

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th. December 2025 at 7pm in the village Hall

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

171/2025 To elect a new Chair for 2025-2026

Cllr N. Turner proposed Cllr S. McGrath to act as Chair. Cllr N. Nicholson seconded. **All Agreed**
Cllr S. McGrath then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

172/2025 Apologies for Absence were received from BDC D. Garrod

173/2025 Declarations of interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. Cllr A. Parker declared an interest in item 179/2025 (c)

174/2025 Approval of minutes

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

175/2025 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

176/2025 Essex County Councillor Report No report was given

177/2025 Braintree District Councillor report

BDC Cllr Diana Garrod report can be found at

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

178/2025 Sports Pavilion – It has been agreed at their AGM to dissolve the committee who managed & maintained the pavilion since its construction some 30 years ago & to recommend and ask the Parish Council to take over this Village Asset wef 01/01/2026

Councillors discussed the situation of transferring the Sports Pavilion to become the control of the Parish Council

Councillors discussed this proposal in depth. Before making any decision, it was requested to have a balance sheet and full financial reports before making any decision. Cllr N. Turner to make further enquiries. Before moving forward, a surveyor might be sought to ascertain any problems at the pavilion.

179/2025 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. November 2025

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b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2025/2026

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

180/2025 BDC Local Plan BDC officers recommended not to place this site in the local plan

181/2025 Highways, Roads and footpaths

Pot holes in the village are still causing a problem. Especially Water Lane (which has been reported to Essex Highways).

- 1) The Culvert under Camps Road by Rose cottage. No update on this blockage
- 2) The bus consultation. No update on this consultation
- 3) The telephone box – No update on this item
- 4) Plans for the phone box – No update on this item

182/2025 Defibrillator – update Cllr S. McGrath. Checks have been undertaken and is working properly

183/2025 Recreation Ground Mower servicing

Cllr A. Parker to obtain an estimate on how much it costs. The Clerk to contact Matt Vickery

184/2025 Village Green – Cllr A. Parker. Nothing to report

185/2025 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning application have been submitted

186/2025 2026-2027 Budget - Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2026-2027. This item to be finalised at the 12th. January 2026 meeting

187/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

Sports Pavilion update: 2026-2027 budget:

188/2025 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 12th. January 2026 at 7pm

189/2025 2026 meeting dates: 09.02: 09.03: 13.04: 11.05: 08.06: 13.07: 14.09: 12.10: 09.11: 14.12.26

190/2025 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.40pm and wished everyone a happy Christmas

Signed

S. McGrath
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12th. January 2026