

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the ONLINE meeting held on Monday 11th January 2021 using Zoom

Present:

Parish Cllrs: *Cllr A Lyster (Chairman), Cllr D Holland (vice Chairman),
Cllr T Humphreys, Cllr A Scattergood, Cllr A Burns,
Cllr A Smart, Cllr L Wotton.*

District Cllr: *Cllr W Scattergood*

County Cllr: *Cllr D Finch*

Clerk: *Mrs S Boydell*

Members of Public: none

87.2020/2021 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Cracknell

88.2020/2021 Declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr A Burns – Phone mast Ryes Lane

Cllr L Wotton – HGV's on Pebmarsh Road

Cllr A Scattergood – relationship with Cllr W Scattergood

89.2020/2021 Approval of Minutes

November minutes were proposed by Cllr A Scattergood and seconded by Cllr D Holland; all those present at the November meeting were in agreement. December minutes were proposed by Cllr A Burns and seconded by Cllr D Holland; all those present at the December meeting were in agreement.

90.2020/2021 Public Speaking

Discussion ensued regarding flooding and a hole in the road; the response from Highways was noted. Clerk to add link to website for reporting Highways issues. A recently erected telegraph pole that may have disrupted drainage was discussed – Cllr L Wotton is in the process of reporting this but would also ask local residents to be vigilant Clerk to contact Cllr D Finch on the issues.

91.2020/2021 District/County Councillors Report

Cllr Wendy Scattergood

Cllr Scattergood had technical issues so was unable to join the meeting and provide her report, however, if possible, the report will be emailed to the clerk for circulation.

Cllr David Finch

There has been a significant increase in issues in the County and the Country regarding COVID-19. There will be vaccine centres across Essex and information will be circulated. The council is mindful of budget due to large number of employees furloughed and an increased number of people laid off and claiming Universal Credit – leaving a gap in the council tax and business rates collected. There are additional allowances for food and fuel to help people in the area suffering from food and or fuel poverty – a link will be sent to the clerk to circulate.

Cllr Holland brought the current work of campaign group Stour Valley Underground to Cllr Finches attention stating that they were engaging with both the local MP and ECC officers on issues pertaining both to nationally and locally significant energy infrastructure developments. These matters have potential to significantly impact the countryside within this PC's area.

Cllr A Smart highlighted free e-learning he has completed via the NHS regarding the virus – Clerk to forward this on to Cllr D Finch.

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92.2020/2021 Clerks Report – all items noted.

Clerk to update some contact details on emergency plan.

Discussion regarding Website and Facebook – suggestion to signpost to Essex County Council, Braintree District Council etc. to facilitate self-service and reduce pressure on clerk. Noted that to increase Facebook profile the Parish Council needs to publicise the work that it does on the website and then link to it from Facebook.

93.2020/2021 Planning

a) Land Adjacent To Village Hall Clay Hill Great Henny Essex

Construction of one and a half storey detached dwelling house, workshop and tool shed, access, parking, landscaping and associated development.

Ref.No:20/01666/FUL|Recd:Wed 07 Oct 2020|Validated:Wed 07 Oct 2020

Agreed Response:

HMTPC provide this further response in recognition of the revised proposals RE:

20/01666/FUL | Construction of one and a half storey detached dwelling house, tool shed, access, parking, landscaping and associated development | Land Adjacent To Village Hall Clay Hill Great Henny Essex.

HMTPC hold that the revisions to do little or nothing to address the significant issues that we have cited in our original strong objection. Further, that no revision can address the fact that the site is not appropriate for residential development for reasons that include existing drainage / flooding issues and the fact that the geology of the site renders it impossible for soakaways to function effectively within the bounds of the site.

b) Woodland House The Street Middleton Essex CO10 7LW

Single Storey Side Extension & Porch

Ref. No: 20/02000/HH | Received: Fri 27 Nov 2020 | Validated: Fri 27 Nov 2020 | Expiry for Comments: 04/01/2021

The Parish Council supports this application.

94.2020/2021 2020/21 Phone Mast

There was no new information to report at this time.

95.2020/2021 Local Plan

There was no information to report at this time.

96.2020/2021 Open Spaces

Twinstead Village Green to be noted on the Open Spaces Plan. Parish Council to report to the clerk with any more information to add before the deadline at the end of January 2021.

97.2020/2021 Village Halls

Cllr A Smart noted the repairs that were necessary on the defib box. Also reports of an unpleasant smell from the village hall have been reported – it is thought this is due to damp. Cllr D Holland and Cllr A Smart proposed contacting the village hall committee to facilitate organising a zoom meeting for the village hall committee to remedy their current issues.

98.2020/2021 Parish Council Finance

a) Finance report noted and agreed.

b) The Chairman is working with Lloyds to add the clerk to online banking. Cllr Lyster, Cllr Holland and Cllr Humphreys are all able to get online.

c) All in agreement to set up a direct debit for the Information Commissioners Office annual payment to reduce the payment amount from £40 to £35.

d) The budget was discussed and altered to enable the precept to remain the same as 2020/21. The new precept for £9,756 was proposed by Cllr A Scattergood, seconded by Cllr D Holland and agreed by all. Clerk to organise the signing and submission of the relevant paperwork.

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99.2020/2021 Items for the next agenda

*Email & email address policy.
Process of clerk dealing with phone calls.
Update on clerk's pension.
Update on Financial Regulations.
Update on Village Halls.
Grass Cutting Contract.
Drainage issues.*

100.2020/2021 Meeting Dates

To confirm – All Parish Council meetings are still to be held online until otherwise advised by the Government of changes to the new temporary legislation.

8th March 2021

10th May 2021 – Annual General Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting

12th July 2021

13th September 2021

8th November 2021

It was noted that the next item was not confidential, therefore the meeting was not closed to the public and the clerk did not leave.

101.2020/2021 Human Resources

- a) Chairman to contact Braintree District Council Human Resources department to seek advice going forward.*
- b) Clerk to investigate and implement pension and for it to be backdated to 1st April 2020.*
- c) Chairman proposed Tesco Mobile contract for £8.50 per month. Cllr D Holland seconded and all in agreement.*

Meeting closed 10:26pm