

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Report of the remote Ordinary Meeting held on 11.8.2020

Planning

The following decisions by Maldon District Council were noted:

Gardeners Farm Maldon Road – change of use of stables to overnight dog kennels with associated hydrotherapy pool, feed store, external exercise enclosure and fenced external walkway. **Refused.**

Blackwater View 13 Fish Street – Construct garage with single bedroom above, as side extension to detached dwelling. **Approved.**

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Highways

Flooding issues. Councillor Mr Sargeant has compiled detailed drawings of pipes, gulleys and drains in Church Street and Fish Street and these have been sent to Highways and copied to Councillor Mark Durham and Priti Patel MP. Flooding issues in these areas have been ongoing for a number of years with little remedial action being taken.

Parking issues. Both residents and the Parish Council are concerned at the recent problems with parking in Fish Street, Head Street and Church Street. This increase in parking is thought to be due to Covid restrictions and staycations. The Parish Council has asked the Community Services Team at Maldon District Council to monitor the parking on yellow lines, and will give some thought to more long term remedies.

Playing field

Councillors considered the recent play area inspection report and some repair work will take place. The Council is to apply for funding from Essex County Council to replace the slide

The entrance path into the playing field will be levelled out to make it easier for those with disability issues to access the field.

Village sign

The sign is currently with Bakers of Danbury for repairs but it has been found that more work will be required than was previously thought. Other options will be investigated.

Hedges overhanging the highway or pedestrian footways

Residents whose properties front the highways or a pedestrian footway should be aware that if their hedge is overgrown and causes an obstruction it is their responsibility to cut the hedge back to allow free access. There are a number of areas in the village where this has not been done and this has led to near misses with traffic and difficulties for pedestrians. If residents do not cut back their hedges, the Parish Council can report this to Highways who will carry out the work themselves and then charge the landowner.

The next remote meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2020.
The agenda will be posted on the website (parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/) nearer to the date.