

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th. January 2025 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Nicholson (Chair), S. Cunningham, R. Etheridge, R. Kirkland, S. McGrath, A. Parker, N. Turner and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council. There was 1 member of the public present.

001/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from BDC Cllr D. Garrod

002/2025 Declarations of interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. **None Declared**

003/2025 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th. December 2024. **All Agreed**

004/2025 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

A resident spoke about his planning application. Outlining all the features for future requirements. Minimal disruption to residents during the construction due to all materials being built off site. New dwelling will use existing driveway. Flooding will not be an issue.

005/2025 Essex County Report. No report was given

006/2025 Braintree District Councillor report

I regret that I have an online briefing about planning tonight at 7pm and I will not be able to attend the Helions Bumpstead PC meeting.

I continue to have discussions with Anglian Water and have discussed residents concerns. However, it appears to be going ahead as planned.

I have raised concerns about flooding with BDC officers but have yet to receive a full response.

You have my monthly report and I don't have anything of great importance to add to date.

a) District Councillors report can be found at

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

b) The number of bins is excessive and will block the single track, residential roads in the parish which have high banks and no footpaths or verges.

- The elderly will find the large number of bins unmanageable, particularly in homes situated on a slope well above the highway. There should be an option to use bags in these cases.
- A single, fortnightly bin is inadequate for paper and card given the number of deliveries and their excessive packaging. If the proposal is to collect these bins once a month, then it is grossly inadequate and will result in domestic bonfires.
- The reduced frequency of collection, particularly of non-recyclable waste, may increase the frequency of fly tipping. Consequently, the collectors should accept reasonable volumes of waste placed beside or on top of full bins.
- If the new system will require a greater number of different lorries for the collection of waste, or a larger workforce, then it is retrogressive.
- How much waste is currently recycled and will this increase under the new system?

007/2025 CAA - Air Traffic Consultation

Cllr N. Nicholson responded to the Air Traffic Consultation where they asked if his response could be published. The same consultation response will be sent Ed Miliband MP and to the CEO of CAA.

Airport passenger night flights has increased.

The Parish Council to formally ask a retired BA pilot on his views on the consultation.

008/2025 B1057 / PR2 Classification of Village roads

Closure of B1057 is on for the next month or so. HBPC is still PR2 classification

12 accidents during the road closures in the village as it is still designated a PR2

Cllr N. Nicholson to write a chase up letter regarding these serious issues on PR2 classification

009/2025 BDC Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Nothing further to report

010/2025 Quote for Bus Stop roof and replacement posts for signs

The repair work to the bus stop roof and posts for signs was completed on 6th. January 2025
The invoice has been submitted and approved for payment

011/2025 Road Grit purchase update Road Grit was purchased and delivered

012/2025 Magazine update from the Clerk

£213 of advertising revenue has been received for 2024-2025

013/2025 Finance

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

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

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c) To approve the payment for Accounts for January 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

d) Update on Unity Trust Bank banking application

014/2025 Budget 2025-2026 Councillors to finalise budget for 2025-2026.

Cllr N. Turner proposed an expenditure for 2025-2026 of £15646 Resulting in a Precept demand from BDC of £12616. Using the BDC Tax base figure of 183.04 resulted in a Band D property amount of £68.92p. An increase of £0.95p pa or 1.40%. Cllr S. McGrath seconded. **All Agreed**

015/2025 Councillor Training

016/2025 Planning Application/s

24/02564/FUL - Land Rear Of The Old Marquis Camps Road Helions Bumpstead

Self-Build Scheme - Erection of a new dwelling.

RESOLVED: Helions Bumpstead Parish Council Supports this planning application

The Parish Council thought that the design of the building mitigated any damage to the Conservation Area and that the latter was outweighed by a desire to allow a village resident of several generations standing to construct a retirement home suitable for reduced mobility

017/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

Marker post for Water Lane

Lighting for the Camps Road to Church Hill corner

Cllr A. Parker and the Clerk to devise a scheme whereby holders of substantial email lists of village residents can request permission from the residents to place their addresses on the village email alert list.

018/2025 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 10th. February 2025 at 7pm

019/2025 Dates for 2025 meetings: 10.03: 14.04: 12.05: 09.06: 14.07: 08.09: 13.10: 10.11: 08.12

020/2025 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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**N. Nicholson
Chair**

10th. February 2025