

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th July 2022

Present:

Parish Cllrs: *Cllr D Holland (Chairman), Cllr T Humphreys (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr M Cracknel, Cllr A Burns, Cllr A Scattegood*

District Cllr: *none*

County Cllr: *Cllr P Schweir*

Clerk: *Mrs S Boydell*

Members of Public: *None*

AGENDA

1.2022/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Smart

2.2022/2023 Declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr A Scattergood married to District Cllr W Scattergood.

3.2022/2023 Approval of Minutes

All members of the Parish Council in agreement with the minutes from the last Parish Council meeting.

4.2022/2023 Public Speaking – No public speaking requests.

5.2022/2023 District/County Councillors Report

Cllr Peter Schweir

Update on work Essex County Council has been doing, including e scooters, waste strategy, council tax, Ukrainian updates and fibre broadband into rural areas. Three quarters of a million pounds to be spent on tourism in Essex. Clerk to email Cllr Schweir to ask when roads will be resurfaced as indicated some years ago by Cllr David Finch.

6.2022/2023 Clerks Report – all items noted.

7.2022/2023 Planning - Current Planning Applications for objection or approval

- a) *National Grid – BDC Local Application, Pylons National DCO Application & East Anglian Green pylon line proposal (in addition to the B2T) – chairman to update*
Chairman reported that National Grid had rejected the PC's proposals for mitigations to reduce the amenity impact of the substation. Chairman also reported that within the EAG proposals from NG there is the threat that if the route does not pass across the AONB, then it could pass through our parishes.

8.2022/2023 Annual Reviews

- a) *PC agreed no changes to current Standing Orders*
b) *PC agreed to continue with all current role allocations.*
c) *Vice Chairman Cllr Tim Humphries to implement the annual appraisal of the Parish Clerk.*

9.2022/2023 Highways Issues

It was agreed that the reduction in cuts of roadside verges has created a significant safety risk to road users, particularly with respect to vision splays on rural road junctions. The Council resolved to make representations to the appropriate District and County Councillors along with council officers with a view to remediating this issue.

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10.2022/2023 Village Items

PC pleased with progress RE Village Green maintenance. PC expressed gratitude for the work of the designated group of volunteers who are working to improve the area in the vicinity of the Pump and Village sign.

- a) *PC agreed that defibrillator training was not required and to ask residents views on a defibrillator in Henny, clerk to use Facebook to find out opinion of parishioners.*
- b) *To discuss rewinding and wildlife initiatives – this was discussed in a)*
- c) *PC to advertise for new Parish Councillors.*

11.2022/2023 Parish Council Finance

- a) *Payments noted*

The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

06/05/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
06/05/22	Bank Transfer	Freethought Internet invoice 44109	£30.00
06/5/22	Bank Transfer	Audit Fee	£100.00
06/05/22	Bank Transfer	Middleton PCC booking fee for meeting	£10.00
06/05/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's expenses Mar & Apr 2022	£39.99
06/05/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary May 2022	£585.55
09/05/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50
16/05/22	Bank Transfer	Insurance Policy	£210.67
31/05/22	Bank Transfer	Philip Liverton Grass Cutting	£108.00
08/06/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50
08/06/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
15/06/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary June 2022	£621.82
06/07/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
08/07/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50

Income received prior to meeting:

26/05/22	Braintree District Council	Street Cleaning Agreement	£617.60
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- b) *Annual grants (village halls and churchyard maintenance) to be discussed at November meeting*

12.2022/2023 Items for next agenda

- *The future of Twinstead Village Green*
- *Responding to the written resident request for reconsideration of the issue regarding parking on the Village Green, the PC determined that there has been no material change regarding parking on Twinstead Village Green since this was last discussed. The PC therefore determined that this item need not be on the agenda until a change of material considerations necessitate it.*
- *Grants to village halls, churchyards etc to be discussed at November 2022 meeting.*
- *Highways Issues – pot holes / damaged roads & verges*
- *Co-option of new councillors if applicable*

13.2022/2023 Meeting Dates

12th September 2022