# The Hennys, Middleton & Twinstead Parish Council

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## **Clerk's Report**

### Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Henny Parish Rooms

#### Minutes

Clerk prepared and circulated minutes of the last meeting to present to the full council for agreement.

#### Website & Facebook Page

The Clerk has been maintaining and updating the PC's website and Facebook page with relevant information including a link to Highways website to report relevant issues.

#### Planning

The Clerk submitted planning comments as agreed by the full Parish Council at the last meeting. The clerk raised the 2 trees with potential TPO's relating to planning 23/00478/LBC. Some of the comments that were submitted via the Braintree District Council planning portal on their website did not appear, the Clerk contacted Braintree District Council to resolve the issue and the comments were instated.

#### Signposting

The Clerk assisted members of the public with finding information required.

#### **Payments**

Clerk ensured that all required payments were made, including hall payments and litter picks.

#### **Street Cleansing Agreement**

Clerk liaised with Braintree District Council to confirm litter picks in the area and any issues that have been reported. A new invoice was raised for the annual street cleaning payment from Braintree District Council.

#### **Annual Accounts**

Clerk finalised the end of year accounts for the Parish Council in preparation for the internal audit.

#### **External Audit**

Clerk filled in and submitted the Certificate of Exemption to PKF Littlejohn, the appointed external auditor.

#### **Internal Audit**

Clerk booked to meet with the internal auditor and the audit was carried out on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Clerk organised the relevant paperwork to present to the Parish Council at the May meeting.

ANNUAL CALENDAR	
January	Parish Council Meeting
	Submit demand for precept to Braintree District Council
March	Parish Council Meeting
	Annual Parish Meeting
April	Internal Audit
May	Parish Council Meeting
	Approve Accounts and Internal Audit
	Election of Chairman (alternate years)
July	Parish Council Meeting
	Review Standing Orders
	Review Councillor Individual Roles
	Clerk Annual Appraisal / Review
	<ul> <li>Process and distribute Annual Grants (Village Hall &amp; Churchyard Maintenance)</li> </ul>
September	Parish Council Meeting
	Review Emergency Plan
November	Parish Council Meeting
	Overview of Budget and Budget Review
	Review of Contractors