

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 in the Village Hall
Goldhanger

PRESENT: CHAIR – COUNCILLOR J BOURN
 VICE CHAIR – COUNCILLOR H REYNOLDS
 COUNCILLORS MR BISHOP, MR ELLIS AND MRS HOLMES.
 V BANYARD (PARISH CLERK).
 No members of the public.

2256.19 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the meeting's agenda items.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr Cheeseman, Mr Sargeant and the Ward member Councillor Mrs Thompson.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2257.19 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8.1.2020

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2258.19 To receive any information arising from the above Minutes

No issues were raised.

2259.19 Planning

a. The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

HOUSE/MAL/19/00514 3 Fish Street Goldhanger	Swimming pool enclosure	Approved
HOUSE/MAL/19/01186 2 Peartree Close Goldhanger	Removal of existing hipped garage roof and replacement with half hipped roof	Refused
HOUSE/MAL/19/01187 4 Peartree Close Goldhanger	Removal of existing hipped garage roof and replacement with half hipped roof	Approved
19/01217/LDP Inglenook Maldon Road Goldhanger	Claim for lawful development certificate for a garden outbuilding	Refused

b. The following planning applications were considered:

20/00050/HOUSE	2 Peartree Close Goldhanger	Removal of existing hipped garage roof and replacement with half hipped roof to create a loft hobby room. There is an approved application for neighbouring property ref: 19/01187/HOUSE. It was RESOLVED to support this application.
20/00021/HOUSE	The Laurels 33 Fish Street Goldhanger	Single storey rear extension. It was RESOLVED to support this application.

c. Enforcement issues. Nothing has been heard from Maldon District Council to date.

d. Other planning matters. It was noted that the recent application for a single storey salt processing plant at Middlewick Farm Joyces Chase had not been sent to Goldhanger Parish Council for consultation

but has now been approved by the District Council. Members were concerned at potential noise and light pollution and the amount of traffic using the unmaintained Joyces Chase.

It was noted that the application to make The Chequers an Asset of Community Value is now being considered by the District Council.

2260.19 Correspondence.

There was nothing to consider.

2261.19 Finances.

The monthly financial statements were approved.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Clerk's salary Feb, office allowance and expenses	£ 184.02
HMRC	Tax on clerk's salary Feb	£ 40.56
Goldhanger Village Hall	Hire of Hall for meetings	£ 75.00
Anglian Water	Allotments water rates	£ 48.89

Councillor Mr Cheeseman has bought a new lock for the allotments and this invoice will be paid at the next meeting.

2262.19 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

No issues were raised.

2263.19 Issues concerning Highways/Public rights of way

It was noted that piles of bottles by the entrance to the reservoir in Blind Lane were removed by the District Council, but there are more on the opposite side of the road. This will be reported.

Some signage work and finger posts has been started in Maldon Road but as the Parish Council has not seen the final signed off scheme it is not possible to say what else will be done.

Speedwatch training – There is nothing to report.

Flooding in Maldon Road and Head Street – No update was available due to the absence of Councillor Mr Sargeant.

Trucam – No further patrols will be arranged until the new financial year.

2264.19 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

The closure spring on the gate into the woodland is losing its tension and Councillor Mr Sargeant will be asked if he can carry out repairs.

2265.19 To consider any matters concerning the defibrillators, kiosks and bus shelters

During the recent stormy weather the new glass in the defibrillator kiosk in Maldon Road was blown out.

The Parish Council queried if the pane was not fixed in properly but the contractor said that it was definitely not faulty workmanship. It is possible that the latch to the door is damaged and allowed the door to blow open and damage the glass – this will be investigated. In the meantime it was **RESOLVED** to pay the balance of the invoice to Bespoke Glass Design for the original repair.

It appears that Maldon District Council has now replaced the litter bin at the Head Street bus stop.

2266.19 To consider repair works to the village sign

Councillor Mr Bishop had obtained further quotes for the repair of the sign, and these were discussed.

The final decision will be made at the Council's March meeting, and in the meantime the sign could be taken off the post to allow the woodwork to dry out. Councillor Mr Bishop was thanked for obtaining the quotes.

2267.19 To review the Council's Freedom of Information policy.

The draft Policy was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt it as presented.

2268.19 To consider arrangements for the Annual Village Assembly to be held on 8.4.2020

It was **RESOLVED** to approach Essex Wildlife Trust to give a short presentation on the birdlife of the Blackwater estuary and its coastal habitats. If this is not possible the Environment Agency will be asked to give a talk on sea wall maintenance.

2269.19 To consider any other items of information or issues for a future agenda

An advert will go in the parish magazine advising residents of vacancies on the allotments.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.43 pm.