

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Remote Ordinary Meeting held on 9.6. 2020

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

2292.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the meeting's agenda items.
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mr Ellis and Mrs Holmes.
Councillor Mr Reynolds advised that he would be leaving the meeting at 8 pm.
There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Mr Sargeant asked for a new agenda item – to review the parish clerk's salary. It was **RESOLVED** to add this to the agenda.

2292.20 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.5.2020
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2293.20 To receive any information arising from the above Minutes
Min 2285.20. As no Annual Meeting was held this year due to Covid 19 restrictions, there was no election for the Chair and Vice Chair for the year 2020-2021, and therefore the current Chair and Vice Chair will remain in office until the Annual Meeting in 2021.

2294.20 Planning

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

HOUSE/MAL/20/00231 35 Church Street Goldhanger	Section 73A (retrospective) application for single storey link side extension, including use of garage for ancillary accommodation.	Approved
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b. Councillors considered the following new application:

20/00512/HOUSE Blackwater View 13 Fish Street Goldhanger	Construct garage with single bedroom above, as side extension to detached dwelling	It was RESOLVED to support this application.
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- c. Enforcement issues. There was nothing to report.
- d. To consider any other planning matters. The Parish Council understands that an application may soon be lodged to demolish Hatters in the Square and build a replacement dwelling.
It was noted that Maldon District Council has not yet made a decision about Inglenook 52 Maldon Road (20/00115/HOUSE).

2295.20 Finances.

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

V Banyard	Clerk's salary, office allowance and expenses June	£ 184.02
HMRC	Tax on clerk's salary June	£ 40.56
Goldhanger Parish Magazine	Support Group leaflets	£ 36.00
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator annual support costs for Yr 4	£ 302.40

2. Councillor Mrs Bourn had looked further into setting up internet banking for the Parish Council and had found that any signatory who did not themselves bank with Barclays would receive an authentication card to sign up on line for the Council's accounts. It was agreed that for now no further action would be taken to change to on-line banking.

3. It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the accounts for the year ended 31.3.2020 (as approved by the internal auditor).

4. The internal auditor's report for the year ended 31.3.2020 was received.

5. To review the parish clerk's salary for the year 2020-21. It was **RESOLVED** to set the clerk's salary at the sum of £2,556 annual salary plus £216 office allowance.

2296.20 To consider the Parish Council's response to the Bradwell B Project Stage One consultation.

A brief discussion was held on the above and among the points raised were:

A concern that the transportation of materials for the new station should include a higher percentage by sea. There is no need for the coastal footpath to be closed or diverted during works on the new station. Concern about the Chinese prototype design and the prediction of sea levels rising due to ice sheets melting. The employment prospects of local people in the building and running of the new station. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Bourn will collate Councillors' comments and send these in by the closing date of 1st July.

2297.20 To consider any matters or reports concerning:

1. Response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The play area in the playing field is still closed with no date as yet for it to be reopened. The allotments are kept locked overnight at present. The Goldhanger support group has worked very effectively in keeping everyone in the village up to date with events as they progress.

2. Public rights of way. The missing sign post on the Blind Lane footpath has not yet been replaced.

3. Highways issues.

There has been an increase in parked vehicles in the village which has led to problems where the bus has been unable to get through in Church Street. A particular pinch point is near The Cricketers and the nursery school. It may be necessary to get the Community Protection Team involved in dealing with parking problems, and Councillor Mrs Thompson will look into this.

Councillor Mr Sargeant is still chasing Moat about drainage issues in the village.

Highways will be asked when it intends to cut verges in the village as some sight lines are being lost.

Councillor Mr Bishop is investigating whether there are connection problems with the Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road. Once he is certain that no problems exist a new battery will be purchased.

4. Repairs to the village sign.

Councillors Mr Bishop and Mr Sargeant will arrange a date for them to take down the sign and take it to Bakers for repairs.

5. Marigold Wood.

All is growing well in the woodland.

6. The playing field and play area.

The water main to the Sailing Club has now been installed. Wicksteed will arrange a date for the play area inspection.

8. Any other issues.

Risk Assessment Policy. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft policy and this will now go on the Parish Council's website.

The hedge in Blind Lane opposite to the houses is now very overgrown and Mr Ben Frost will be asked to cut it back as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

Maldon District Council is no longer delivering green food recycling bags to houses in the village but the Village Hall has a good stock and they can be collected from there.

2298.20 To set the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting will be a remote meeting to be held on **Tuesday** 14th July at 7.30 pm.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.42 pm.

Approved by the Council at its remote meeting held on 14.7.2020.