

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report of the remote Ordinary Meeting held on 11.11.2020**

**Planning**

Decision by Maldon District Council:

3 Fish Street – Installation of through floor lift. Approved.

Councillors considered the following new planning applications:

1 Head Street – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new replacement dwelling and outbuilding. This application was supported.

9 Benham Close – First floor extension over existing garage. The Parish Council objects as it is over development of the site with a severe effect on the windows of the adjacent property, as evidenced by site photo 5 attached to the application.

27 Fish Street. Walnut tree - Reduce the crown all around by 2m. The Parish Council felt unable to consider this due to a number of mistakes on the application.

26 Fish Street. 2m crown reduction of oak tree; reduce the height of a bay tree by 3m; reduce the height of a holly tree by 3m. Again the Parish Council felt unable to consider this due to a number of inaccuracies on the application.

There is no update from Maldon District Council on various enforcement issues in the village.

Village Hall. The Council is mindful of the ongoing expenses to run the Hall even though it may not be open due to lockdown. It was therefore decided to pay the normal hire amount for any meetings which have been held remotely. The Village Hall is an asset which the Council would like to support.

**Budget and precept.**

This must be set at the January 2021 meeting, and Councillor Mr Sargeant will prepare a draft budget for Councillors to consider.

The Council has been successful in securing a Locality Fund grant of £2,000 from Essex County Council towards the cost of purchasing a new slide for the play area.

**Highways Issues.**

The Council is again very disappointed to report that there has still been no response from Essex County Council, Moat or the local MP regarding flooding and drainage issues in the village. However it was noted that some work has recently been carried out near Charity Farm, but the exact nature of this is not known.

Community Speedwatch. There is still no news of when the new group can receive training. Covid restrictions have put all this on hold for now.

The Council has arranged for some Trucam patrols to be held in the village. Speeding drivers beware!

The Parish Council is to approach the VHMC to see if it would be possible to open the Hall car park to help alleviate the parking problems in the village,

The landholder has agreed to trim the overgrown hedge in Blind Lane opposite the houses, but no date has been given.

**Marigold Wood.** The Council is looking at ways to improve the path in the woodland. It could be possible to use a working party to rake off loose stones to reveal a harder surface underneath.

**Bus shelters and defibrillator kiosks.** It has been difficult to carry out any work on painting the bus shelters due to the current situation. Some repairs have been carried out on the kiosk in the Square but the Council will investigate ways of carrying out other work.

**The village sign** has now been repaired and put back up again.

**The Speed Indicator Device** in Maldon Road has been repaired but is working intermittently when the solar panel is connected. New batteries will be purchased and a solution to the fault will be investigated.

**The Solitary Soldier** will be left in place until the end of November and will then be put back in storage until next year.

Government advice continues to be that Parish Councils should not hold face to face meetings for the near future. The next remote meeting of the Parish Council will therefore be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and interested residents are welcome to participate. For joining instructions please see the agenda which will be posted on the website ([parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/](http://parish-council.goldhanger.org.uk/)) nearer to the date.