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Minutes of the **HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on **19th JUNE 2023 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
A. Meldrum	Parish Councillor	No
N. Nicholson	Parish Councillor	Yes
A. Parker	Parish Councillor	Yes
D. Garrod	District Councillor	No
P. Schwier	County Councillor	No
L. Brown	Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer	Yes

0 Members of public

23/42 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Meldrum, Cllr Etheridge

Resolution: Accept apologies for absence.

Proposed: Cllr Turner **Seconded:** Cllr Nicholson – unanimously agreed.

23/43 **Members' Declarations of interest**

None for this agenda.

23/44 **Public Forum**

None present.

23/45 **Minutes**

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th May 2023 as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Parker – unanimously agreed.

23/46 **District & County Councillors Reports**

(APPENDIX A)

Reports in appendix.

23/47 **Clerks Report** (APPENDIX B)

The Clerk explained when the code of conduct applies and when Cllrs should declare an interest and keep their register of interests up-to-date.

23/48 **Action Tracker** (APPENDIX C)

A letter was sent out regarding footpath 21. The Council received lots of replies from landowners. Another letter will be sent out.
Cllrs noted that the verges need cutting back.

23/49 **Finance** (APPENDIX D)

Resolution: Agree payments for this month.

Proposed: Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Nicholson – unanimously agreed.
Cllr Kehr appointed as authoriser.

23/49.1 **Grants**

Resolution: Grant of £50 to Stansted Airport Watch.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson **Seconded:** Cllr Kehr – unanimously agreed.

23/49.2 **Internal Audit Report**

Council received the internal audit report and approved the report.

23/49.3 **Annual Governance Return**

Resolution: Approve the Annual Governance Return and sign for 2022 – 2023.

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

22/49.4 **Annual Accountancy Return**

Resolution: Approve Annual Accountancy Return and sign for 2022 – 2023.

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

22/49.5 **Exemption Certificate**

Resolution: Agree to submit a certificate of exemption to the external auditor in acknowledgement with the internal audit report.

Proposed: Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Turner - unanimously agreed.

22/49.6 **Finance Committee**

Council decided that a finance committee is no longer required.

22/49.7 **Insurance Premium**

Resolution: Agree the new insurance premium of £510.62 from Ansvar for 2023/24.

Proposed: Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Cunningham – unanimously agreed.

23/50 **New Planning Applications**

Cllr Meldrum issued a statement regarding planning, which was read out during the meeting.

23/01133/FUL | Replacement timber frame barn | Slate Hall Farm Pale Green Haverhill Road Helions Bumpstead Essex CB9 7AF | Expiry Date: Wed 14 Jun 2023

- This application was considered by the council in a full meeting of the council and the council have no material objections so long as Class Q is removed. It was also noted that there seems to be an island of village envelope that could encourage ribbon development.

23/51 Flooding in the Village

Screens are clogged up again and need cleaning out. Previously cleared out by landowners. It is expected that Essex highways will come out in September and clear the screens. Cllr Kehr to follow up with Essex Flood Team regarding responsibility for pipes running under houses.

23/52 Playground

Clerk to chase Mr. Cox regarding securing playground equipment.

23/53 Highways and Footpaths

Clerk to contact the Haylock's and request they cut back the verges as soon as possible with a second cut in September/October. Verges to be cut in the first half of June and again in the autumn each year.

Potholes around the village have been identified and reported to Essex Highways. Footpath 61 is overgrown, and others are like to be in a similar state.

23/54 Handyman Fund Projects

Noticeboard and possibly the village green.

23/55 Solar Farms

The council are concerned about traffic but are enthusiastic regarding the prospect of energy generation.

23/56 Quiet Lane Sages End Rd

A notice come through and a sign has been erected.

23/57 Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda

Review emergency plan.

23/58 Date of the Next Meeting

10th of July @ 7:30 PM start.

23/59 Meeting Close @ 9:07 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

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APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report June 2023 to Parish Councils

(Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward)

Wethersfield Airfield & Housing Asylum Seekers

Braintree District Councils' appeal against the High Court's decision regarding the interpretation of Class Q and the refusal to grant the Council an injunction to stop the Home Office's proposals to provide accommodation for asylum seekers at Wethersfield Airfield will be heard on 12th June 2023. This will now be live streamed. The Court of Appeal 'live stream' certain proceedings to increase open justice and improve public access and understanding of the justice system. Live streaming is normally reserved for cases which are high profile and/or legally significant.

The hearing is listed all day and can be viewed via the judiciary's website here:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/court-of-appeal-home/the-court-of-appeal-civil-division-live-streaming-of-court-hearings/>

The video will also be accessible from this website after the hearing.

Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Forum 2023

The Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Forum is an annual event where anyone with an interest and passion for conserving and enhancing the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Stour Valley can come together to discuss a range of issues affecting the area. The event will take place on Thursday 14th September from 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm for light vegan refreshments) to 8:00pm with the option of a 'dark skies walk' afterwards. Our theme for this year is A National Landscape fit for the 21st century?

They have an outstanding range of speakers from the Farming in Protected Landscapes team, the National Trust and the voluntary sector via the Practical Actions for Climate and the Environment, Manningtree Group. Tickets are free, although a £5 donation is welcomed to cover costs. The full programme and booking details can be found: <https://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/dedhamvalestourvalley2023/>

Bramford to Twinstead Transmission Network Reinforcement

The application to reinforce the electricity transmission network between Bramford and Twinstead, that would include new development in the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. The developers' documents are available online. The AONB Partnership is likely to register as an Interested Party to ensure that it will be able to make representations on the proposals <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020002/documents>

Chairman of Braintree District Council

I am delighted to inform you that I have been appointed Chairman of Braintree District Council for 2023/24. The vote at the AGM on 25th May was unanimous. During my time in office, I will undertake many civic, traditional and social engagements; representing the Council at official events, meeting residents, community groups and businesses, promoting the aims and values of the Council. I would be delighted to receive invitations for events from the Bumpstead Ward and beyond!. This can be done by speaking to a member of the Civic Team at the Chairman's Office on 01376 551414 ext. 2006, or by email civic@braintree.gov.uk or by completing an invite form on the Council's website.



I have chosen to raise funds to support the charity The Salvation Army, a charity that began in 1865 and continues to offer practical help for people without discrimination, standing up for those who are vulnerable and fighting against injustice. They have a donation centre in Braintree.

Cllr. Diana Garrod
Braintree District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

APPENDIX B

Clerk's Report

Other News

I have attended a training session for the Code of Conduct, focusing on when is the code activated, councillors register of interests and when to declare an interest.

In short anytime a Cllr discusses council business online or face-to-face outside of a meeting the code will be active. If an item is raised during a meeting that affects a Cllr directly or indirectly, they should declare it and consider the public perception.

APPENDIX C

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
July '21	21/150	Update website	Cllr Kehr to review website
May '23	23/30	Drapers Lane notice board repairs – Getting more quotes	Ongoing
May '22	23/31	Speak to the PPT regarding install of cricket nets – Committee formed.	Cllr Turner Ongoing
May '23	23/31	Footpath 21 – write to landowners	Cllr Kehr to action
May '23	23/31	Report failing banks along Water Lane	Clerk to action

APPENDIX D
June

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							42,615.34			
	Employee	Salary - June	N/A	BACS				337.22		337.22
	Employee	Expenses - June	N/A	BACS				37.75		37.75
	Drax	Electricity	5736	DD				51.96	2.47	49.49
	RedSideUp	Printing	INV11679	BACS				330.00		330.00
	Malcolm Cox	Grass Cutting	55/56/57/58	BACS				350.00		350.00
	Malcolm Cox	Play Bark spreading	59	BACS				120.00		120.00
	Malcolm Cox	Grass Cutting	63/64/66/67	BACS				350.00		350.00
	CLlr Parker	Expenses	N/A	BACS				9.42		9.42
Totals								1,586.35	2.47	1,583.88
								41,028.99		