

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th. August 2024 at 7pm in the village hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Nicholson (Chair), S. Cunningham, R. Etheridge, N. Turner, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Locum Clerk/RFO to the Council. There were also no members of the public present.

24/56 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier, Cllrs A. Meldrum-Russell and A. Parker

24/57 To ratify the appointment of the Locum Parish Clerk/RFO - Mr. Kevin B. Money effective from 1st. August 2024.

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed the Mr. Kevin B. Money act as Locum Parish Clerk/RFO until a permanent Clerk has been found. Cllr S. Cunningham seconded. **All Agreed.** The Chair and Clerk then signed the Contract of Employment. The Clerk was offered but refused to enrol in a Government Pension scheme.

24/58 Declarations of interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr N. Turner declared an interest in item 24/62

Cllr S. Cunningham and Cllr N. Nicholson declare an interest in the shareholdings in the Public House community

24/59 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th. June 2024. The minutes were not signed as being correct from the May meeting. Modifications for the June meeting was not agreed. There was no need for a Special Energy advisor.

24/60 Public Forum

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting in order to speak with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Please note: The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council.

No questions were asked.

24/61 District & County Councillors Reports

The District and County Councillors are invited to address the meeting on matters of mutual interest.

No report was submitted by ECC Cllr P. Schweir.

BDC Cllr D. Garrod has supplied an amended report for August which is on the Parish Council's website at <https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/>

Cllr D. Garrod spoke in depth about BDC Call for sites. The deadline being 16th. August 2024 for all responses. The Chairman read out his objection to development on the site HEL12206 and it was agreed that this should be forwarded to Braintree Planning Policy. Councillor Turner agreed to modify the objection which the Parish Council made to the Catesby proposal which would also be forwarded to the Braintree Planning Policy as an objection to proposal STUR2293.

Cllr D. Garrod left the meeting

24/62 Parsonage Wood

Confirmation of email decision to approve, in principle, tree planting to the plan submitted to the Council at the June 2024 meeting. Cllr N. Turner informed the meeting that this project is too late to start this year and will be looked at again next year. Councillors felt that this is a missed opportunity which may not appear.

24/63 Speedwatch, B1057 closure

To consider inauguration of Speedwatch group and B1057 closure

Madeleine Finn has enquired to Anglian Water regarding an interactive speed sign. Unfortunately, this fell on deaf ears.

24/64 Councillor vacancy. Councillors to agree to advertise this vacancy

Councillors agreed to advertise this Councillor vacancy. The Clerk to set up the process on filling the Councillor vacancy

24/65 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. July 2024.

No Bank reconciliations were available at this meeting

- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2024/2025

No Actual to Budget for 2024/2025 was available for this meeting

- c) To approve the payment for Accounts for May, June and July 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish council financial requirements

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed the payments for May, June and July 2024. Cllr seconded. **All agreed.** However, as the Parish Council is not in possession of a Barclays cheque book these payments will be made in the future. The Clerk informed the meeting that his recommendation is to change banks to Unity Trust Bank. This enables the Parish Council to use Internet Banking. Cllr N. Nicholson proposed and Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed.** The Clerk will then get the appropriate form prepared for the September meeting

24/66 Planning Application/s There have been no planning applications submitted affecting Helions Bumpstead village

24/67 Planning decisions made affecting Helions Bumpstead. There have been no planning decisions made affecting Helions Bumpstead village

24/67 Policy and Procedures Review. Website update

The Locum Clerk will start reviewing the Council's policies and website. He will report back at the September meeting.

24/68 Items for the Next Agenda

Internet Banking with Unity Trust Bank

24/69 Date of the Next Meeting. Councillors to note the meeting dates in 2024

09.09.24: 14.10.24: 11.11.24: 09.12.24

24/70 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.25pm and thanked everyone for attending