

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 14.7.2020

Present: Chair – Councillor J Bourn
 Vice Chair – Councillor H Reynolds
 Councillors M Bishop, C Cheeseman, S Ellis. SJ Holmes and M Sargeant.
 Miss V Banyard (Parish clerk)
 No members of the public were present.

2299.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items.
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Thompson (Ward Member).
 There were no Declarations of Interest.

2300.20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 9.6.2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2301.20. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 No issues were raised.

2302.20. Planning

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

HOUSE/MAL/20/00425	14 Hall Estate Goldhanger	Erection of part single and part two storey rear and side extension. Refused
ESS/68/20/MAL ESS/69/20/MAL	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Continuation of the construction of an agricultural reservoir by the extraction and removal from the site of sand, gravel and surplus soils, without compliance with Conditions 3 (cessation and restoration by 20 th May 2020), 4 (removal of plant and machinery by 20 th May 2020) and 39 (removal of Wash Lane crossing and reinstatement of hedgerow by 20 th May 2020), attached to planning permissions ESS/39/18/MAL and ESS/38/18/MAL, to allow additional time for completion and restoration of the development by 20 th September 2021 No objections.
ESS/70/20/MAL	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Continuation of use of a washing plant for processing of indigenous sand and gravel obtained from the construction of an agricultural reservoir without compliance with conditions 3 (cessation and restoration by 20 th May 2020) and 4 (removal of plant and machinery by 20 th May 2020) attached to planning permission ESS/03/19/MAL, to allow additional time for completion and restoration of the development by 30 th September 2021 No objections.
20/00115/HOUSE	Inglenook 52 Maldon Road Goldhanger	Proposed new garden building. Approved.

b. The following new planning applications were considered:

20/00513/FUL	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Erection of additional livestock building with associated area of hard standing and feed bin. It was RESOLVED to make no objections but to comment that the Parish Council has concerns about the ongoing issue of smell from the pig housing unit on this site.
20/00205/FUL	Gardeners Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Change of use of stables to overnight dog kennels with associated hydrotherapy pool, feed store, external exercise enclosure and fenced external walkway. It was RESOLVED to object to this application on the grounds given in Appendix A below.

- c. Enforcement issues – No updates were available.
- d. To consider any other planning issues. It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the application for an interim storage facility at the Bradwell Magnox site.

2303.20. Finance

- a) Councillors received the financial statements for July 2020. It was noted that the reserves fund now includes the sum of £6,000 for playing field works.
The following payments were authorized:

V Banyard	Salary, office allowance and expenses - July	£ 192.15
HMRC	Tax on clerk's salary – July	£ 42.60
Wave	Allotments water rates 29.4.20 – 30.6.20	£ 117.97
RCCE	Subscription renewal	£ 72.60
N Powell Davies	Internal audit	£ 140.00

- b) External audit for the year ended 31.3.2020:
 - i) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Certificate of Exemption – the Parish Council's gross income or total gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000.
 - ii) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement.
 - iii) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounting Statement.

2304.20. To consider any reports or matters concerning:

1. Response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Following the lifting of government restrictions on the opening of play areas and advice from the Parish Council's insurers, Councillors Mrs Bourne and Mr Reynolds carried out a Risk Assessment and the play area has now been re-opened with additional signage.
2. Highways issues: Parking, visitors and cones; drainage; public rights of way.
Following complaints about cones being placed into the road way in various parts of the village to stop parking, the cones have now been moved into the kerb.
Parking enforcement officers have visited the area twice over a recent weekend and will be asked to continue these visits to try and enforce the restrictions at the bottom of Fish Street. The clerk will find out what the cost of this will be. It was noted that cars are being parked outside the gates into the playing field despite the No Parking sign.
Councillor Mr Sargeant reported that he is continuing to look into the issue of flooding in the Moat estate area on Maldon Road.
The landowner will trim back the overgrown hedge in Blind Lane when the bird nesting season is over.
3. Repairs to the village sign. The sign has now been delivered to Bakers of Danbury.
4. Marigold Wood. No issues were raised.
5. The playing field and play area. It was noted that the standard of grass cutting in the playing field is very good, and this message will be conveyed to the contractors.

6. Any other issues. Councillor Mr Bishop is working on repairs to the Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road.

It was noted that some residents are putting grass clippings into the hedge of the horses' field in Head Street. This is a very dangerous practice and can cause serious damage to the horses' health. A note will be placed in the village magazine asking residents not to put the grass into the hedge, and a leaflet drop to the same effect will be made in Head Street. Grass cuttings are also being left in the hedge outside the playing field in Fish Street.

7. To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda.
Councillor Mr Durham (Essex County Council) has advised that Parish Councils in the Maldon area can apply for funding for any scheme which they have in mind. It was **RESOLVED** that Goldhanger Parish Council will apply for £2,000 towards the cost of a new slide for the play area.

2305.20. To set the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that the next remote meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 11th August 2020.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.38 pm.

The above minutes were approved at the Parish Council's remote meeting held on 11.8.2020.

Appendix A

Planning application 20/00205/FUL

Gardeners Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger

Change of use of stables to overnight dog kennels with associated hydrotherapy pool, feed store, external exercise enclosure and fenced external walkway.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal for the reasons listed below:

1. The application form contains various inaccuracies and the description "change of use of stables" is misleading.
2. The potential noise disturbance from barking dogs, as occurs elsewhere in this village.
3. The absence of information of how overnight supervision will be addressed, being mindful of how Clarks Farm site progressively changed.
4. In view of the extensive planning history of this site with enforcement notices being issued, a comprehensive on site check of planning compliance should be made of all activities being undertaken, including equine and non-farming related, before any consideration of this application.

