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Minutes of the **HELIONS BUMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on **11th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7:30 PM.**

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
S. Kehr	Chair	Yes
N. Turner	Vice Chair	Yes
S. Cunningham	Parish Councillor	Yes
R. Etheridge	Parish Councillor	Yes
A. Meldrum	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

3 Members of public

23/77 Apologies for Absence

None.

23/78 Members' Declarations of interest

None.

23/79 Public Forum

A member of the public brought up planning concerns with the district council's processes. A member of the council noted that errors made in the planning process by District Council planning department as mentioned by the member of the public, should be transparent.

The member of the public went through the situation with the District Cllr and Parish Council, with evidence suggesting that the District Council has supported a develop that does not seem to have planning approval or gone through due process.

- Clerk to send email requesting to call-in this planning application to DCllr.

23/80 Minutes

Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th July 2023 as a true record.

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

23/81 **District & County Councillors Reports** (Appendix A)

DCllr went through their report and highlighted the deadline for the early bird discount for green waste on the 30th of November.

A member of the council requested to know what is done with the waste – DCllr will investigate.

Full report can be found in the appendix.

Members of the council questioned the MacDonalds development, and questioned if it is in Helions Bumpstead and why weren't the Parish Council consulted.

A member of the council noted WASC had received a report of 1000's of pages on the contamination at the Wethersfield site and that a company has been brought in to do further tests.

23/82 **Clerks Report**

None.

23/83 **Action Tracker** (Appendix B)

See appendix.

Emergency Plan to go on Action Tracker.

23/84 **Finance** (Appendix C)

Resolution: Agree payment made in August.

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

Resolution: Agree payments for this month.

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

23/84.1 **Grants**

None received.

23/85 **New Planning Applications**

A member of the council noted that a planning application result included the councils request to remove class Q status, which the applicant seemed amenable to.

Cllrs noted the McDonalds development would have been rejected based on the location and increase in litter.

23/86 **Flooding in the Village**

Waiting to receive a response from the flood team, regarding Water Lane.

- Cllr Kehr to chase Head of highways to get a response.
- Cllr Parker to draft a letter regarding landowners regarding clearing watercourses.

23/87 **Playground**

All ok.

23/88 **Highways and Footpaths**

Cllr Kehr wrote to a landowner regarding an overgrown streetlight.

Footpath 21 is overgrown, but there is a working group going to attempt to clear and tidy it up.

Footpath 61 has a broken bridge, in a very bad state, it has been reported.

Pavement outside the church has been reported.

- Clerk to chase letter from Cllr Schwier (8th of April) regarding speed limits.

- Cllr Parker to forward report regarding bus services to go to the environment group in HB.

23/89 **Handyman Fund Projects**

None.

23/90 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Nicholson explained to the council the benefit of having a neighbourhood plan. The Clerk noted that although a NB plan is very beneficial it is also a lot of work and should not be taken on lightly.

- Cllr Kehr to contact Steeple Bumpstead Parish Council to get their experience.

23/91 **Stansted Noise Action Plan Consultation Response**

The NATS software is out of date, which seems to be why it is crashing, and negatively affecting noise pollution.

A member of the council questioned if the draft letter is an adequate response to the consultation.

Resolution: Cllr Kehr to acquire SAW report to see if it adds value before final letter.

Proposed: Cllr Kehr **Seconded:** Cllr Meldrum

23/92 **Matters to be Raised by Members for the Next Agenda**

Energy Concerns for the future in the village. Emergency Plan.

23/93 **Date of the Next Meeting**

09th of October.

23/94 **Meeting Close** @ 9:47 PM

Signed.....

Dated.....

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APPENDIX A

District Councillor's Report to Parish Councils October 2023

Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward

Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders & Roadworks

Intended closures of Chapel Street, Haverhill Road, Finchingfield Road, Old Hall Road, Eggshell Lane, Cornish Hall End, Little London Hill, Steeple Bumpstead, due to commence on 9th October 2023 for 16 days whilst Essex County Council undertakes surface dressing. Details at: <https://one.network/?tm=135615331>

Intended closures of Bumpstead Road, Haverhill Road due to commence on 9th October 2023 for 3 days whilst Essex County Council undertakes carriageway patching.

Details at: <https://one.network/?tm=135630916>

Intended closure of Kedington Road, Water Lane, Sturmer, due to commence on 25th October 2023 for 3 days whilst Essex County Council undertakes carriageway patching.

Details at: <https://one.network/?tm=135299544>

Traffic control from 28th September to 22nd October 2022 for highway alterations on the A1017 at Church Road, Gt Yeldham (at the ‘pinch-point’, corner of the new development). Delays likely.

Intended closure of Braintree Road, Halstead Road, Queen Street, Potter Street, Swan Street, Sible Hedingham, due to commence on 15th January 2024 for 6 days whilst Essex CC undertakes machine resurfacing. Details at: <https://one.network/?tm=135750313>

Fly-Tipping (1st quarter performance report – 1st April to 30th June 2023)

309 fly-tips were cleared within 24 hours of being reported. Braintree District Council continues to take a proactive approach to fly-tipping, investigating all reports received and issuing fixed penalty notices or prosecuting where possible.

Homelessness (1st quarter performance report – 1st April to 30th June 2023)

53 cases of homelessness were prevented through various interventions by the council’s housing team. Working in partnership with local organisations and charities, support continues to be provided to support those who are/are at risk of rough sleeping, rough sleepers through their transition from the streets and into sustainable accommodation, access mental health services, emergency beds and funding to help rent deposits.

Affordable Homes (1st quarter performance report – 1st April to 30th June 2023)

77 affordable homes were delivered in the first quarter and is well on its way to achieving the target of 250 affordable homes by March 2024.

Rural Prosperity Fund – Open for Applications

Grants between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for the execution of capital projects in rural areas. Businesses and organisations can visit www.braintree.gov.uk/ruralprosperityfund to find out more about the scheme, criteria and application process.

RAAC – Steeple Bumpstead Primary School

It is indeed disappointing that our local primary school has been affected by the RAAC problem. Essex County Council advertises that all pupils are now receiving face-to-face learning. BDC informed me there was RAAC found in some classrooms and non-teaching spaces. ECC had previously installed structural mitigations in the classrooms, but a small area of non-teaching space without the mitigation in place has been closed off until mitigation works are completed.

The ECC website is update weekly: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2023/raac-schools-updated-list>

Housing Options Briefings at BDC

Braintree District Council offer free Housing Briefings throughout 2023. There are places available on the Housing Options Briefing being held on Tuesday 17th October 2023, at 9.30 a.m. at Causeway House in Committee Room 2. The briefing explains how BDC works with people in the Braintree District who may be at risk of homelessness. Major changes in legislation relating to homelessness were introduced in 2018; the Housing Options briefing will explain the new duties and how things have changed for the team and customers alike. The briefings are aimed at BDC staff, District and Parish Councillors and staff/volunteers from other organisations involved in housing and associated services. They are ideal for new starters as well as those looking for a refresh on these topic areas.

If you are unable to attend this Housing Options Briefing but would like to hear about other sessions, contact angela.tame@braintree.gov.uk.

Planning Consultation on Anaerobic Digestion Facility (Withersfield, SUFFOLK)

Suffolk County Council – Application number SCC/0045/23SE

Planning officer at Suffolk CC: Mr Andrew Rutter

Land to the north of Spring Grove Farm, Withersfield.

Proposal: Construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility, associated infrastructure and new access road, connecting pipeline and covered digestate lagoons.

<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0045%2F23SE>

Acorn are expected to have another public consultation meeting in late October/Early November. The MOA steering/campaign group are holding a public meeting at the EpiCentre on Friday 20th October, 7pm. The group requested an extension to the consultation period, which currently ends on 26th October. The Planning Officer advised ‘... I am anticipating a further round of public consultation will be required in late 2023 and I will be happy to accept representations from members of the public until the day of committee.’ (This is not expected before February 2024).

Job Fairs

Saturday 7th October 2023 9.30am to 12.30pm at Braintree District Council offices in Causeway House, Braintree, CM7 9HB. The event will feature a range of different employers from various industries recruiting for roles, located locally and across Essex.

Tuesday 10th October 2023 10am to 2pm at Raddison Blu Hotel, London Stansted Airport, Stansted, CM24 1PP. Email for details about free transport and parking: employment.academy@stanstedairport.com

Ice Rink coming to Braintree Shopping Village this Winter

Expected from 9 November until 7 January 2024. Keep an eye on Braintree Village’s [website](#) and [social media](#) for updates.

Councillor Community Grant: Please advise your local groups

For projects that benefit residents of their ward. Any ‘not for profit’ organisation can apply for a grant. These may include: Registered Charities, Constituted ‘not for profit’ Community or Voluntary Groups, Parochial Church Councils (anything that benefits the wider community), Social Enterprises e.g., Community Interest Company, Co-operative, Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committees, Town & Parish Councils (anything that is not an ordinary or existing activity/function or a statutory obligation or duty and benefits the wider community), Schools (anything that is not statutory/curriculum based and benefits the wider community)

The Guidance Booklet for this can be found at:

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/homepage/83/councillors-community-grants-scheme-guidance>

Cllr. Diana Garrod

Braintree District Councillor - Bumpstead Ward

APPENDIX B

Action Tracker

Council Meeting	Reference	Details	Status
July '23	23/66	Update website – clerk give access to Chairman	Cllr Kehr to review website
July '23	23/66	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
July '23	23/72	Contact Mr. Cox to weed village green path	Clerk to action

APPENDIX C
September

Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	FPO/DD	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening Balance							38,631.18	-		-
	Employee	Salary - September	N/A	BACS				337.22		337.22
	Employee	Expenses - September	N/A	BACS				20.40		20.40
	Drax	Electricity	68946/75679	DD				56.40	2.68	53.72
	Cloud Next	Website hosting	204565	BACS				119.98	19.99	99.99
Totals								534.00	22.67	511.33
								38,097.18		