

The Hennys', Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 at Henny Parish Room (HPR)

Present: Parish Cllrs T. Humphreys (Chairman), J. Symonds, A. Lyster, M. Cracknell,
A. Scattergood, County Cllr D. Finch, District Cllr W. Scattergood,

164.2018/19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A. Smart

165.2018/19 Public Speaking

In reply to a question posed by a Twinstead resident Patrick McKenna – supported by V. Nott, owner of Twinstead Wood - gave an update on the progress of work at Twinstead Wood and the need for a woodland shelter. He was advised by DCllr W. Scattergood to contact Braintree planning for clarification on this matter. This item will be on the next agenda.

Mr G. Stuteley asked for an update on the mobile mast in Twinstead, see note under Planning. Val Mann showed a possible interest in becoming a Parish Cllr for Twinstead.

166.2018/19 Declarations of Interest on agenda items below

A. Scattergood, husband of DCllr w. Scattergood

167.2018/19 Approval of minutes

Minutes approved and signed off by The Chairman for February meeting

168.2018/19 Matters arising

None

169.2018/19 District/County Councillors' reports

DCllr W. Scattergood – mindful of upcoming elections, nothing in report of a political nature. Update on mobile mast in Twinstead. Reported that the Planning Dept had had difficulties uploading large files to the planning website, which delayed the objection document. The Chairman thanked DCllr W. Scattergood for her assistance in a grant application for the new noticeboards.

CCllr D. Finch (also mindful of upcoming elections) gave a comprehensive report on extra funding within the county. £500,000.00 to help deal with County Lines crime, £250,000.00 to Homeless issues, £700,000.00 for footpaths and pavements, £1,000,000.00 for mental health Issues.

According to an RAC survey Essex CC were highly rated in dealing with potholes and had reduced their number in the County by 45%

The potholes on Church Rd, Twinstead have been inspected and reported by CCllr D. Finch. In a survey conducted by ImPower with regard to efficiency in spending public money Essex CC were rated 7th out of 150.

170.2018/19 Highways/PROW maintenance

M. Cracknell reported a number of potholes on the Middleton Backroad and an overgrown hedge outside Shrublands. Clerk to report.

Potholes on Church Rd, Twinstead to be fixed imminently.....

Discussion ensued around the feasibility of a reduced speed limit on the road from Ballingdon to Bures Hamlet. Chairman to compose a letter of support.

171.2018/19 To consider correspondence received/matters for report

None

172.2018/19 Planning

It was discussed and agreed that unfortunately, as the mobile mast is on Council land, planning

permission is not required. Cllr T. Humphreys will be writing a letter to BDC to express the Parish Council's displeasure in the way this has been handled.

Fenn Farm Cottage (19/00309/HH) – no objections

Lodge Farm (19/00314/HH) – no objections

Lorkin's Farm (19/00442/COUPA) – no objections

Twinstead Woodland Shelter – interest was taken in this item during public speaking so The Chairman directed that it was discussed at that point. Please refer to above Item 2.

173.2018/19 Local Services Fund

Clerk to post notice on website to invite local bodies to apply to EALC for grants.

174. 2018/19 Noticeboards

Cllr T. Humphreys reported that these are on order

175. 2018/19 Litter Pick

Cllr J. Symonds reported on the need for transparency with regard to litter picking activities. Clerk to email a reminder to Twinstead litter picking organisers that this needs to be undertaken soon. Clerk to contact BDC to ask if they will provide first aid kits along with the other equipment they supply. Cllr J. Symonds to produce a policy statement which will be circulated to all litter picking team leaders.

176. 2018/19 Local Elections

Cllr A. Smart will not be standing due to health reasons.

As there has been no candidate's forthcoming for Twinstead, the PC will be placing a request in the next Lookout for parishioners to come forward who have an interest in serving on the PC.

Clerk to request Acceptance Forms.

177 . 2018/19 Parish Council Finance (Please see attached receipts and payments)

Cheques approved and signed as circulated

178. 2018/19 Items for next agenda

Cllr A. Scattergood to review insurance policy before renewal in May

163. 2018/19 Date for the next meeting.

Annual Parish Council meeting Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7.30pm at Henny Parish Room (HPR)

Ordinary meeting Monday 24th June 2019 at HPR

Meeting closed at 9.35pm