

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 13.10.2020

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

2321.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items.
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mr Reynolds.
 There were no Declarations of Interest.

2322.20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 8.9.2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2323.20. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 No issues were raised.

2324.20. Planning

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

Tree Preservation Order No. 15/20	Land to the west of Thistley Close Goldhanger	T1 Oak, T2 Pine Order made on 17.9.2020, remaining effective until confirmed or otherwise within 6 months from that date. Councillor Mrs Bourn reported correspondence which had been received from the land owner.
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b. New planning applications: The following was considered:

20/00974/FUL	19 Blind Lane Goldhanger	Double garage with room in roof to the front of existing dwelling house It was RESOLVED to make no comment on this application.
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- c. Enforcement issues – No updates were available.
- d. Response to the government white paper on the reform of the planning system (Planning For The Future). Councillors were asked to send their comments to the clerk who will collate a formal response.
- e. To consider any other planning issues.
It was noted that trees are being cut down, a track marked out and fencing being put up at Falcon Hall Little Totham Road.

2325.20. Finance

a) Councillors received the financial statements for October 2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Salary, office allowance and expenses - Oct	£ 192.15
HMRC	Tax on clerk’s salary – Oct	£ 42.60
Wave – Anglian Water	Allotments water rates 1.7.20 – 30.9.20 (estimated bill)	£ 120.97
Wicksteed	Supplies for play area repairs	£ 611.94

Councillor Mr Sargeant and the clerk will work on an updated version of the Parish Council accounts.

2326.20. To consider any reports or matters concerning:

1. Response to the Covid 19 pandemic.
Essex County Council has asked the government that its area should be moved to the Tier 2 restrictions, and a decision is awaited. Parish Councils have been asked to deliver leaflets about this to all households in their area. It was **RESOLVED** to await the government's decision before taking any action.
2. Highways issues:
Parking. A note about parking has been placed in the village magazine.
Drainage and flooding issues in the village. Councillor Mr Sargeant has again chased up Highways and Moat for a response to the Parish Council's concerns, but no reply has been received. This is very discouraging.
A resident fell over a trip hazard in Hall Estate and this has been reported to Highways.
Community Speedwatch: training for the new pilot scheme is still not available. It was noted that Little Totham Parish Council has been very proactive in getting speed measures in their village, and it will be worthwhile to ask their advice on how this was done.
Four new Trucam patrols of half an hour each will be booked for the forthcoming month.
3. Repairs to the village sign.
Councillor Mr Sargeant has been in touch with Bakers who are repairing the sign. Due to rot at the bottom of the sign new timber must be put in to replace it.
4. Marigold Wood. No issues were raised.
5. The playing field and play area.
Councillor Mr Sargeant has ordered parts for the repair of the cradle swings and flat swing seats, and he will carry out the work in due course.
6. Any other issues.
The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road is now up and running again.
The hedge at the top of Church Road at its junction with Maldon Road has now been cut back by the landowner, and the Parish Council appreciates the resulting safety improvements this has made.
The landowner will again be asked to cut back the hedge in Blind Lane opposite to the houses.
7. To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda.
No issues were raised.

2327.20 To consider other items of information or for inclusion in a future agenda.

A large pothole in Maldon Road near to its junction with Head Street will again be reported to Highways. Councillors considered whether a donation should be made to the Village Hall even though the Parish Council is holding remote meetings. This will be placed on the agenda for the November meeting. It was reported that bags of dog mess are being left by the bin in Hall Estate rather than being put in the bin.

2328.20. 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 Wednesday 11th November 2020.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.37 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the remote meeting held on 11.11.2020 and noted as Minute Ref: 2330.20