

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th. March 2025 at 7pm in the village Hall

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

041/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr S. McGrath

042/2025 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**

043/2025 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th. February 2025. **All Agreed**

044/2025 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. No questions from the public

045/2025 Essex County Councillor Report. No report was given

046/2025 Braintree District Councillor report

Cllr D. Garrod report can be found at

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

BDC Extra ordinary meeting on Monday regarding devolution

Cllr D. Garrod left the meeting

048/2025 Roads and footpaths (Sink hole, street light opposite Church)

a) Exposed manhole on bend in Steeple Road

This manhole problem to be reported to ECC Highways.

The sink hole outside the Village Hall has been repaired

The street light opposite the Church remains on during the day.

b) Land behind Marquis of Granby 24/02564/FUL Footpath 52

The Clerk was asked to forward the planning application response again to BDC. This was done following the meeting and is now published on the BDC website. The short section of footpath 52 which is the basis of the Ramblers Association's Objection, led to the Marquis of Granby pub, is a dead end and now serves no function even as a leisure facility. Cllr. N Nicholson will write a brief explanation to be used in the event of an Appeal.

049/2025 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 28th. February 2025

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 28th. February 2025

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 March 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

d) The effect of unpaid or unjustified invoices on the Council finances

The effect of unpaid or un-presented invoices causes a problem for the RFO

050/2025 Councillors to discuss a replacement Chair for the 2025-2026 year

Councillors were informed that a new Chair should be installed at the May AGM meeting

051/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications submitted

052/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

Payment of £100 for David Hasting's retirement refreshments

Important Dates

The Litter Collection will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 22nd March 2025 at the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Assembly is at 7.00pm on Monday 14 April 2025 in the Village Hall.

A presentation to our retiring postman will take place at 3.00 on Saturday April 19th at 3.00pm

053/2025 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 14th. April 2025 at 7pm which is the Annual Residents meeting followed by Full Council meeting

054/2025 Dates for 2025 meetings: 12.05 HBPC AGM: 09.06: 14.07: 08.09: 13.10: 10.11: 08.12.25

055/2025 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.35pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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Chair

14th. April 2025