

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th. April 2025 at 8.25pm in the village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Nicholson (Chair), S. Cunningham, R. Etheridge, R. Kirkland, A. Parker,

BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council.

There were 2 members of the public present.

056/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr P. Schweir, Cllrs N. Turner and S. McGrath

057/2025 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**

058/2025 Approval of minutes

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

059/2025 Roads and footpaths (Street light opposite Church)

a) Exposed manhole on bend in Steeple Road – update from Cllr N. Nicholson

As discussed in the Annual Parish Assembly

The Clerk to contact A&J Lighting to have the light repaired at CB9 7AJ – Liaise with Richard Kirkland

Cllr D. Garrod took questions from Councillors and residents regarding the “Call for Sites” meeting at BDC

060/2025 Councillors to discuss a replacement Chair for the 2025-2026 year

Councillors discussed the new Chair for 2025/2026

061/2025 Village email

A new resident emailing list to be resurrected by Cllr N. Nicholson

062/2025 Village Summer Fete This item deferred to another meeting

061/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

25/00547/TPOCON - Birchbrook House Water Lane Helions Bumpstead CB9 7AL

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: 8 no. Leylandii type fir trees - prune branches from ground level to approx. 20 ft height

RESOLVED: Helions Bumpstead Parish Council Supports this application subject to tree and conservation officers' approval

25/00810/TPOCON - St Andrews Church Church Hill Helions Bumpstead CB9 7HP

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - T28 and T29 - Fell 2No. Yew Trees

T17 - Lop one Branch and remove one trunk of Cypress Tree

RESOLVED: Helions Bumpstead Parish Council Supports this application subject to tree and conservation officers' approval

062/2025 Annual Return 2024/2025

1) To receive the 2024/2025 signed Internal Audit Report

Councillors noted the 2024/2025 signed Internal Audit Report

2) To receive and sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/2025 part 2

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed accepting and signing the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/2025 part 2.

Cllr A. Parker seconded. **All Agreed**

The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 part 2

3) To receive and sign the Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed accepting and signing Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

Cllr A. Parker seconded. **All Agreed**

The Chairman and Clerk then signed the Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025

4) To receive and sign the Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2024/2025

Cllr N. Nicholson proposed accepting and signing Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2024/2025.

Cllr R. Kirkland seconded. **All Agreed**

The Chairman and RFO then signed Section 2 of the Accounting Statements 2024/25

063/2025 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. March 2025
Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. March 2025
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2025/2026
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2025/2026
- c) To approve the payment for Accounts for April 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

064/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

Asset Register list: M. Cox grass cutting quotation:

065/2025 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 12th. May 2025 at 7pm AGM of the Council

066/2025 Dates for 2025 meetings: 09.06: 14.07: 08.09: 13.10: 10.11: 08.12.25

067/2025 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

12th. May 2025

N. Nicholson
Chair

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