

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.9.2018

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in joining the Council they should contact the clerk or speak to a Councillor for further details.

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

27 Maldon Road – additional windows to lobby following grant of planning permission – approved.

20 Fish Street – works to Scotts Pine – approved. Note: this tree is now protected by a permanent Tree Protection Order.

The Parish Council will ask MDC Planning for a list of protected trees in the village.

New planning application:

6 Fish Street – single storey side extension and first floor rear extension – the Parish Council approved this application.

The Parish Council is yet to receive any updates on various enforcement issues in the village.

Councillors heard of problems with the brick wall at the Old Allotments site in Fish Street. This had accidentally been knocked down by a contractor working at a neighbouring property, and the landowner does not at present wish the wall to be reinstated. Although in a conservation area the wall is not listed but residents have expressed concern that it should be rebuilt.

Other issues

Councillor Mr Sargeant has undertaken some trimming of vegetation in both the playing field and in Marigold Wood. Councillors are also going to redecorate both bus shelters in the village.

The sea wall has now been fenced off for repair work to be carried out.

Quotes are being obtained for hedge cutting at various locations in the village.

The Council ratified the new Risk Assessment Policy, and will adopt the draft Standing Orders at the October meeting.

Highways will be asked when it intends to carry out gulley clearance in the village as some are now blocked.

Moat will be asked to clear the vegetation from the path leading from Head Street to the garages at the rear of Hall Estate. The overgrown brambles are causing difficulties for those residents using mobility scooters.

The overgrown hedge at the top of Church Street and opposite to Benham Close has been reported to Highways. A number of residents have reported near misses at this location due to the hedge and the parking of contractors' vehicles outside Benham Close. This has also been reported to Jenny Moody Homes.

Commemoration of the end of the First World War:

The British Tommy silhouette has been put up near Hall Estate and will remain there until late October when it will join others at Promenade Park in Maldon for the 11th November event.

A resident who wishes to put a memorial bench on the sea wall was given advice on how to proceed with the project.

The Environment Agency has advised that it will no longer be clearing overgrown vegetation from the brook at Wash Bridge on the Maldon Road. This is now the responsibility of the landowner.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda will be published on the website shortly before the meeting.