

# The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Present:**

**Parish Cllrs:** *Cllr D Holland (Chairman), Cllr A Scattergood (Vice Chairman),  
Cllr L Boydell, Cllr T Humphreys.*

**District Cllr:** *Cllr D Holland*

**County Cllr:** *none*

**Clerk:** *Shelley Boydell*

**Members of Public:** *none*

## **MINUTES**

### **13.2024/2025 Apologies for absence**

*Cllr Mo Baker, Cllr A Burns, Cllr M Cracknell, Cllr Peter Schwier, Cllr A Smart,*

### **14.2024/2025 Declarations of interest on agenda items**

*Cllr D Holland also District Councillor*

### **15.2024/2025 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***

### **16.2024/2025 Public Speaking**

*No public present*

### **17.2024/2025 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 reported on the planning requirements with respect to "biodiversity net gain" for new developments demands at least a 10% gain in the biodiversity of a development site. If this cannot be delivered on-site, then off-site delivery may be permissible and this could be an option for farmland use in these Parishes. In another policy development, the currently under consultation Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy could see change of rural land use locally as Government seek to increase the percentage of UK land dedicated to supporting nature recovery and environmental objectives rise from circa 14% currently to a target of 30% by 2030. Cllr Holland pointed out that this again presents a potential for significant change to land use and landscape character alongside other new land usage demands including those from the Energy Industry.*

### **18.2024/2025 Clerks Report**

*Report noted*

### **19.2024/2025 Planning – Including Current Planning Applications for objection or approval**

*a) National Grid – no update*

### **20.2024/2025 Highways Issues**

*a) No update from ECC on the proposal for a 40mph speed limit between Middleton and Bures, it was noted that new 40mph limits have been recently put in in both Colchester and Suffolk. PC agreed to remove this item from the agenda until there is a relevant update to report.*

*b) No update regarding vehicle speed and increased traffic on Pebmarsh Road. PC agreed to remove this item from the agenda until there is a relevant update to report.*

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## 21.2024/2025 Village Items

- a) *Additional Defibrillator(s) – Chairman put a survey on social media to gauge local residents views on an additional defibrillator but no responses were received. In the post there was a map of the current defibrillators in the area and the locations. Chairman will put another survey in the Parish Magazine to gain the opinion of local residents.*

## 22.2024/2025 Parish Council Finance

- a) All payments noted.

### The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

06/03/24	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
28/02/24	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£75.91
19/02/24	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary February 2024	£619.87
08/02/24	Direct Debit	Tesco monthly phone bill	£9.72
06/02/24	Direct Debit	Monthly Payroll	£9.00
24/01/24	Bank Transfer	Clerk expenses Nov & Dec	£31.55
24/01/24	Bank Transfer	HMRC PAYE	£325.04
18/01/24	Direct Debit	Payment to NEST Pension (employer & employee)	£75.91
15/01/24	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Salary January 2024	£594.87

- b) *Standing Orders reviewed and no changes required.*
- c) *PC agreed that all councillors work on all areas together rather than delegating individual roles.*
- d) *Cllr T Humphreys to carry out Clerk's annual appraisal / review prior to next meeting in September 2024.*
- e) *PC agree to continue annual grants as follows: Each of the three village halls, in Great Henny, Middleton and Twinstead, will receive an annual £85 grant, each of the churchyards will receive an annual £70 grant towards churchyard maintenance, lastly, each of the three villages, Great Henny, Middleton and Twinstead, will receive an annual litter picking grant of £150.*

## 23.2024/2025 Items for next agenda

## 24.2024/2025 Meeting Dates

*19<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

*Meeting Closed 21:32*