The Hennys' Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING held on 14th SEPTEMBER 2015 at TWINSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Parish Cllrs D Holland (Chairman), R Barnes, A Smart, A Scattergood, A Lyster, J Symonds, T Humphreys, M Cracknell

38. 2015/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Manby, currently abroad. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Wendy Scattergood.

39. 2015/16 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

40. 2015/16 Declarations of interest

Cllr Scattergood declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10, planning, his wife being chairman of BDC planning committee. Cllr Cracknell declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10, planning, due to business connections with the owners of Applecroft.

41. 2015/16 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the July PC meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the August planning meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

42. 2015/16 District/County Councillors' & Community Agent reports

No reports had been received.

43. 2015/16 Clerks Report – Appendix A

Cllr Barnes raised his concern that telegraph poles had been left in his garden following recent works by UKPN and BT; he is intending to contact them about the problem. Cllr Holland said that the works had improved the broadband speeds.

44. 2015/16 Highways/Prow Maintenance

The Gulley's in Middleton had been reported as being full with water; there was no update from Highways. Cllr Symonds said there was no immediate problem.

Cllr Smart reported that Footpath 27, Twinstead had an ascending pathway which had receded and the steps had disappeared, making it more of a slide. The Clerk will log this on the Highways website.

Cllrs discussed Park Road, Gt Henny, which was still in the same condition as previously reported despite complaints to Highways. Cllr Scattergood will speak to District Cllr Finch.

(Cllr Lyster joined the meeting).

Watery Lane pot holes will be reported.

A131, Bulmer Tye – two accidents had occurred recently and Cllrs discussed the road markings which had previously been suggested at the Parish Cluster meeting. Bulmer PC will be asked whether they are data gathering at this location, to provide evidence of need for action.

Cllrs discussed the recent fatality of a cyclist in Lorkins Lane and the condition of the road surface. There are numerous problems in the rural roads around our villages and it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk will liaise to write a letter of complaint to District Cllr Finch.

45. 2015/16 Planning

15/00895/FUL - Applecroft, Applecroft Farm Road, Gt Henny

Cllr Scattergood reported that this application is going to the next BDC planning committee. Cllrs discussed various points around this application and missing correspondence on BDC website. Cllr Lyster offered to represent the PC at the planning meeting.

Details of all planning applications and decisions were listed on Appendix B. Cllrs discussed briefly the decisions.

46. 2015/16 Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr Manby had suggested a suitable candidate for Middleton. Cllr Cracknell also had a possible candidate in mind and will make further enquiries. If necessary, an advert will go in the next What's On magazine and on the notice board.

47. 2015/16 Correspondence Received/Matters for report

PC Website

Cllr Humphreys advised that the website was online and he is working to upload various documents.

Twinstead notice board & pump

Cllr Smart confirmed that the work had been done satisfactorily. Cllrs agreed to pay the invoice in the sum of £250; the Clerk will contact Mr Matthams to ask for the agreed contribution towards the work by the Twinstead Village Improvement Society.

Emergency information

BDC had sent emergency plan information; the Clerk will update BDC with any changes.

(Cllr Lyster left the meeting)

48. 2015/16 Parish Council Finance - Appendix C

Audit report

The annual return had been signed off by the auditors – the notice of conclusion of audit and the annual return had been advertised on all notice boards.

Receipts & Payments

All payments listed were authorised to be paid.

49. 2015/16 Items for next agenda

Cllr Smart asked for pathways to go on the next agenda.

50. 2015/16 To fix the date of the next meeting

The next meeting dates were agreed as Monday 9th November at Twinstead Village Hall and Monday 18th January at Henny Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.