

# The Hennys' Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

## MINUTES of the MEETING held on 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 at TWINSTEAD VILLAGE HALL

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

### 51. 2015/16 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept continued apologies from Cllr Manby, currently abroad. Apologies were received from Cllr Cracknell due to work commitments. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Wendy Scattergood.

### 52. 2015/16 Public Speaking

There were no members of the public present.

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

### 54. 2015/16 Approval of minutes

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

### 55. 2015/16 District/County Councillors' & Community Agent reports

No reports had been received.

### 56. 2015/16 Clerks Report – Appendix A

The vacancy for Middleton has been advertised.  
Cllr Smart advised that the acorn had been repainted and repositioned on the village pump.

### 57. 2015/16 Highways/Prow Maintenance

#### ***Middleton***

Cllr Symonds reported that the drain in Rectory Road is blocked. There is a danger for walkers if the weather turns icy. The Clerk will log this with Highways.

#### ***Byway 13***

The Clerk had sent a letter of support for the winter closure. Cllr Lyster said that motorbikes were still a problem along the Byway.

#### ***Twinstead***

Cllr Smart will look at the co-ordinates for Footpath 27, for the Clerk to log this on the Highways website.

#### ***Gt Henny***

Cllrs Scattergood reported that all the pot holes along Park Road, Gt Henny, have been repaired. Some Henny residents had scraped the gravel from the middle of the road;

Cllr Humphreys will thank them for their work. Some of the problem relates to the badger holes where the gravel is washed down from the banks.

Cllrs discussed asking Highways to paint white lines further down Ballingdon Hill as far as the wood known as Round Wood, while the carriageway repairs are taking place. Cllr Scattergood asked for a letter to be sent to Cllr Roger Walters and Cllr David Finch, enclosing the Local Highway Panel minutes which detail future works at that site, as there seemed to be a lack of communication between ECC and BDC in coordinating work.

## **58. 2015/16 Planning**

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

The objection to the Applecroft Farm application had been lost by one vote at the BDC planning committee meeting. Cllr Scattergood raised the point that while no appeal to a planning inspector was permitted, it would be possible for any individual to seek a Judicial Review. He proposed that **no Parish Council funds** should be spent on this and all Cllrs agreed. If anyone wished to proceed it would be possible to consider seeking an injunction to stop work until such time as the case is heard. The Chairman asked all Cllrs to consider whether they felt this would be the right course of action and if so to ask the Clerk to put this on the next agenda.

### ***Local Plan 2033***

BDC have to build more houses than was originally planned and are therefore asking for further comments from PC's following the last consultation. Cllrs thought that more consideration should be given to a small number of developments in our villages; this will be discussed further. Cllrs discussed the proposed plot outlined for development in Ryes Lane, on the Bulmer/Little Henny border, which was felt to be unsuitable due to safety issues on the A131. Cllr Scattergood will draft a letter of objection and send round for approval.

### ***Open Spaces Action Plan***

BDC have asked for PC's to revisit the Plan to see whether they have any new items to add to the document. Cllr Scattergood proposed that the PC lodge Twinstead village green as an open space; this may allow any possible future S106 money to be used for improvements. The Clerk will follow up on this.

(Cllr Lyster left the meeting)

## **59. 2015/16 Tree Work - Twinstead Green**

Cllr Smart advised that there was one large tree that needed attention and the trees alongside Church Road needed trimming as they were encroaching near to the road. Cllrs discussed costs, funding sources and alternatives. The Clerk will enquire to Landscape Services and Mi Community funding.

## **60. 2015/16 Correspondence Received/Matters for report**

### ***Twinstead notice board & pump***

Following completion of work the Clerk will contact Mr Matthams re the donation from TVIS.

### ***Free trees offer***

Cllrs agreed the PC would not apply for any trees.

### ***Fire Service consultation***

The Chairman advised of a meeting he had attended with the SCC Portfolio holder and Chief Fire officer. It was felt that the proposal to have a rapid response vehicle in Sudbury to replace a fire engine would not have a detrimental effect on our villages.

### ***Bus Review***

There is a consultation taking place on the bus service. Cllrs briefly discussed how regularly the bus service is used by residents.

### ***DV AONB extension***

Cllr Scattergood reported on a recent meeting he attended where the view was that the extension needed to be speeded up and that a letter had been sent to the Government Minister to lobby for this.

### ***BDC Tree Strategy***

The Chairman had read through the Strategy and advised that the rural areas had been ignored in favour of more urban areas.

Cllr Scattergood proposed asking for a blanket TPO on Waldegrave and Butler woods on the A131. This was agreed. Cllr Scattergood then proposed the motion be amended to give time to consult the owner of the woods, this was agreed. Cllr Barnes will speak to the landowner.

## **61. 2015/16 Parish Council Finance - Appendix D**

### ***Receipts & Payments***

All payments listed were authorised to be paid; proposed Cllr Scattergood, seconded Cllr Barnes.

### ***½ year report***

Cllr Humphreys had checked the receipts and payments and reported that all was satisfactory.

## **62. 2015/16 Items for next agenda**

Budget forecast, website update, revisit the Local Plan 2033, Open Spaces Plan, Twinstead Green tree work costs, TPO's on woodland.

## **63. 2015/16 To fix the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting dates were agreed as Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Both meetings will be held at Henny Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.