

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th. December 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Nicholson (Chair), S. Cunningham, R. Kirkland, S. McGrath, A. Parker, N. Turner, and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council. There were no members of the public present.

24/120 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schwier, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Cllr R. Etheridge

24/121 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**

24/122 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th. November 2024. **All Agreed**

24/123 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. No questions were asked

24/124 Essex County Report. No report was given

24/125 Braintree District Councillor report

Cllr D. Garrod supplied a report prior to the meeting. This report can be found at

<https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/>

24/126 Verges Cutting. Verges and hedges have been cut and were wonderfully done. The Camps Road hedge still requires attention.

24/127 Stansted - Air Traffic Consultation

A major consultation has been initiated by the CAA to make aircraft movements over Britain more efficient, <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/ukads-consultation/>. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and could be either very good or very bad news. If sanity reigns, aircraft stacking will cease so as to reduce the unnecessary emission of carbon dioxide, but if vested interest's hijack the proceedings, stacking aircraft will be routed over narrower corridors which are more 'efficient', but make life intolerable for those living underneath. The consultation closes on 17th December 2024, so please have a look and put in a word for sanity. As ever, the number of responses count more than the brilliance of the arguments and last year, for the first time, the earth's temperature exceeded 1.5 Centigrade above pre-industrial levels. A truly frightening rate of increase

24/128 PR2 Classification of Village roads / B1057 – Letter sent to ECC Cllr P. Schwier

Since writing to ECC Cllr P. Schwier Helions Bumpstead is still on the PR2 classification.

Anglian Water will close the B1057 again from Monday 6th January until Friday 7th February 2025 and they will have traffic lights on Blois Road from Monday 27th January until Friday 21st February 2025. Technically this will mean that they have a legal diversion via New England, but we all know where the traffic will go and with the addition of traffic lights on Blois Road, few vehicles will use the official diversion.

24/129 BDC Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Only 2 sites in Helions Bumpstead have been put forward. Helions Bumpstead is a low priority for development.

24/130 Cricket Club update No update from the Cricket Club

24/131 Complaint about The Hunt coming through the village. Update from Cllr A. Parker

A letter has been sent to Mr. Kiddy. No response received yet.

24/132 Quote for Bus Stop roof and replacement posts for signs

A quotation for the bus stop roof and replacement post for signs has been supplied. The quotation of £2094.35p including new ply with rubber finish on bus stop and oak replacement post for notice boards.

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed accepting the quotation. Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**

24/133 Road Grit purchase update. 15 bags of grit to be purchased.

24/134 Magazine update from the Clerk

The Clerk has sent out the advertising invoices up to March 2025.

24/135 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. November 2024

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. November 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 December 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

Both Unity Trust Bank accounts have been opened and Councillors have registered themselves with Unity Trust Bank. Barclays Bank closure form was completed and signed by Councillors. This to sent off to Barclays on Monday 16th. December 2024.

24/136 Budget 2025-2026 Councillors to discuss Draft budget for 2025-2026. This budget will be finalised at the 13th. January '25 meeting

Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget at length.

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed a budget of £15646 for 2025-2026 with a Precept of £12616 (an increase of £616). Using the Tax Base figure from BDC of 183.04 resulted in a Band D property of £68.92. This is an increase of 92p per year (1.4% increase). Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**

24/137 Councillor Training All Councillors have received or will consider training courses from EALC

24/138 Planning Application/s No planning applications have been received

24/139 Items for the Next Agenda

Blocked drains: Wheelie bins on the roadway: Water Lane flooding: Lighting for the Camps Road to Church Hill corner

24/140 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 13th. January 2025 at 7pm

24/141 Dates for 2025 meetings: 10.02: 10.03: 14.04: 12.05: 09.06: 14.07: 08.09: 13.10: 10.11: 08.12

24/142 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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**N. Nicholson
Chair**

13th. January 2025