

# HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Jane Catchesides	Chair	Yes
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	Yes
David Finch	County Councillor	Apologies
Cathryn Carlisle	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes
Members of the public		

#### 18/22 Apologies for Absence

Were received from CC Finch

#### 18/23 Members' declarations of interests

Cllr Catchesides, Cllr Kehr: Members of the VHMC

Cllr Nicholson: Three Horseshoes

#### 18/24 Public forum

Mark Instance had cleaned the bus shelter, and when he came to clean around to the bottle bank someone had broken 12 bottles near the bottle bank. Could all resident please be careful when putting bottles in the bins.

18/25 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January were accepted by all councillors apart from Cllr Nicholson, who complained that the minutes were neither accurate nor balanced, though he accepted that the morning of the meeting was late for suggesting alterations.

#### 18/26 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had reported all the highway problems after the last meeting, these are being investigated.

#### 18/27 Finance Report

##### Payments

18/27.1	£265.20	Cathryn Carlisle	Clerk's Salary	101700
18/27.2	£41.66	E-on	Lighting	D/D
18/27.3	£18.99	BT	Telephone	D/D
18/27.4	£19.99	Cathryn Carlisle	Expenses	101701
18/27.5	£15.00	Mobile Mini	Village Hall	101705
18/27.6	£229.68	EALC	Training	101703
18/27.9	£3414.00	Ian Hall	Village Hall	101706
18/27.10	£1260.00	Qualitape	Village Hall	101698

18/27.11	£210.00	Malcolm Cox	Gritting	101702
18/27.12	£150.00	J & S Ramsey	Gritter repair	101704

Payments were approved by all members of the council present.

Invoices were checked by Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Howard and Cllr Catchesides.

18/27.7 Month Bank Statement and Monthly Budget Form

The Bank Statements were checked by Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Howard

18/27.8 Revenue Grant

No report

#### 18/28 District Councillor's Report

Haverhill Area Forum - A1307 Corridor, Transport Options Update

For those interested in discussions relating to the A1307 to Cambridge, the next Haverhill Area Forum will be held on Monday 19th March at 7.00pm.

Venue: Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4JS

Cllr Nicholson said he would attend this meeting.

The DC mentioned that Stansted Airport will soon be putting in a planning application for an increase in passenger numbers passing through the airport and she has objected to the proposal on the safety issue of overcrowding at the airport terminal. Cllr Nicholson said that we had sent a letter to Uttlesford District Council and other people/groups objecting to the proposal as it would increase the number of stacking aircraft over Helions Bumpstead. Cllr. Nicholson to send the letter to the District Councillor.

#### 18/29 County Councillor's Report

No Report

#### 18/30 Reports from Councillors with Matters affecting the village

There had been numerous burglaries at Drapers End and illegal shooting of deer in Bendysh woods. At some times, approximately 10% of old vans that come through the village are either not taxed or have no MOT. Cllr Nicholson has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable regarding the lack of policing in the area. Cllr Nicholson is Helions Bumpstead Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

Complaints had been received about very noisy Gas Guns at Sages End; these are on Tim Sills land. Clerk to write to Mr Sills about this. Information on Gas Guns can be found on BDC website.

There are 2 trees' down on the Recreation Ground Cllr Catchesides to investigate this and arrange clearance.

The drain covers are still not replaced in Steeple Bumpstead Road. Clerk to chase.

Where the water is coming out the ditch at Sages End Road near the stables it's washing the road away. Clerk to report this.

Cllr Nicholson is concerned that the Meadows are using an entrance on to Camps Road which is dangerous; the residents have now put up 2 mirrors. The Council agreed to

write to the residents advising them to use their alternative entrance for their safety and that of others.

It was agreed that Cllr Brown looks at the website and put the latest magazines on there. Cllr Catchsides to let Cllr Brown have the memory stick.

#### 18/31 Recent Flooding in Helions Bumpstead

##### 18/31.1 Highways Issues

These are being looked into by ECC Highways

##### 18/31.2 Clearance of streams and ditches

These are being investigated by ECC Highways

#### 18/32 Footpath review update

##### 18/32.1 Repairs to steps on footpath beside the pub

Dave West contacted the Chairman after the Common Ground Walk in January to say that the steps near the pub are too steep and need a hand-rail.

Mr West had offered to organise a working party to replace the existing steps, if HBPC would pay for the cost of materials. This was enthusiastically agreed.

The Handrail on foot path 13 needs extending its not long enough. The Clerk to report this.

The Hedge on footpath 11 still hasn't been cut, The Clerk to contact Bartlow Estates

Cllr Cunningham asked Cllr Brown if a message board could be put on the footpath page of our website.

##### 18/32.2 Footpath Map Review

Cllrs will start taking photos once the weather gets better.

#### 18/33 Helions Bumpstead Village Hall matters affecting the Parish Council

##### 18/33.1 Update on refurbishment work and official re-opening.

The Village Hall is now back up and running, and all but one of the regular users have returned. There are just a couple of small areas to be finished off.

The official opening will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 for 11am. Table Tennis Club, Carpet Bowls will be doing displays. The Coffee Morning will be doing refreshments. The PC will have a stand showing options for the new play equipment. In the evening there will be a quiz night.

#### 18/34 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground

##### 18/34.1 Fields in Trust

No update

#### 18/35 Playground Refurbishment

Cllr Kehr reported that she had received a grant for £20,000 from CIF and a grant of £2,000 from Tesco's. These were both pleasant surprises, and meant that HBPC now has sufficient funds to go ahead with the playground refurbishment.

Some options will be on display at the Village Hall opening event, for residents to decide which version they would most like to see.  
Cllrs congratulated Cllr Kehr on all her hard work.

18/36 Three Horseshoes Pub

Cllr Nicholson informed the Council that there would be an announcement later in the month.

18/37 Emergency Plan

Cllrs reviewed the Emergency Plan; Cllr Catchesides to make changes and then it can be sent to BDC, a copy to be sent to the District Councillor. It was suggested that Malcolm Rowson be asked if he will be the co-ordinator as he lives in the middle of the village and has access to the Village Hall if need arises.

18/38 Village Enhancement

18/38.1 To discuss village repairs

The District Councillor to send details of the odd job man that Sturmer use to the Clerk.

18/39 Spring Clean 2018 Proposed date 3<sup>rd</sup> March

It was agreed to take part again in the annual Spring Clean event.

The litter pick will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10 am, meeting at the Village Hall. The Clerk to arrange to get the equipment.

18/40 Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Report

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The Clerk asked if anyone had any suggestions of a speaker for the evening.

18/41 Consultations

Draft Planning Enforcement Strategy 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The Planning Committee had looked at the document and felt it was trying to satisfy too many criteria at once. The bulk of the text is written in the third person for the Enforcement Officers and others. But then there are a couple of sections in the second person aimed at complainants. These need to be rationalised or separated out.

18/42 Items for information and inclusion on next meeting's agenda

Stop Stansted Subscription – check if paid

18/43 Date of the next meeting

12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

18/44 Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Signed:.....

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