

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th. June 2025 at 7pm in the village Hall

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

094/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Cllr A. Parker

095/2025 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**

096/2025 Approval of minutes

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12th. May 2025 **All Agreed**

097/2025 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 were asked**

098/2025 Essex County Councillor Report

- Essex Forestry Commission started – planting 275,000 trees on ECC property. Last year planted over 1m trees.
- Essex Tree strategy in Essex Highways been developed
- Various scams have been reported and these should be reported to Essex Police
- Children's Commission has concluded but another commission is being launched shortly
- Essex roads have been given some further funding due to other departments being underspent.
- ECC Locality Funding grant has continued in 2025-2026
- May 2026 Mayor elections. Local Government reform is still progressing.
- Interest in 5 Unitaries for the new devolution
- A capital spend on repairing potholes has increased resulting in less potholes being reported.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Schwier for the road repairs which have recently been completed in the village as they have made it safer for pedestrians and easier for motorists.

ECC Cllr P. Schwier left the meeting

099/2025 Braintree District Councillor report

BDC Cllr D. Garrod report can be found at

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

100/2025 BDC Local Plan Refresh and Catesby

Cllr N. Nicholson informed the meeting of any updates to the Local Plan Refresh and Catesby development. A first draft in being completed by Cllr N. Nicholson in readiness for the July meeting.

101/2025 Development of the Offered Site HEL12206, Helions Bumpstead

An email has been sent to BDC planning officer on Objection to HELI 2206 Land South of Haverhill Road, Pale Green, Helions Bumpstead

102/2025 Roads and footpaths – update

- Winter Salt bag scheme 2025-2026

Councillors discussed having 1tonne of salt bags for the winter of 2025 in 25kg bags.

Councillors agreed to this scheme being delivered to Malcolm Cox.

Footpaths have been cut back by the landowners. However, bridges require attention by Helions Farm

Cllr N. Nicholson to send the Clerk pictures and information on Drapers Lane Road condition.

Trucks going down the lane at over the speed limit resulting in the edge of the lane being eroded and trenches developing. Making driving problematic for cars.

103/2025 Update on Resident emailing list – Cllr N. Nicholson

Website registration on the website is needing sorting out. The Clerk will investigate

104/2025 Finance

- a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. May 2025
Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. May 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 June 2025 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

105/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications have been received from BDC

106/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

Catesby Development letter:

107/2025 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 14th. July 2025 at 7pm

108/2025 Dates for 2025 meetings: 08.09: 13.10: 10.11: 08.12.25

109/2025 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.05pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

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Neville Nicholson - Chair

14th. July 2025