

Cllrs said that the Parish Council felt it was a focal point of the village and look very unsightly. Cllrs had received a lot of comments on how good the planters looked.

The Resident and Cllr Nicholson mention that the up keep should now be done by

volunteers. The Clerk mention that the VH did give a donation to the refurbishment.

17/217 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th October 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17/218 Finance Report

Payments

17/218.1	£252.72	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerks Salary	101
17/218.2	£41.66	E-on	Lighting	D/D
17/218.3	£148.98	BT	Telephone	D/D
17/218.4	£19.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	101
17/218.5	£25.00	EALC	Training	
17/218.6	£133.06	Mobile Mini	VHall	

17/218.12 £65.00 Chris Instance Maintenance
Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Invoices were checked by Cllr's Cunningham and Howard.

17/218.7 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form
Were approved by all members of the council present

17/218.8 A&J Lighting to agree to a lighting contract
Cllrs felt that a contract wasn't needed.

17/218.9 Budget Working Sheet
The Clerk explained that this is just a work in progress, The Clerk and the Chairman will look over it before the next meeting, and present it to councillors for agreement. The Clerk asked if there was anything anyone wanted to add to the budget for next year please let The Clerk know.

17/218.10 Clerks Qualification and pay rise
The Clerk explained that she had been doing her qualification for a Certificate in Local Council Administration, which she passed at the end of Oct. The Qualification comes with a pay rise Cllrs agreed that it was well worth it. Cllr Nicholson said did this mean that the council could use the General Power of Competence The Clerk confirmed this.

17/218.11 Revenue Grant
The Clerk to send out the Revenue funding details

17/219 District Councillor's Report
No Report

17/220 County Councillor's Report
No Report

17/221 Reports from Councillors with Matters affecting the village
The burnt out car has been removed, The Clerk has reported the Sign and the gravel on the road near the crossroads.

17/222 Highways
Highways are surface dressing Drapers Green Lane on the 20th November. Cllr Nicholson thought that this was unnecessary.

17/223 Footpath review update

17/223.1 Footpath Map Review
Cllr Howard and Cllr Cunningham asked if Cllr Brown could do a web page where we can put the footpath map and how to report problems and to also let the council know of any problems. Cllr Howard? said she had spoken to Andrew Gage about the over grown hedge on foot path 11 the field has been leased to Bartlow Estates for 10 years, but he said he would do the hedge himself. He said that he was only allowed to cut hedges between 1st Sept and 1st March.

The Clerk said in the New Year the Council needed to think about getting the footpath finished and printed.

17/224 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall matters affecting the Parish Council

17/224.1 Update on refurbishment work.

The VH is now being put back together all the major work has been done. It nearly all been plastered. The VH are putting in for another Cif emergency grant to cover all the work.

17/224.2 Village Events update

It is looking as if the hall will be reopening in the New Year.

17/225 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

17/225.1 Fields in Trust

No Update

17/226 Playground Report

Cllr Kehr said that she hopes to get at least £1,000 for the Tesco Bag fund.

The Clerk said that the Cif fund met 2 weeks ago and she had been told that each applicant would receive some grant.

17/227 The Three Horseshoes Pub

There is public meeting being held on the 25th November in the Pavilion to give residents an update on what's happening. Cllr Nicholson said if we wanted a pub in the village residents needed to be at the meeting. There's a possibility of buying the pub.

17/228 Emergency Plan

Cllr Brown is in the process of sorting this.

17/229 Village Enhancement

17/229.1 To discuss village repairs

The Clerk to sort out paint for the phone box.

Once the soil has been delivered the Grasscrete can go down.

17/229.2 Village Green/Planters

The Clerk explained that Bird Table Gardening are unable to carry on doing the gardening for the village, as she had got a bigger contract elsewhere. The council are now looking for someone to do the Village Green and Planters. Malcom Cox will be planting the Tulips in the planter over the next few weeks.

17/230 Councillor Training to discuss Finance Training

Training will take place on 4th Dec at 7pm HB Meeting Room

17/231 Open Spaces Action Plan - 2018 Edition

To be looked at next month.

17/232 Low Flying Aircrafts

A few minor amendments to be made then Cllr Nicholson will send it over to the Clerk to send, The Clerk suggested we send it to SSE and ask them who else we needed to send it to.

17/233 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

17/234 Date of the next meeting

11th December 2017

17/235 Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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