

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022

Present:

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

District Cllr: *none*

County Cllr: *none*

Clerk: *Mrs S Boydell*

Members of Public: *None*

MINUTES

29.2022/2023 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Burns, Cllr W Scattergood, Cllr P Schwier

30.2022/2023 Declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr A Scattergood married to District Cllr W Scattergood.

31.2022/2023 Approval of Minutes

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

32.2022/2023 Public Speaking – discussed item 7b)

33.2022/2023 District/County Councillors Report

None present, however, Cllr P Schwier's updates (emailed and posted on Facebook) were noted. The Parish Council discussed that the reports are very informative and would suffice in future rather than a verbal version of the same, thus allowing time whilst the County Councillor is present, to help answer any questions that the Parish Council might have.

34.2022/2023 Clerks Report – all items noted.

35.2022/2023 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
All in agreement for Chairman to draft response, to then be agreed via email, after discussions with Lamarsh & Alphamstone Parish Council regarding their view on the matter.*
- b) *PC discussed planning 21/02160 Erection of stable buildings and construction of manege at great length, concluding that this PC should have been made aware of this application such that it could respond to the public planning consultation prior to consent. Residents would also have benefitted from prior knowledge of the number and size of HGVs travelling to the site on Twinstead's narrow and protected lanes past parishioners' homes in order to modify their use of the lanes in the interests of safety.*

36.2022/2023 Annual Reviews

- a) *PC agreed for Clerk to circulate emergency plan to Cllr T Humphries and Cllr A Scattergood to review.*
- b) *PC agreed to cease using current paid email / hosting and revert to using free website and email addresses e.g. Gmail.*

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37.2022/2023 Highways Issues

Chairman updated Council regarding meeting with a Highways Officer and our County Councillor to view the lanes in and around Twinstead. No response has yet been received and Chairman has now chased this with County Cllr Peter Schwier. The reduced cutting of roadside verges in the villages was discussed. Councillors questioned both the comprehensiveness of the risk assessments in rural areas used to make the decision to trial to reduce cuts, also that the trial was extended without due examination of initial trial outputs and democratic process before extending the trial – Chairman to request to view the risk assessments and initial trial outputs used using Freedom of Information Act. The bridge at Henny requiring repairs will be reported.

38.2022/2023 Village Items

- PC agreed that the water pump on Twinstead village green requires painting, recementing and refurbishing – Chairman and Cllr A Smart to work on this.
- PC gathered residents' views on the future of Twinstead Village Green and the majority of responses were to leave it as it is. This council resolves that Twinstead Village Green remains as it is, i.e., a predominantly open space set to mown greensward with a small number of trees near its edges.
- PC continues to advertise for new Parish Councillors.

39.2022/2023 Parish Council Finance

- Payments noted

The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

18/07/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary July 2022	£621.62
18/07/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk expenses May & June	£30.90
20/07/22	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£11.02
22/07/22	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£11.02
04/08/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
08/08/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50
08/08/22	Bank Transfer	Friends of All Saints Middleton Annual Village Hall Grant	£85.00
08/08/22	Bank Transfer	Friends of All Saints Middleton Litter Picking	£150.00
08/08/22	Bank Transfer	Middleton PCC Churchyard Maintenance	£70.00
08/08/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary August 2022	£619.02
10/08/22	Bank Transfer	Henny Parish Room Annual Village Hall Grant	£85.00
02/09/22	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£5.51
06/09/22	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
08/09/22	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£8.50
08/09/22	Direct Debit	ICO annual payment	£35.00
12/09/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary September 2022	£496.42
12/09/22	Bank Transfer	Clerk expenses July & August	£25.40
16/09/22	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£173.30

Note: NEST contributions were incorrect from 1st April (historically these were a total of £41.18 per month combined for employer and employee) and have been rectified by a larger contribution from both the employer and the employee; the Clerk's September salary is considerably less due to the pension deduction which was then included in the payment to NEST on 16/09/22.

40.2022/2023 Items for next agenda

- Grants to village halls, churchyards etc to be discussed at November 2022 meeting.
- Vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road
- Co-option of new councillors if applicable

41.2022/2023 Meeting Dates

14th November 2022, 16th January 2023, 13th March 2023, 15th May 2023, 10th July 2023

Meeting closed 21:05