HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
Monday 14th August 2017

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

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<td>Sue Kehr</td>
<td>Vice-Chair</td>
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<td>Neville Nicholson</td>
<td>Parish Councillor</td>
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<td>Sue Cunningham</td>
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<td>Chris Brown</td>
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<td>Diana Garrod</td>
<td>District Councillor</td>
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<td>David Finch</td>
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<td>Cathryn Carlisle</td>
<td>Parish Clerk &amp; Responsible Financial Officer</td>
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<td>Members of the public</td>
<td>Martin Catchesides for Superfast Broadband Update, and Mark Istance</td>
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17/150 Members’ declarations of interests
Cllr Catchesides, Cllr Kehr: Members of VHMC
Cllr Nicholson: Three Horseshoes

17/151 Apologies for Absence
Were received from Cllrs Finch and Garrod

17/152 Public forum
A member of the public mentioned that the grass at the play area, was looking in need of some attention at the weekend, it has since been cut. The Clerk mentioned that at the start of the season it was agreed that the grass be cut every 2 weeks. Cllr Catchesides had mentioned it to Malcom Cox last week. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Cox.

17/153 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th July 2017 were amended and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17/154 Finance Report
Payments

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Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Howard and Cllr Cunningham checked the invoices prior to the meeting.

The Monthly Bank Statement was approved by all councillors present.

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Agreed to write to all local farmers to remind them of their responsibilities with respect to tractors and trailers driving through the village.

The Clerk has received a letter from the Mandate team saying that Cllr Cunningham and Cllr Howards details weren’t attached, the Clerk has spoken to the Mandate Dept this morning and they have found the forms. Cllr Brown needed his previous address which can be done over the phone.

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17/161.2 Update on Planters
The Planters are now finished, and have received many compliments. Bulbs will be planted in the Autumn.

17/162 Helions Bumpstead Recreation Ground
17/162.1 Fields in Trust
It was agreed that HBPC needs to consult with the trustees at some point in the near future, to investigate the current status of the Parish Property Trust.

17/163 Playground Report
Cllr Kehr has put in an expression of interest for CLF funding, and now needs to complete the application form by 22nd September. Cllr Kehr has applied to Tesco for their Bag Fund.

So far 2 quotes have been received and a third is awaited. Good response to village email seeking opinions on present usage and future designs; Cllr Kehr would like to get more people’s opinions so an article will be put into the September Village Magazine.

17/164 Superfast Essex Consultation on future broadband provision in the village.
Martin Catchesides reported on the recent request from Superfast Essex for county-wide consultation during the month of August, with every town and parish in Essex, about their Broadband speed and the companies that each community is working with. Essex have published an interactive map of the county showing the NGA (New Generation high speed) and State Aid coverage of Broadband. Householders in each Parish or Town have been asked to confirm their current Broadband status in terms of supplier(s) and speed. A tight deadline has been set with replies to be received by end of August. Several Parishes warned that it was unrealistic to expect householders to do this, particularly during August. It was agreed by Essex that Parish Councils could reply on behalf of their villages, and Mr Catchesides will respond on behalf of Helions Bumpstead.

The current situation in Helions - of the 170 houses in the Village, about 100 have Broadband connections supplied by BT and its subsidiaries such as Plusnet. These have speeds of about 2Mbps or less. About 60 houses are supplied by Fibre WiFi (Buzcom) using a wireless connection from St Andrew’s church tower. Most of these houses can achieve speeds around 20 Mbps though a few houses can only achieve a fraction of this. The issue is currently being investigated by Buzcom.

No house in Helions can achieve superfast speeds either up or down – this is currently rated at 30Mbps. It was agreed that in the longer term, HBPC would like to be included in the Essex Superfast network so that the whole of the village can be brought into the 21st century, with speeds of at least 30Mbps, and to be included in any future plans for the system.
Cllr Nicholson informed the Council that the process of acquiring the pub for the village is moving forward. Financial guarantees are in place to rent the pub for three years with a view to purchase after that time. At the moment it’s the mundane things that are happening, health and safety issues, insurance, bank accounts etc. There are meetings planned later this month. The Chair asked for an article in the Village Magazine to update the village on progress.

Emergency Plan
Deferred to next meeting.

Items for information and inclusion on next meeting’s agenda
Village Events

Date of the next meeting
11th September 2017

Meeting Closed at 9.10 pm

Signed.......................................................... Dated.................................