

# Helions Bumpstead Parish Council

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Minutes of the **HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on **21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:00 PM.**

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
S. Kehr	Chair	Yes
N. Turner	Vice Chair	Yes
S. Cunningham	Parish Councillor	Yes
R. Etheridge	Parish Councillor	No
R. Kirkland	Parish Councillor	Yes
N. Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
A. Parker	Parish Councillor	Yes
D. Garrod	District Councillor	Yes
P. Schwier	County Councillor	No
L. Brown	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes

1 Members of public

22/133 **Apologies for Absence**

None.

22/134 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None related to the agenda.

22/135 **Public Forum**

No comments.

22/136 **Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 as a true record.  
Approval deferred to the next meeting.

22/137 **District & County Councillors Reports** (APPENDIX A)

The DCllr gave their report to the council.

## 22/138 **Clerks Report**

Cllr Kehr asked if the Clerk had received the quiet lane notification, which had been posted to Sages End Rd. residents. Clerk to check their email and contact Essex Highways and ask if they should have been contacted. Cllr Parker to find out the format of the meeting on the notification.

## 22/139 **Action Tracker** (APPENDIX B)

**Resolution:** Approve to demolish the broken wall on the cricket ground.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Turner – unanimously agreed

Cllr Parker to approach local businesses to take down the wall.

Cllr's to review the Risk Register for February's meeting.

## 22/140 **Finance** (APPENDIX C)

**Resolution:** Agree payments for this month, payments circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Turner **Seconded:** Cllr Cunningham – Unanimously agreed

Appoint Cllr Kehr as authoriser.

### 22/140.1 **December Payments**

**Resolution:** Agree Clerk to raise payments in December in lieu of the Council meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Parker - Unanimously agreed

### 22/140.2 **Grants for the Community**

No comments.

### 22/140.3 **Grants for the Council**

No comments.

### 22/140.4 **Increase Contractor Costs**

**Resolution:** Agree the increase in contractor costs for cleaning the village bins and bus shelters.

**Proposed:** Cllr Turner **Seconded:** Cllr Kehr – Unanimously agreed

### 22/140.5 **Budget**

The council went through the budget line by line and deferred final decision for the 2023/24 budget until the next meeting.

## 22/141 **Asset Register**

Council had no further comments.

## 22/142 **New Planning Applications**

**22/03040/COUPA** | Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 3No. residential dwelling | Drapers Farm Drapers Green Helions Bumpstead Essex CB9 7AT.

- The council considered the above application and object based on flooding issues, access, sustainability, and lack of services such as gas and sewage.

## 22/143 **WASC – Prison Development Proposal**

No comments.

**22/144 Flooding in the Village**

Cllr Parker met with Cllr Schwier and the design manager for Essex highways (EH). There are ongoing issues between EH and landowners. EH are prioritising clearing blocked drains. EH are planning a camera survey.

One solution EH put forward was to get local contractors affiliated with EH so that they could be used to carry out works.

Cllr Parker chasing Cllr Schwier and EH on all issues brought up during the visit. The council to look at getting facts and a quote for clearing the ditches at water lane.

Clerk to forward letter from the Council to Cllr Schwier and EH.

**22/145 Thurlow Hunt**

Cllr Kehr to write a letter regarding the hunt to the village, which shall go in the village magazine.

**22/146 Playground**

No comments.

**22/147 Highways and Footpaths**

Clerk to contact DC to install a dog poo bin on the village green and speak to the PPT for permission.

**22/147.1 Hedges and Trees Trimming**

No comments.

**22/147.2 Culvert Clearance**

No comments.

**22/148 Handyman Fund Projects**

Mending the glass for the phone box. Clerk to ask Mr Cox if they would get the glass and fit.

**22/149 Resources for Teenagers**

Council have decided to demolish the wall on the cricket ground.

**22/150 Stansted Airport**

The letter to Stansted is being rewritten.

**22/151 Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda**

Speed limits.

**22/152 Date of the Next Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023

**22/153 Meeting Close @ 9:30 PM**

Signed.....

Dated.....

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **District Councillor's Report November 2022 to Parish Councils**

#### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders**

Intended closure of Hill Lane, Sturmer Road. Due to commence on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for 5 days whilst Gigaclear Ltd undertakes network repair.

Intended closure of North Street, Steeple Bumpstead. Due to commence on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for 6 hours whilst Openreach undertakes overhead and underground cabling.

The bridge at Poole Street, Gt. Yeldham A1017 – works are expected to continue until 23 March 2023.

\*Whilst outside the Braintree District, the roadworks map indicates a road closure with diversion on the B1054 (Hempstead) 9-11<sup>th</sup> November whilst Affinity Water undertakes works.

#### **Winter Warmth and Welcome Spaces Funding Applications Now Open**

Free money to keep warm, socialise and have some fun! This funding, through Essex County Council totals £100,000 for grants of up to £1,000 to support the provision of Winter Warmth and Welcome Spaces and activities for local communities in Essex. These can be the creation of new spaces and activities or to support existing ones. Open to a variety of groups; registered charities, unincorporated clubs or associations, small community groups, etc. Projects should be delivered and all funds spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Application form and guidance notes can be found at:

<https://ealc.gov.uk/winter-warmth-and-welcome-spaces-fund/>

#### **Homes for Ukraine Update**

Braintree District has over 200 Ukrainian guests staying with 90 sponsors, and many of these guests are coming to the end of their initial 6 month stay with their sponsor. BDC are managing the rematching of guests who need new homes with new sponsors and so are actively looking for new sponsors. Anybody who might be interested should contact Community Services. Any questions from the guests themselves can also be referred to the team.

#### **Garden Waste Collection**

**The garden waste collection is suspended during the winter months. The last collection this year is 21st November. It is scheduled to resume on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

#### **Defibrillator Grants – London Hearts**

Grants are available to fund Public Access Defibrillators in communities all over the country. London Hearts is a charity aiming to help and support communities with the provision of heart defibrillators and teaching CPR/defibrillator skills. They can provide a grant of £300 towards the cost of a defibrillator and storage as well as a free online training video:- <https://londonhearts.org/>

#### **Share Your Views on Healthcare**

The local NHS is asking people for their comments about proposals to offer fairer access to six healthcare services in mid and south Essex. In July 2022, a change in the law created a new organisation, NHS Mid and South Essex, to take over local healthcare planning from the five former clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) serving the area. These five organisations had been responsible for planning, buying and monitoring most local health services. While the majority of their policies were similar, six services had marked differences:

- Weight loss surgery (bariatric surgery)
- Correction for uneven breasts (breast asymmetry)
- Breast reduction
- Female sterilisation
- Vasectomy (male sterilisation)
- Special fertility services (intrauterine insemination or IUI for short, sperm and egg donation, and in-vitro fertilisation, usually called IVF)

Clinical experts in our area have looked at the latest evidence and practice for all six of these services, both nationally and locally, to ensure the local offer is high quality and safe. NHS Mid and South Essex has already met members of the groups most impacted by the proposals to seek advice on how best to shape the proposals. Dr Ronan Fenton, Medical Director for the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System, said, “To provide equitable access to services across mid and south Essex, we want a single policy for each one. “This is important as some residents within our health and care system currently don’t have the same access to these services as their neighbours do. The proposed changes to the services will correct that.

“We want to hear what our residents think of the plans so we can ensure we’re treating everyone fairly.”

The consultation runs from 31 October 2022 until 19 December 2022:-

<https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk/get-involved/how/consultations/>

### **Essex County Council – Early Years and Childcare Parent Survey – Share Your Views**

If you are a parent in Essex, please share your views by completing the early years and childcare parent survey. This questionnaire is for parents of children aged 0 – 19 years living in Essex, or up to 25 years if your child has special educational needs or disabilities. Essex County Council want to hear about your family’s experience of childcare in Essex so that they can gain a greater understanding of what childcare arrangements you make and if your childcare needs are being met. They also want to hear about your experiences of your child starting primary school and the impact Covid-19 had had on your child’s experiences. Your information is valued and will inform the 2022 childcare sufficiency assessment and the early years and childcare strategy:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/complete-our-early-years-and-childcare-parent-survey>

### **Essex County Council – Residents & Businesses invited to have say on 2023/24 Budget**

Against the current difficult fiscal backdrop, ECC is in the process of setting its own budget and is inviting businesses and residents to give their feedback on how public money should be spent in the coming financial year. The consultation is due to close Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. People can take part at:-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/residents-and-businesses-invited-to-have-say-on-ecc-2023-24-budget>

### **Braintree District Council 2023/24 Budget**

[Some aspects of the Council’s budget are scheduled to be discussed at the forthcoming Full Council meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December. Some financial information \(e.g. the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2022/23\) is available in the Governance and Audit Scrutiny Committee agenda for the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022:](#)

<https://braintree.cmis.uk.com>

**Cllr.** Diana Garrod

Braintree District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

### **APPENDIX B**

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
July '21	21/150	Update website	Cllr Kehr to review website
Oct '22	22/118	Obtain quotes for works for repairing wall on cricket ground	Cllr Kehr to action
Oct 2022	22/118	Contact Mr. Cox regarding securing play equipment to the ground – Waiting for quote	Clerk to action
Oct 2022	22/118	Drapers Lane notice board repairs	Clerk to action
Oct 2022	22/118	Speak to the PPT regarding install of cricket nets	Cllr Turner to action
Oct 2022	22/118	Contact BDC regarding playground repairs	Clerk to action
Oct 2022	22/118	Contact Cllr Schwier regarding highways issues	Clerk to action
Oct 2022	22/120	Review the Risk Register	Cllrs Kirkland, Etheridge and Kehr to action
Oct 2022	22/121	Update asset register	Cllr’s to review

**APPENDIX C**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Invoice</b>	<b>FPO/DD</b>	<b>Min Ref</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
Opening Balance							45,012.74			
	Employee	Salary - November	N/A	BACS				311.22		311.22
	Employee	Expenses - November salary back pay from	N/A	BACS				24.40		24.40
	Employee	May	N/A	BACS				37.44		37.44
	DRAX	Electricity	8596/97	DD				56.38	2.68	53.70
<b>Totals</b>								<b>429.44</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>426.76</b>
								<b>44,583.30</b>		