

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th July 2023

Present:

Parish Cllrs: *Cllr T Humphreys (Chairman), Cllr D Holland
Cllr A Scattergood, Cllr L Boydell, Cllr M Cracknell*
District Cllr: *Cllr D Holland*
County Cllr: *none*
Clerk: *Mrs S Boydell*
Members of Public: One

MINUTES

16.2023/2024 Apologies for absence

Cllr A Smart, Cllr A Burns, Cllr Peter Schwier

17.2023/2024 Co-option of New Councillor

All in favour of Mo Baker joining the Parish Council

ACTION: Clerk to organise relevant paperwork

18.2023/2024 Declarations of interest on agenda items

None

19.2023/2024 Approval of Minutes

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

ACTION: Clerk to post agreed minutes on website

20.2023/2024 Public Speaking

The Parish Council was joined by Police Community Offices John and Jo, who attended to introduce themselves – they cover Halstead and surrounding areas (41 villages).

21.2023/2024 District/County Councillors Report

County Councillor Peter Schwier noted in his email giving his apologies that the updates he provides via email should be noted.

District Councillor David Holland noted that nothing significant to report but will update further in the planning section.

22.2023/2024 Clerks Report – noted

23.2023/2024 Planning – Including Current Planning Applications for objection or approval

- a) *Cllr Holland will visit the building in Henny that appears to have no planning permission, to establish if it could be any cause for concern and if it should be reported.*
ACTION: DH to look into whether there is a planning enforcement issue at this site.

- b) **Demolition of existing farm buildings, erection of 1No. single storey 4-bedroom dwelling with landscaping and associated works.**
*Dove House Farm Amos Hill Great Henny Essex CO10 7NQ
Ref. No: 23/01340/FUL
The Parish Council supports the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings, however, there are serious concerns over the total demolition and rebuilding of a substantial property, there is also serious concern over the excess use of glazing, lastly, there are serious concerns that the removal of the current evergreen trees will diminish the current screening they provide, as the new trees indented to be planted are slower growing native trees.*
ACTION: Clerk to upload the above comment to the BDC portal

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- c) **Single storey rear extension.**
Glenwood The Street Middleton Essex CO10 7LW
Ref. No: 23/01301/HH
In line with our long standing policy to support right minded development from our parishioners this Parish Council supports this application.
ACTION: Clerk to upload the above comment to the BDC portal
- d) **NATIONAL GRID UPDATE** – DH updated the Parish Council regarding a recent planning application from National Grid, for variations to the planning consent granted for the Butlers Wood Substation, with the key Variation (2) to reduce the footprint of the substation.

24.2023/2024 Highways Issues

- a) Clerk to chase report to Essex Highways regarding wildlife damage / debris on the roads.
ACTION: Clerk to chase
- b) Clerk to chase report to Essex Highways regarding the potentially hazardous pond adjacent to Pebmarsh Road in Twinstead.
ACTION: Clerk to chase

25.2023/2024 Village Items

- a) The Parish Council has been informed that the issue regarding motorbikes on Byway 13 is a police matter and therefore is unable to proceed further.
- b) The Parish Council discussed the parking on Twinstead Village Green and agreed that no further action was required.
- c) The Parish Council discussed the best position in Henny for a new dog bin.
ACTION: Clerk to begin an application
- d) The Henny Swan has produced new signage to help with the issue of too many people parking adjacent to the pub, therefore further discussion on this matter is not required.
- e) Cllr Scattergood presented a draft letter to be sent to residents explaining the decision to apply for a 40mph limit between Bures and Middleton.
ACTION: Cllr Scattergood and Chairman to finalise letter to distribute to residents in Henny, also to be distributed on social medial, noticeboards, parish magazine. Letter to be agreed over email.

ACTION: Parish Council (Chairman) arrange to meet with Lamarsh & Alphamestone Parish Council, Bures Hamlet Parish Council and Peter Schweir.
- f) Cllr Smart will carry out a survey on the vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road.
ACTION: Cllr Alan Smart to carry out survey
- g) Chase damaged bridge reports – reiterate that it is a serious hazard due to increased popularity. Another plank is rotten and risk of injury is high.
ACTION: Clerk to chase reports

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26.2023/2024 General Power of Competence

It was resolved that The Hennys, Middleton & Twinstead Parish Council, having met the criteria according to the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Council's (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, and are now therefore eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

27.2023/2024 Parish Council Finance

a) *Payments noted*

ACTION: Clerk to resend insurance documents to Cllr Scattergood

The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

23/05/23	Bank Transfer	Clerk's expenses March & April	£51.40
05/05/23	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
09/05/23	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£9.72
23/05/23	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary May 2023	£498.33
23/05/23	HMRC	PAYE	£231.43
06/06/23	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
08/06/23	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£9.72
13/06/23	Bank Transfer	Community Action Suffolk/Ansvar Insurance: Annual Premium	£316.97
13/06/23	HMRC	PAYE	£26.14
13/06/23	Bank Transfer	M J Baker Accountancy – Internal Audit Fee	£120.00
22/06/23	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary June 2023	£498.33

28.2023/2024 Items for next agenda

- *Report on proposal of 40mph speed limit on Henny Street*
- *Report on vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road*
- *Dog poo bin update*
- *Pond issue on Pebmarsh Road, Twinstead*
- *Wildlife damage to highway*
- *Damaged Bridges*
- *Henny Building / camping pod*

29.2023/2024 Meeting Dates

21st September 2023, 16th November 2023, 18th January 2024

Meeting Closed 21:25