Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th. September 2026 at 7pm in the village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Turner, N. Nicholson, R. Kirkland, R. Etheridge, A. Parker, M. McGrath,
ECC Cllr N. Robins, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council.
There was 1 member of the public present.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair Cllr N. Turner

120/2026 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr S. McGrath

121/2026 **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**

122/2026 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 13th. July 2026 All Agreed**

123/2026 **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
The willow trees on the play area have come to maturity and a local contractor will purchase them with a donation of £500 for the village hall, cricket club and Parish Council for making new cricket bats. New willow trees will be planted in their place.

124/2026 **Essex County Councillor Report –** ECC Cllr Nathan Robins
ECC Cllr Nathan Robins report can be found at
https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/

125/2026 **Braintree District Councillor report –** BDC Cllr Diana Garrod
BDC Cllr D. Garrod report can be found at
https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/

BDC will be holding elections in May '27 but the Local Government devolution has been placed on hold.
BDC is without a 5-year housing supply. BDC local plan dates are now 2026-2043. A 6-week consultation on Reg19 will start very soon.

126/2026 **Pavilion update -** Cllr N. Turner
A grant application of £250 has been received by the Clerk

127/2026 **Phone box/book shelves**
Cllr A. Parker spoke about having shelving in the phone box. Can new shelves be placed in the phone box?
Cllr N. Turner proposed to get a quotation from Sam Brookes

128/2026 **Play equipment**
a) Update on play inspection. The Clerk has been inContact with the inspector who undertook the last play inspection but is awaiting a response.

129/2026 **Highways, Roads and footpaths**
a) Verge cutting Helions Bumpstead – update from the Clerk. This project has been completed

b) To discuss purchasing and siting a Speed indicator device for the village – Cllr R. Etheridge
Cllr M. McGrath to obtain pictures of possible siting of a SID. The Clerk, once the photographs have been received, will contact ECC Highways.

c) What can be done about the Radwinter Road, to be closed for 39 weeks, Ashdon Road may be closed at the same period

130/2026 **Cycling Club who are causing a nuisance and the Board Barn Dog agility permission**
An incident in Camps Road when a cyclist was quite vocal towards a resident. A altercation then took place and the Polce were called.

131/2026 **Play Equipment inspection –** update from the Clerk. As per item 128/2026

132/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

26/01655/DAC - Upper House Church Hill Helions Bumpstead
Discharge of conditions 5 and 6 of 26/01020/HH
Due to BDC time constraints the following planning comments were sent to BDC on 14.08.26
Helions Bumpstead Parish Council has no comment to make on this planning application

26/01749/HH - Upper House Church Hill Helions Bumpstead
Proposed single storey rear extension.
Due to BDC time constraints the following planning comments were sent to BDC on 14.08.26
Helions Bumpstead Parish Council has no comment to make on this planning application

26/01731/HH - Fairview, Water Lane, Helions Bumpstead
Residential conversion of garage including raising the flat roof, installation of double doors to the rear and two new front windows, and re-cladding of the external walls in stained timber boarding.
Due to BDC time constraints the following planning comments were sent to BDC on 14.08.26
Helions Bumpstead Parish Council has no comment to make on this planning application

26/01844/AGR - Bumpstead Hall Farm Steeple Bumpstead Road Helions Bumpstead Essex CB9 7BT
Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - An agricultural machinery store and workshop, with a lean to either side.
BDC have informed HBPC that an application for a Prior Approval under the General Permitted Development Order 1995 (as amended) has been submitted. **Please note that this is for information only and due to the type of application BDC don't seek HBPC comments.**

26/01890/TPOCON - 4 Church Rise, Helions Bumpstead, Essex
Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1: Prunus, located next to garage. Cut back by 1m: T2: Field maple, located to side of property. Reduce by 4 m, as it is encroaching on the house and 11kv transformer. T3 & 4: Crab apple, located in far right hand corner of garden. Crown reduction by 2-3m: Mixed species hedge containing cherry, crab apple and laurel: Reduce by 1 m in height to create a uniform line**.**
RESOLVED: Helions Bumpstead Parish Council supports this application subject to the Tree and Conservation Officers' approval

133/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. August 2026

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. August 2026

b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2026/2027

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c) To approve the payment for Accounts for August & September 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

d) Helions Bumpstead Sports Pavilion grant of £250

Cllr N. Turner proposed to accept this grant application of £250 from Helions Bumpstead Sports Pavilion. Cllr A. Parker seconded. **All Agreed**

134/2026 Budget 2027/2028 – Councillors to put forward any items to be included in the 2027/2028 budget. Councillors were asked to consider any projects and costings for the 2027-2028 budget and to let the Clerk have these before the next October meeting

135/2026 To adopt the Communication policy
Cllr M. McGrath proposed adopting the Communication policy. Cllr N. Turner seconded. **All Agreed**

136/2026 Items for the Next Agenda

137/2026 Date of the Next Meeting - Monday 12th. October 2026 at 7pm

138/2026 2026 meeting dates: 09.11: 14.12.26

139/2026 Closure of the Meeting To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The vice-Chair then closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed *N Turner* 12th. October 2026

N. Turner – Vice Chair