

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall**  
**Goldhanger**

PRESENT: CHAIR – COUNCILLOR J BOURN  
 COUNCILLORS MR BISHOP, MR CHEESEMAN, MRS HOLMES, MR SARGEANT.  
 THE WARD MEMBER COUNCILLOR MRS THOMPSON  
 V BANYARD (PARISH CLERK).  
 No members of the public.

2243.19 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the meeting’s agenda items.  
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr Reynolds.  
 No Declarations of Interest were made.

2244.19 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11.12.2019  
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2245.19 To receive any information arising from the above Minutes  
 No issues were raised.

2246.19 Planning

- a. There were no decisions by Maldon District Council.
- b. The following new application was considered:

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| 19/01217/LDP<br>Inglenook 52 Maldon Road<br>Goldhanger | Claim for lawful development<br>certificate for a garden<br>outbuilding | This application was noted by<br>the Council and considered to<br>fulfil the criteria for a lawful<br>development certificate. |
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- c. Enforcement issues. Nothing has been heard from Maldon District Council to date. The following issues have been recently been referred to Enforcement:  
 Benham Close – the footpath link to Maldon Road and the advertising sign on a resident’s fence.  
 The Old Rectory Church Street – additional stable outbuilding.  
 Gardeners Farm – a number of issues (these have been investigated by Enforcement).  
 Councillor Mrs Thompson undertook to find out the progress of the above issues.
- d. Other planning matters. No issues were raised.

2247.19 Correspondence.

An article on Allotments Law was passed to Councillor Mr Cheeseman.

2248.19 Finances.

The monthly financial statements were approved.  
 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

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| V Banyard                | Clerk’s salary Jan, office allowance and expenses | £ 187.16 |
| HMRC                     | Tax on clerk’s salary Jan                         | £ 40.56  |
| T Knights Parish Council | Printer toner (shared cost)                       | £ 11.88  |
| Bespoke Glass Design     | Repairs to glass in defib cabinet (balance)       | £ 55.97  |

2248.19 To approve the budget for the year 2020-2021

Councillor Mr Sargeant went through the draft budget and possible projects for the coming year were discussed. These included:

Repair work on the village pump.

Assisting the VHMC with providing a new kitchen for the Village Hall.

Footpath from Fish Street playing field to the sea wall.

Repair work to the village sign.

Additional path and seats in Marigold Wood.

The above will be discussed further, but it was **RESOLVED** that consideration of the budget has now begun.

2249.19 To set the precept for the year 2020-2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to set the precept for the above year at £8,850.

2250.19 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

It was noted that the playing field gate was not locked recently. Councillor Mr Sargeant will speak with the gate keeper.

2251.19 Issues concerning Highways/Public rights of way

Issues concerning the pavement and kerbs in Head Street. These have been reported to Highways but are not considered to be a priority for repair work. The Parish Council will monitor these in case the situation deteriorates. It was also noted that there are some loose stones in the pavements of St Peter's Close.

A speed limit sign in Blind Lane near to the allotment gates has been knocked down. This will be reported to Highways.

Fly tipping of bottles in Blind Lane just past the gate to the reservoir will be reported to the District Council.

Nothing further has been heard about training for the new Speedwatch group.

Trucam made 19 captures in November on the Maldon Road through the village.

Flooding in Maldon Road/ Head Street. Councillor Mrs Bourn has been in touch with Moat, Highways and Essex and Suffolk Water but none of these will accept responsibility for the flooding which occurs after heavy rainfall. The problem appears to be a blocked drain on the Moat development site in Maldon Road which backs up, causing flooding in the area. The flooding is clean water and not sewage, and the volume is such that some kerb stones have been loosened. Councillor Mr Sargeant undertook to pursue this issue with Moat.

It was reported that some vehicles have been in the ditch on Maldon Road recently – Councillor Mrs Thompson to investigate.

Elderly residents using the bus stop at the Head Street/Maldon Road junction have complained that a van parked regularly on the road makes it difficult for them to access the bus safely. Complaints have also been received about vehicles parked on the pavement at the site of the old village shop.

2252.19 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

There was nothing to report.

2253.19 To consider any matters concerning the defibrillators, kiosks and bus shelters

Repairs to the broken glass in the defibrillator kiosk have still not been carried out. A deposit has already been paid to the contractor with another cheque signed to be sent when the work is completed. The clerk will contact the company involved to find a date for the work to be done.

2254.19 To consider repair works to the village sign

This matter was deferred to the February meeting.

2255.19 To consider any other items of information or issues for a future agenda

The nomination of The Chequers as a Community Asset has now been made.

There are a number of vacancies at the allotments. Councillors Mrs Bourn and Mr Cheeseman will compile an advert for the village magazine to try and encourage Goldhanger residents to take on an allotment.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.