

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12.2.2019

Planning

The following decision by Maldon District Council was noted:

Chequers Inn car park Fish Street – Erection of one detached house, formation of new pedestrian access in the wall and reconfiguration of the car park. **Refused.**

The following new applications were considered:

6 Fish Street – Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension – the Parish Council made no comment.

Cobbs Farm Maldon Road – continuation of an agricultural reservoir and use of a washing plant, completion and restoration of the development by May 2020 – This application was supported but Essex County Council will be asked to clarify the permitted working hours for the washing plant.

1 Benham Close – proposed partial conversion of existing double garage to habitable accommodation and a rear and side extension – a draft comment will be drawn up as it was not clear what was intended.

Notice of an appeal to the planning inspectorate was received: Land adjacent to Falcon Hall Little Totham Road – Conversion of nissen hut to residential dwelling.

Maldon District Council is investigating some enforcement issues in the village.

Budget

The Parish Council further considered and then adopted the draft budget for the year 2019-2020. It is intended to have a “quiet” year to catch up on various schemes put forward earlier – these include repairs to or replacement of dog waste bins.

Allotments

There are some vacant plots available, and if any resident is interested in taking one up they should contact Councillor Clive Cheeseman.

Highways

There are now enough volunteers to set up a Community Speedwatch Group in the village, although more residents are welcome to put their names forward. Essex Police has advised that it will be May before the group can be formally convened. Hazel Steele from the Tolleshunt Major Community Speedwatch group will give a short talk on how that group was set up and how work is carried out. The talk (and the opportunity to ask questions afterwards) will take place at the Annual Parish Assembly on 12th March at 8.00 pm – please do come along if you feel you would like to help.

Play area

The annual play area inspection has now been carried out and work will take place to deal with any problems reported.

Hedges

Various overgrown hedges in the village will be reported to Highways or to the landowners to have the hedges trimmed back.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at the earlier time of 7.00 pm. The Annual Parish Assembly will then follow at 8.00 pm. Residents are welcome to attend and the agendas for both meetings will be published on the Parish Council’s website a few days before the meeting.