

The Hennys', Middleton & Twinstead Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING held on 26th SEPTEMBER 2016 in HENNY PARISH ROOM

Present: Parish Cllr D Holland (Chairman)
T Humphreys, J Symonds, A Smart, A Lyster
District Councillor Wendy Scattergood

20. 2016/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs R Manby (abroad) A Scattergood (travelling) M Cracknell, R Barnes (work commitments)
County Cllr David Finch

21. 2016/17 Public Speaking

There were no members of public present.

22. 2016/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Holland declared a non pecuniary interest for agenda item 8, planning, the application being for a neighbouring property.

23. 2016/17 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July PC meeting and the August planning meeting were unanimously approved.

24. 2016/17 District/County Councillors Report

District Cllr Wendy Scattergood advised of the BDC Councillors' community grant of £1,500 for each Ward; this is for village organisations and applicants need to apply directly to Wendy on the relevant application form. There is also funding available from the Essex Community Council, Wendy has information if interested. The consultation on the Local Plan has finished although a lot of late submissions had been received. Wendy advised that BDC have put funding into ECC for better broadband.

25. 2016/17 Clerks Report – Appendix A

Cllr Scattergood advised that planning enforcement is intending to visit Middleton Hall Farm. PAT testing had been done.

26. 2016/17 Highways/PROW maintenance - Appendix B

Traffic calming, Henny Street

Cllrs discussed various ideas for signage to stop speeding occurring along this stretch of road. It was suggested a sign saying 'oncoming traffic in middle of road'. The Clerk will contact Matt Valentine for his advice. Cllr Holland will speak to the Henny Swan Manager about having a sign on their land.

Bridleway 10, Gt Henny

There had been a suggestion to organise a working party to carry out work to alleviate the flooding problem along this Bridleway. This will go on a future agenda.

Debris along rural roads

There had been no progress made in getting the roads scraped. It was thought that the best way forward was to ask Highways to pay a local farmer to do the work. The Clerk will contact Cllr Finch to find out the best person to contact at Highways to put this suggestion forward.

Wax Lane

The Clerk was asked to contact Alphamstone & Lamarsh PC regarding the amount of potholes along Wax Lane.

27. 2016/17 Planning – Appendix C

Cllr Holland mentioned the recent correspondence regarding S106 funding for Twinstead Cricket Club and the support from this PC and District Cllr Wendy Scattergood. Funding is in connection with the Open Spaces Action Plan and the development secured from a planning obligation relating to a Twinstead planning application.

16/01572/COUPA Twinstead Hall Farm Barns

Cllr Holland advised of the change in Government policy to allow this type of building to be developed. Cllrs agreed to send support for the application providing it was developed 'in keeping'.

Planning correspondence

BDC had sent details of the Scheme of Delegation and the changes to the way business is conducted at the Planning Committee meetings. Cllr Holland felt this was a much improved way of working.

A letter of thanks will be sent to David Tooth, who has repainted the Twinstead finger board on the green.

District Cllr Scattergood left the meeting (8.45pm)

28. 2016/17 S106 Funding for Cricket Nets – Twinstead

This project will bring benefits to our villages, including coaching for younger residents.

29. 2016/17 Twinstead Green pond sign

It was agreed to order a replacement sign, red letters on white background, wording to be 'deep water'.

30. 2016/17 Emergency Plan

The emergency plan was finalised to include neighbourhood watch details.

31. 2016/17 Correspondence received/matters for report***Pension information***

Cllr Barnes was not present to give any advice.

BT phone box consultation

Cllrs agreed to stay with their original decision, made when BT first brought out their 'adopt a phone box' scheme, not to adopt a phone box.

Superfast Broadband

Details of a consultation had been forwarded to all Cllrs. The poor service in our area was discussed.

Bus service consultation

It was considered that residents would be better served by using a taxi service due to the lack of buses, the local service being one bus a week on a Thursday.

Local Government Finance Settlement consultation

The consultation, which includes proposed changes to Precept threshold, was not thought to be of high importance and that any large amount of money needed for a project would be raised by applying for grants and if necessary our annual donations would have to be cut.

32. 2016/17 Parish Council Finance – Appendix D

All receipts and payments listed were approved.

The Auditors had signed off the annual return with no comments. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and annual return papers have been advertised.

33. 2016/17 Items for the next agenda

Bridleway 10, Gt Henny.

34 2016/17 Date of the next meetings

Monday 14th November at Twinstead village hall.

Monday 23rd January at Henny Parish Room

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.