

The Hennys, Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024

Present:

Parish Cllrs: *Cllr D Holland (Chairman), Cllr A Scattergood (Vice Chairman),
Cllr M Cracknell, Cllr L Boydell, Cllr T Humphreys. Cllr A Burns Cllr Mo Baker,
Cllr A Smart*

District Cllr: *Cllr D Holland*

County Cllr: *none*

Clerk: *Shelley Boydell*

Members of Public: *one*

MINUTES

25.2024/2025 Apologies for absence

Cllr Peter Schwier

26.2024/2025 Declarations of interest on agenda items

Cllr D Holland also District Councillor

27.2024/2025 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

28.2024/2025 Public Speaking

Nothing raised

29.2024/2025 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 that it was refreshing that Braintree District Council's local plan did not list any land in this parish that has been put up for consideration, the completion of the plan has been extended to December 2026. Other items discussed included land allocation, Essex nature recovery and biodiversity net gain and solar farm applications.

30.2024/2025 Clerks Report

Report noted

31.2024/2025 Planning – Including Current Planning Applications for objection or approval

a) National Grid – no update

It was noted that not all of the planning applications in the area have gone into the Parish Council's Consultee in-box – clerk to investigate.

Fence at Henny Cottage – Cllr Holland to draft response to be agreed via email and then for clerk to submit.

Query re planning enforcement shrublands, Great Henny.

32.2024/2025 Highways Issues

Query re verge cutting – confirmation that this is the responsibility of Essex Highways. Chairman report re Weeds Act 1959 as vehicle movement is spreading ragwort to new locations.

Report Loshs Lane – heading to be unpassable

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Church Road Twinstead, a resident jet washed and cleaned the drain near the village hall and requested half payment from ECC, they said no but Highways came out to investigate, DH spoke to them, Underground drain pipe is blocked due to water from nearby field, which is being drained onto the road with silt. ECC will contact land owner to organise fixing.

Footpath 22 near Loshs Marsh totally impassable – report this and explore possibility of HMTPC getting footpath cutting grants.

33.2024/2025 Village Items

- a) *The PC cannot fund enough defibrillators to cover the whole area of the Parish Council, however, they would urge local organisations to sponsor these wherever possible. Cllr Boydell has discussed this idea with The Henny Swan and it is currently under consideration.*

34.2024/2025 Councillor Contact Details

Clerk to look into legislation and give Councillors the option to have their details online.

35.2024/2025 Parish Council Finance

- a) All payments noted.

The following payments have been met prior to meeting:

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| 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) *Clerk to update Emergency Plan for review at November meeting*
c) *Cllr Humphreys to update Financial Regulations for consideration at November meeting.*
d) *Clerk and Cllr Smart to update Risk Assessments for consideration at November meeting.*
e) *Cllr Humphreys completed and reported on Clerk's appraisal – very positive.*

36.2024/2025 Items for next agenda

Consider pond restoration funded by Natural England

37.2024/2025 Meeting Dates

13th November 2024

Meeting Closed 21:19