

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.6.2019

Planning

Decision from Maldon District Council - Goldhanger Village Hall. Variation of condition 2 on approved planning permission FUL/MAL/17/00068. New frontage extension to village hall to enhance and upgrade the facilities for community use. Approved.

New applications:

32 Head Street – Proposed front/side extension, garage conversion, roof lights and removal of side lean-to. The Parish Council has concerns that the extension will come across in front of the window of the adjacent property and cut out the light.

The Chequers Inn Car Park – Erection of one detached house, formation of new vehicle access onto Head Street following removal of part of wall and reconfiguration of car park. The Parish Council is studying the planning documents prior to its response but its objections include the loss of open space in the heart of the conservation area; there should be no reduction of the car park as The Chequers is a very busy pub and development of this site will have a detrimental impact on the highway network; the proposed dwelling would be prominent and out of keeping with the conservation area and would create a harsh entrance with loss of greenery; there is concern at the proposed relocation of the dog waste bins and the soil pipe on the frontage.

Enforcement issues: A progress report from Maldon District Council on matters at Benham Close and The Old Vicarage are awaited. A large sign in Benham Close advertising a business has been reported to the enforcement officers.

Play area

Bird spikes have now been placed on the swings in the play area to prevent fouling of the equipment.

Public rights of way

Uneven surfaces and overgrown vegetation on the path parallel to the allotments will be reported, as will a broken wooden bridge on a path at Bounds Farm.

Highways

The Rangers will be asked to cut the grass on the triangle at the junction of Church Street and Maldon Road.

Highways will be asked to contact the landowners at The Rectory in Church Street and in Benham Close fronting Maldon Road where the hedges have become very overgrown and are presenting hazards to drivers and pedestrians.

The 30 mile speed limit signs on the village gateway (Maldon end) are very faded and will be reported to Highways.

Marigold Wood A quote from Maldon District Council for the cutting of the grass on each side of the woodland walk, hedge cutting and herbicide treatment was accepted by the Council.

Other issues

New dog bins to replace those which are damaged will be put up shortly.

There are some issues with the pump in the Square – these will be investigated.

A resident asked if the British Tommy silhouette (obtained for last year's Remembrance Day) could be put up in the churchyard. As it is made only of plywood it has been stored indoors over the winter but the Parish Council can make it available if requested.

Dog fouling in the village appears to have increased. Dog owners are reminded that if they fail to clear up after their pets they can receive a fine from the District Council.

It has proved extremely difficult to contact Moat Housing concerning the overgrown grass outside its development in Maldon Road. The Council will continue to try and progress this.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 9th July.