

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the Village Hall**  
**Goldhanger**

PRESENT: CHAIRING THE MEETING – COUNCILLOR M SARGEANT  
 COUNCILLORS MR BISHOP, MR CHEESEMAN, MR ELLIS AND MRS HOLMES.  
 V BANYARD (PARISH CLERK).  
 No members of the public.

2270.19 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the meeting's agenda items.

In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mr Sargeant should chair the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bourn, Mr Reynolds and the Ward Member Councillor Mrs Thompson.

No Declarations of Interest were made.

2271.19 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12.2.2020

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

2272.19 To receive any information arising from the above Minutes

- a. Maldon District Council has now registered The Chequers pub as an asset of community value.
- b. The pile of bottles in Blind Lane has been reported and cleared.
- c. Councillor Mr Sargeant will fix the spring on the gate into Marigold Wood.
- d. Defibrillator kiosk in Maldon Road. Councillor Mr Sargeant will look to repair the broken glass.  
 New glass must be of a good standard to avoid a repeat of the problem.

2273.19 Planning

- a. The following decision by Maldon District Council was noted:

FUL/MAL/19/01197 Longwick Farm Joyces Chase Goldhanger	Single storey salt processing plant with associated hard standing and external water and gas storage	<b>Approved.</b> The Council's concerns about this proposal appear to have been alleviated under the conditions imposed, but this will be monitored carefully.
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- b. Councillors considered the following new applications:

20/00157/FUL	Land east of Bradwell Power Station Downhall Beach Bradwell-on-Sea	Application to carry out ground investigations, load test and associated works in connection with a proposed new nuclear power station at Bradwell-on-Sea, together with the creation of two site compound areas and associated parking areas. As this application was for a site investigation and not to build a new power station it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to give it support.
20/00115/HOUSE	Inglenook 52 Maldon Road Goldhanger	Proposed new garden building. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support this application but to question why the red line on the plans was not around the application site with the blue line around the rest of the land under ownership.

- c. Enforcement issues. Nothing has been heard from Maldon District Council to date. A letter will be sent to the Council's chief executive asking why this issue has been on the Parish Council's agenda for four months with no progress being made.
- d. It was reported that the Bradwell B planning consultation bus had come to Goldhanger with no prior notice or publicity, and had damaged the tarmac outside the Hall. It was not clear who had given permission for the bus to be there in the first place. Councillor Mrs Bourn had indicated that a speaker from Bradwell B might come to give a talk at the Annual Village Assembly – she will be asked if this has now been arranged.

2274.19 Correspondence.

Essex Village of the Year competition. It was **RESOLVED** not to take part this year.

2275.19 Finances.

The monthly financial statements were approved.

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

V Banyard	Clerk's salary Mar, office allowance and expenses	£ 184.02
HMRC	Tax on clerk's salary Mar	£ 40.56
Cllr C Cheeseman	Padlock for allotment gates	£ 24.18

Councillors discussed the budget figures to see what money is spare or unspent in this current year. It was **RESOLVED** that £1,000 will be put on reserve for play equipment, and a play area inspection will be arranged.

2276.19 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

In order to reinstall the water supply to Goldhanger Sailing Club it is necessary to put a pipe along the Fish Street end of the playing field and on to the Club. This work will require heavy machinery and there is concern that the field at present is too wet for this to be done. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to ask for the ground to dry out before this work is done.

2277.19 Issues concerning Highways/Public rights of way

- a. Works under the LHP scheme have now been carried out at both ends of the village, but as the Parish Council is not clear what the full details of the original scheme were, the LHP will be asked to provide full drawings of the works that were agreed.
- b. Drainage and flooding issues. Councillor Mr Sargeant will investigate the drain cover outside the allotments in Maldon Road to see if there is a blockage in that area. A site visit with a Moat representative has been held to try and ascertain where the flooding problems arise, and it is felt that Moat needs to sort out the drains inside its estate. Councillor Mr Sargeant reported that various bodies are involved in this issue but none will accept responsibility for the flooding that occurs. However surface water flooding in Church Street, Peartree Close and the field opposite are the responsibility of Anglian Water. Kerb stones in Head Street have been loosened in the flooding but their repair is not considered a priority by Highways. This will be discussed at the Council's April meeting.
- c. Training for the new Community Speedwatch Group. There is still no date for the training of the new group, and the clerk will again try to ascertain what is causing the delay.

2278.19 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

Councillor Mr Sargeant will carry out repairs to the closure spring on the gate into the woodland.

2279.19 To consider any matters concerning the defibrillators, kiosks and bus shelters

A van which regularly parks by the bus stop is making it difficult for people to get on and off the buses. This behavior is very inconsiderate.

2280.19 To further consider repair works to the village sign

Several quotes for repair works were discussed at the last meeting, and it was noted that Bakers of Danbury were the only company able to repair rotten wood, which is required for the Goldhanger sign. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that Bakers should be asked for an up to date quote, with the Parish Council removing the sign, taking it to Bakers premises for repair, then collecting it again and reinstalling it. Councillor Mr Sargeant advised that the budget showed that funds would be available for this work, which needs to be done this year to prevent further deterioration. It was then **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council is mindful to go ahead with repair work to the sign subject to the acceptability of the revised quote.

The Parish Council would be able to carry out repairs to the metalwork and the sign could be reversed to prevent further damage from wind and rain.

2281.19 To appoint the internal auditor of the accounts for the year ended 31.3.2020

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mrs N Powell Davies as internal auditor the above year.

2282.19 To consider arrangements for the Annual Village Assembly to be held on 8.4.2020

A possible speaker at the Annual Assembly might be a representative of Bradwell B (see above 2272d.19) but the Council is mindful that the outbreak of the Corona virus might make it necessary to cancel the meeting.

2283.19 To consider any other items of information or issues for a future agenda

- a. Footpath from Blind Lane to Maldon Road (alongside the allotments). The post at the Blind Lane end is broken due to rot and will be reported to Essex County Council.
- b. The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road is still not working and Councillor Mr Cheeseman will try to recharge the original batteries.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.54 pm.

The above Minutes were approved by the Council at the remote meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020