

The Hennys' Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING held on 25th JANUARY 2016 at HENNY PARISH ROOM

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

64. 2015/16 Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Smart and Scattergood.
Apologies were also received from District Cllr Wendy Scattergood.

65. 2015/16 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

66. 2015/16 Declarations of interest

Cllr Lyster declared a non pecuniary interest under the Official Secrets Act.

67. 2015/16 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November PC meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

68. 2015/16 District/County Councillors' & Community Agent reports

No reports had been received.

69. 2015/16 Clerks Report – Appendix A

Cllr Holland advised of damage caused to Twinstead pump and that he intends to paint the wood as soon as the weather allows.

70. 2015/16 Highways/Prow Maintenance

Local Highway Panel schemes 2016/17

There were no improvement schemes suggested for the LHP funding 2016/17.

Middleton

Cllr Manby reported that he had contacted Cllr Finch about the drain in Rectory Road, as the problem has been on-going for 4 years with no satisfactory solution. He is expecting a reply from Cllr Finch before the next meeting and this will go on the agenda for the March meeting.

Middleton Common is being used continuously for parking and is likely to be raised as a problem in the future.

Twinstead

Footpath 27 - Cllr Barnes will contact Nick Leeson to report the missing steps along this route.

The area outside the social housing in Church Road was reported as having a problem with flooding. Water runs off the fields and affects the road for a length of around 100 metres with deep water. This will be reported to Highways.

Gt Henny

Henny bridge is currently very slippery and dangerous; this will be reported to Highways.

Watery Lane/Gentry Lane – a drain is blocked under the kerb; this will be reported to Highways.

Losh House Lane will be closed for works on 2nd February for tree cutting around overhead power lines.

A131 Ballingdon Hill

Cllrs discussed the issue of lack of double white lines which doesn't meet Dept. of Transport criteria. The situation will be monitored.

71. 2015/16 Planning

Details of all planning applications and decisions were listed on Appendix C

16/00117/FUL Clay Hill Cottage, Gt Henny Erection of 2 storey side extension and detached garage

There was no objection to the application. BDC will be advised that a water main runs under the proposed garage and this should be addressed before any work commences.

BDC will be asked to send out planning letters after they have gone up on the website, as the majority of plans are unavailable immediately.

15/01570/AGR Wrights Farm, Gt Henny Erection of steel portal framed building

Cllrs discussed the plans which require no comments, and agreed to keep a watching brief.

Henny Cllrs advised that the riding stables at Applecroft Farm are huge and the access road has been damaged by vehicles.

Local Plan 2033

It was agreed that the PC had no comments to make on the Local Plan. The chairman felt that the PC should support getting the Local Plan put in place.

Open Spaces Action Plan

There were no items to put forward for the Open Spaces Plan.

72. 2015/16 Tree Work - Twinstead Green

Cllrs considered that the skirts of the trees needed lifting to allow ease of mowing. There is no funding available to help towards costs. It was suggested the area could be grazed to help with the problem; this will be advertised in the March 'Look Out' magazine. It was agreed to leave the trees for another season.

73. 2015/16 TPO's on Local Woods

It was agreed not to pursue putting TPO's on the local woods as it was thought that it would not have any effect on deterring National Grid putting in a substation.

74. 2015/16 Standing Orders

Standing Order 1 was discussed, with a view to reduce costs in hiring a hall for PC meetings.

Cllr Holland proposed the wording be changed from "Meetings of the Council shall be held at the Henny Parish Room", to "Meetings of the Council shall be held at a venue within the parishes we represent".

Seconded by Cllr Lyster and unanimously agreed.

It was suggested negotiating to pay the same price for hire of hall in both venues. Cllr Cracknell will pursue this.

75. 2015/16 Parish Council Website

Cllr Humphreys reported that the website was up and running and had received 300 hits. Contacts, agendas, minutes and finance report had been put on and there is a link to BDC for Councillors register of interests.

The Clerk reported on the Transparency Code training and the funding available for PC's to help meet obligations required to comply with the Code.

Cllr Holland proposed that the PC delegate the Clerk to deal with applying for funding, unanimously agreed.

76. 2015/16 New Audit Scheme

Cllr Holland proposed that the PC remain in the Sector Led Body scheme, seconded by Cllr Lyster and unanimously agreed.

77. 2015/16 Correspondence Received/Matters for report

No items were raised.

78. 2015/16 Parish Council Finance - Appendix D

Receipts & Payments

All payments listed were authorised to be paid.

79. 2015/16 Precept

Cllrs considered the forecast figures for 2016/17. It was agreed to set the Precept at £4640 – an increase of £75; proposed Cllr Barnes, seconded Cllr Holland, majority agreed.

80. 2015/16 Items for next agenda

Middleton drain.

81. 2015/16 To fix the date of the next meeting

The next meeting dates were agreed as Monday 14th March – venue Twinstead village hall; Monday 9th May at Henny Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.