

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 8.9.2020

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

2313.20 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 Mr Sargeant.
 There were no Declarations of Interest.

2314.20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 11.8.2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2315.20. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 Councillor Mrs Bourn reported that a letter had been sent to the landowner of the hedge abutting Church Street and opposite to Benham Close asking that the hedge is cut back, but to date no response has been received.

2316.20. Planning

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

FUL/MAL/20/00513	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Erection of additional livestock building with associated area of hard standing and feed bin. Approved
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b. New planning applications: The following were considered:

20/00754/FUL	Wash Lane Little Totham	Retention of crossing at Wash Lane for agricultural use only. It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
20/00792/LBC	3 Fish Street Goldhanger	Installation of through floor lift It was RESOLVED to support this application.

- c. Enforcement issues – No updates were available. It was noted that some work is being carried out at 1 Benham Close which was the subject of a recently refused application. However the nature of the work is not known so no action will be taken.
- d. Response to the government white paper on the reform of the planning system (Building For The Future). Councillors will bring their comments to the next meeting and a formal response will then be collated.
- e. To consider any other planning issues.
No other matters were raised

2317.20. Finance

a) Councillors received the financial statements for September 2020.
 The following payments were authorized:

V Banyard	Salary, office allowance and expenses - Sept	£ 199.95
HMRC	Tax on clerk’s salary – Sept	£ 42.60

2318.20. To consider any reports or matters concerning:

- 1. Response to the Covid 19 pandemic.

- No issues were raised.
2. Highways issues: Parking, visitors and cones; drainage; public rights of way.
Both the Parking Partnership and Maldon District Council officers are monitoring parking in Fish Street and on yellow lines in the village
A resident raised concerns at the parking in Hall Estate – cars are being parked on the junction which is causing a dangerous situation for other road users, and other parking could hinder the passage of emergency vehicles and waste lorries trying to access Sorrell Close. Highway Code rules are being violated by inconsiderate parking. Councillor Mrs Bourn will draft a letter to be sent to the resident who made the complaint.
Another resident raised issues about parking in Fish Street; the hedge opposite Benham Close which is causing visibility issues for passing traffic; painting of the bus shelters; and repair work needed in the play area. Councillor Mrs Bourn will again draft a letter to the resident responding to the issues raised.
The Parish Council has already put an article in the village magazine advising that landowners are responsible for trimming any hedges on their property.
Hedge in Blind Lane opposite the houses: The landowner will again be asked to trim back this hedge as it is causing visibility issues.
Drainage. Councillor Mr Sargeant sent full information of drainage problems in the parish to Essex County Council but has as yet received no full replies. He will continue to pursue this matter.
Footpaths. No issues were raised.
 3. Repairs to the village sign. The sign is currently with Bakers of Danbury and Councillor Mr Sargeant has visited them to discuss the repair work.
 4. Marigold Wood. No issues were raised.
 5. The playing field and play area. An application has been sent to Essex County Council for a Locality grant for replacing the slide in the play area.
Due to the absence of Councillor Mr Ellis there was no update on the levelling of the path at the entrance to the playing field.
 6. Any other issues.
New procedures have now been put in place for the use of the Village Hall. At present the National Association of Local Councils is advising that all Parish Council meetings should be held remotely.
 7. To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda.
No issues were raised.

2319.20 To consider other items of information or for inclusion in a future agenda.

It was noted that there has been some degradation of the paintwork in the defibrillator kiosk in the square. The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road was repaired, tested and put back up but unfortunately was blown down in recent strong winds. It will be checked and put back up again.

2320.20. 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 13th October 2020.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.19 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the remote meeting held on 13.10.2020 and recorded as Minute Reference 2322.20