

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9.10.2019

Planning

Maldon District Council decisions:

32 Head Street – Proposed front/side extension, garage conversion, roof lights and removal of side lean to. Approved.

1 Benham Close – garage conversion. Refused.

There were no new applications to consider.

Highways

There is still no date from Essex Police for the training of the new Goldhanger Community Speedwatch team.

Councillors Julia Bourn and Mike Sargeant walked around the village with representatives from Essex County Council Highways to discuss various issues. The Local Highways Panel scheme to increase the speed limit to 40mph in parts of the village will not now go ahead, and the Parish Council questioned how such a scheme was ever put forward. The speed limits will now remain as at present, with an advisory 20 mph maximum limit at the Tolleshunt D'Arcy end of the village. The faded speed limit signs at the Maldon end will be replaced with chevrons, road marker poles and "Please Drive Carefully" signs, and drainage at the Charity Farm bends will be investigated. The Highways representatives pointed out that although new signs will be put in, there is no budget to repair or replace them in the future.

Other issues mentioned were that HGVs are using Little Totham Road which has a weight restriction; and the overgrown hedge at the junction of Church Street and Maldon Road. This will be reported to the Highways Rangers who it is hoped will cut it back although this is not guaranteed. Flooding issues in Fish Street due to blocked gulleys will also be investigated.

Other issues

New pads will be obtained for the defibrillators. Councillor Mrs Bourn will seek clarification as to whether a standard defibrillator can be used on babies and very young children.

Due to the closure in 2020 of the current host for the Parish Council's website, other arrangements will be looked into.

Concern was expressed that the grass triangle at the junction of Maldon Road and Little Totham Road is being used to park vehicles which are for sale.

At the next meeting the Council will look at the general provision and location of dog waste bins in the village.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 13th November.