

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.12.2018

There is one expression of interest in the current vacancy on the Council caused by the resignation of Councillor Rachel Smith. It is hoped to make a decision on co-option at the January meeting. Councillors were reminded that elections will be held in May 2019 where the whole Council stands down and those interested in becoming a Councillor for the next four year term submit their applications to the District Council.

Planning

There were no decisions from Maldon District Council or new applications to consider. However the Council has been advised that an application for a new dwelling at the corner of Head Street and Fish Street has been submitted. There was a similar application for this site some years ago which was refused by the District Council.

The Parish Council has been advised that the planning enforcement team found no evidence of a livery stables being run at Gardeners Farm Maldon Road.

Budget and Precept

The Council held preliminary discussions on the setting of the budget for the year ending 31.3.2020. The Village Hall Management Committee has made a request for a further grant of £5,000 towards the renovation project at the Village Hall – the Parish Council raised the precept in the current year to make a similar grant. The Council is also aware that it will probably need to replace some of the play equipment in the play area in the near future, Further work will be done on the budget and a final decision and setting of the precept will take place at the January meeting.

Community Speed Watch

As mentioned last month the Parish Council is looking towards the setting up of a local group which will help to deter speeding in the village. The Group would be supported and trained by Essex Police, and needs a minimum of ten volunteers to set it up. That number has nearly been reached but if anyone else would like to obtain further details about what is involved, please contact either Councillor Julia Bourn or the parish clerk.

Marigold Wood

Members of the public are reminded that although dogs may go off the lead in Marigold Wood, they should not do so when accessing the Wood over Village Hall land. This is to prevent loose dogs straying into the gardens which back onto the Village Hall meadow.

Hedge cutting

The Council now has a new contractor for hedge work, and the first cut took place recently.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30 pm. Residents are welcome to attend.