

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th. October 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Nicholson (Chair), S. Cunningham, R. Etheridge, A. Parker, N. Turner, ECC Cllr P. Schweir, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Locum Clerk/RFO to the Council.

There were also 2 members of the public present.

24/71 Apologies for Absence None were received

24/73 To elect a vice-Chair for the remainder of 2024/2025 year

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed Cllr N. Turner to act as vice-chair for the remainder of 2024/2025 year.

Cllr S. Cunningham seconded. **All Agreed**

24/74 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. **None declared**

24/75 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th. August 2024. **All Agreed**

24/76 Co-Option

Councillors are requested to receive written application for the office of Parish Councillor and co-opt candidate to fill the vacancies. The Candidate/s having completed a short application form and confirmed their eligibility for the position of Councillor within the statutory rules (Local Government Act 1972 section 79). Forms have been returned to the Parish Clerk by the prescribed deadline

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed both Steven McGrath and Richard Kirkland to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**

Both Steven McGrath and Richard Kirkland signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, E Consent form and was handed the Register of Interest form to be returned to the Clerk within 28 days.

Cllrs S. McGrath and R. Kirkland then took their seats as a Parish Councillor

24/77 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. No questions from the public

The redundant telephone box is looking shabby. Can some thought be given to the future use of the telephone box.?

24/78 District & County Councillors Reports

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

ECC Cllr P. Schwier informed the meeting regarding

- Compost at home
- Waste strategy
- Community Safety initiative fund – Safety projects
- LED streetlights replacing about 500 out of 130,000 lights across Essex saving £25m over 20 years
- SEND roadshow at Stansted
- Essex County Council – Collision Data Website Data about road traffic collisions in the county of Essex can be found at this website:<https://essex.traffweb.app/traffweb/3/Collisions>
- Road Safety Trust Grants The purpose of The Road Safety Trust is to make UK roads safer, achieving impact through the funding of practical measures, research, dissemination and education initiatives. The grant theme for their Autumn 2024 round is on the subject of 'Inequalities in Road Safety'. Each application should have a lead organisation which must be a UK local public sector organisation (e.g. Local Authority, Police Force or Fire and Rescue), UK university, UK-based registered charity, not-for-profit, social enterprise or community interest company. Two levels of grant are available: • Small grants between £10,000 and £50,000 • Large grants between £50,000 and £300,000 The closing date for applications is 1 November 2024. <https://www.roadsafetytrust.org.uk/our-grants>

HBPC should write to ECC Cllr P. Schwier and Essex Highways to have the local roads (PR2) removed from the map. ECC Cllr P. Schwier then left the meeting to attend another Parish Council meeting

BDC Cllr D. Garrod had circulated her October report prior to the meeting.

This report can be found at <https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/>
The B1057 should re-open on October 25th and the Council might arrange a meeting with Nathan of Anglian Water to help enforce this, show him the substance of our complaint and discover their future intentions. After taking questions from Councillors BDC Cllr D. Garrod then left the meeting

24/79 Haven wood/Parsonage wood

Discussion of tree planting to the plan submitted to the Council at the June 2024 meeting
Nothing to report. Received approval from the Parish Council which the Woodland Trust have acknowledged.
Planting starting next year providing external factors do not disrupt the project.

24/80 Speedwatch, B1057 closure. To consider inauguration of Speedwatch group and B1057 closure.
Deferred

24/81 Stansted. Actions to be considered in response to increased commercial aircraft movements in August
Deferred

24/82 Braintree Planning Refresh – Review – No further update received

24/83 Village Hall defibrillator. Review of servicing. The defibrillator is being serviced by the First Responder at Steeple. Cllr S. McGarth and Cllr A. Parker to speak with 1st. responder.

24/84 Hedges - Hedge cutting where it borders Camps Road. Letter to The Meadows and Brookside approved.

24/85 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. September 2024
Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. September 2024
b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2024/2025
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2024/2025
c) To approve the payment for Accounts for May, June, July, August, September and October 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish council financial requirements. **All Agreed**
d) Update on Unity Trust Bank banking application submission or to stay with Barclays Bank
Councillors discussed changing banks from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust Bank
The Clerk to transfer the money in the Savings account to the Current account.
Cllr N. Nicholson proposed changing to Unity Trust Bank. Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**
The Clerk circulated the information forms to 4 Councillors to be submitted to Unity Trust Bank.
Sue Kehr handed over to the Clerk her Card reader and Card for him to have access to Barclays Bank accounts until such time as Unity Trust Bank is up and running.

24/86 Budget 2025-2026. Councillors to discuss 1st. Draft budget for 2025-2026
Councillors discussed the 1st. draft of the 2025-2026 budget

24/87 Councillor Training Cllr S. McGrath to consider councillor training

24/88 Village Green - Waste Disposal – Cllr A. Parker proposed purchasing a “Green bin” from BDC.
Cllr R. Etheridge seconded. **All Agreed**
Verge cutting needs to be addressed later this year. The Chair to ask Tony Halls to undertake cutting the verges ASAP.

24/89 Village email and website update information

The Clerk to check Cllr R. Etheridge’s and all other Councillor email addresses.

24/90 Planning Application/s. No planning applications have been received

24/91 Planning decisions made affecting Helions Bumpstead. No planning decisions have been received

24/92 Items for the Next Agenda

24/93 Date of the Next Meeting. Councillors to note the meeting dates in 2024. 11.11.24: 09.12.24

24/94 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Councillors to Resolve that by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed and Cllr S. Cunningham seconded to exclude all public and press from the meeting.

Kevin B. Money has agreed to remain as the Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council for the foreseeable future.
Proposed N. Nicholson. Seconded N. Turner. **All Agreed**

24/95 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business
The Chair then closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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11th. November 2024

N. Nicholson - Chair