# Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th. October 2026 at 7pm in the village Hall

Present: Cllrs. N. Turner, N. Nicholson, R. Kirkland, R. Etheridge, A. Parker, BDC Cllr D. Garrod and Kevin B. Money Clerk/RFO to the Council. There was 3 members of the public present.

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

**140/2026 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr N. Robins, Cllr S. McGrath and Cllr M. McGrath

**141/2026 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**

**142/2026 To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 14th. September 2026 All Agreed**

**143/2026 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
Sages End Road has become spayed at the crossroads. The limitation of visibility is difficult to exit due to vehicles parking on the junction. Together with the white lines have faded.

**144/2026 Essex County Councillor Report –** ECC Cllr Nathan Robins. No report was submitted

**145/2026 Braintree District Councillor report –** BDC Cllr Diana Garrod
BDC Cllr D. Garrod report can be found at
**https://helionsbumpsteadparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-minutes/**
Sages End Road will be closed in November '26

1) Drafting to Braintree for a Green Buffer Zone between Haverhill, Helions Bumpstead and Sturmer – Cllr N. Nicholson. Cllr N. Nicholson gave an update on where a Green Buffer Zone would be sited. He thought that a Green Buffer Zone would not suit Helions Bumpstead.

**146/2026 Pavilion update -** Cllr N. Turner. The willow trees have been removed for processing into cricket bats.

**147/2026 Highways, Roads and footpaths**
a) To discuss purchasing and siting a Speed indicator device for the village – Cllr R. Etheridge
No good position of the speed camera has been found.

b) Councillors to discuss the RoSPA play equipment quotation of £274.00p +VAT
Cllr N. Turner proposed to accept this quotation. Cllr A. Parker seconded. **All Agreed**
The Clerk to contact the RoSPA play safety company to confirm inspection dates

c) Report on the dog agility planning permission at Board Barn – Cllr N. Nicholson
The owner is operating out of 1 barn. There is no outside use for dog agilities activities. Planning application has been submitted for further progress.

**148/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response**
No planning applications have been received

**149/2026 Finance**
a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. September 2026
Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. September 2026
b) To receive the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2026/2027
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual to Budget for 2026/2027
c) To approve the payment for Accounts for October 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial requirements **All Agreed**

**150/2026 Budget 2027/2028 –** Councillors discussed the draft 2027/2028 budget

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**151/2026 Items for the Next Agenda**
Traffic problems in Sages End Road: Trees on Parish Property Trust:

**152/2026 Date of the Next Meeting** - Monday 9th. November 2026 at 7pm

**153/2026 2026 meeting dates**: 14.12.26

**154/2026 2027 meeting dates: 11.01: 08.02: 08.03: 12.04: 10.05: 14.06: 12.07: 13.09: 11.10: 08.11: 13.12.27**

**155/2026 Closure of the Meeting** To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Vice Chair then closed the meeting at 8pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed 9th. November 2026

N. Turner – Vice Chair

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