

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th. March 2026 at 7pm in the village Hall

Present: Cllrs. S. McGrath, S. Cunningham, R. Etheridge, R. Kirkland, N. Nicholson, A. Parker, N. Turner, ECC P. Schweir, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council.

There was 1 member of the public present.

036/2026 Apologies for Absence

037/2026 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**

038/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 9th. February 2026

All Agreed

039/2026 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

Should the village hall lights be left on during the day. Following the lights going forward they may be taken down.

040/2026 Essex County Councillor Report

ECC Elections will happen in May '26.

ECC budget agreed with a 3.95% increase (including 2% increase in adult and social care)

Front line services now have stability.

ECC - Huge boost to winter road maintenance begins in Essex

ECC - Residents across Essex encouraged to recycle their metal packaging March 26

ECC - Schools - 97% of children offered places at preferred secondary schools in Essex

Helions Bumpstead Water Lane reflective road markers

Over 35,000 potholes have been repaired in last 6 months

Cllr P. Schwier left the meeting

041/2026 Braintree District Councillor report

BDC Cllr D. Garrod report can be found at

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

31.03.26 Wiggins Green Road Closure by Anglian water: 19.04.26 3 cycle routes in the area with disruptions:

Council community grant is still available: Reg. 18 consultation for the Local Plan is open to 17th. April '26:

042/2026 Sports Pavilion – update from Cllr N. Turner

An enquiry has come in to have home cricket games from a Cambridge club. Cllr N. Turner has responded to the enquiry and is awaiting a reply.

043/2026 BDC Local Plan As discussed under item 041/2026

044/2026 Highways, Roads and footpaths

a) Culverts update – Cllr N. Nicholson. No further update

b) Litter picking date – Saturday 21st. March 2026 at 10am

c) Convex mirror opposite Sages Road – update from Cllr R. Etheridge

The siting is situated by the village green. Councillors agreed it would have to be 1m in diameter but would look ugly. Cllr R. Etheridge to investigate further

d) Helions Bumpstead Water Lane reflective Road markers

045/2026 Defibrillator – update Cllr S. McGrath. The defibrillator has been inspected and is working well

046/2026 Recreation Ground Mower servicing – update Cllr N. Nicholson. No update

047/2026 New IT policy to be in line with Assertion 10

Cllr S. McGrath proposed accepting the new IT policy. Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**

048/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

No planning applications have been submitted affecting Helions Bumpstead

049/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 28th. February 2026

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 28th. February 2026

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 March 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements. **All Agreed**

050/2026 Items for the Next Agenda

051/2026 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 13th. April 2026 at 7pm which is the Annual Parish Assembly

052/2026 2026 meeting dates: 11.05 HBPC AGM: 08.06: 13.07: 14.09: 12.10: 09.11: 14.12.26

053/2026 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

N Turner

Nigel Turner – vice-Chair

13th. April 2026