

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 9.12.2020

Present:

Chair – Councillor J Bourn
 Vice Chair – Councillor H Reynolds
 Councillors M Bishop, C Cheeseman, S Ellis and M Sargeant
 The Ward Member Councillor M Thompson
 V Banyard (Parish clerk) and three members of the public

2343.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items.
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor SJ Holmes.
 Councillor Mr Sargeant declared an interest in the planning application for Orchard View 1a Head Street.

2344.20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 11.11.2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2345.20. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 No issues were raised.

2346.20. Planning

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

20/01016/HOUSE	9 Benham Close Goldhanger	First floor extension over existing garage Approved
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b. The following planning application was considered:
 20/01173/FUL - Orchard View 1A Head Street Goldhanger
 Change of use from a residential dwelling (Class C3) to a Sui Generis use including a residential dwelling, café and shop. Conversion of existing outbuilding to a B&B. Addition of a raised decking area, removal of existing shed and replace with 4 additional parking spaces, addition of detached catering unit.
 Due to the complexity of this application councillors considered each part in turn.
 Catering container in the front garden. It was **RESOLVED** to object as the container would be very prominent and inappropriate in the conservation area and adjacent to a listed building.
 Café and shop. It was **RESOLVED** not to object to the proposed shop and to support the principle of the tea room but to comment on the details of both – location of toilets, how access will work, opening hours and delivery hours, trade waste, provision of parking.
 Proposed bed and breakfast. It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection but to comment on the details of the application – no toilet facilities shown, access to the parking spaces using a shared right of way.
 Internal seating arrangements. It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection but to comment on the details of the proposal.
 Outdoor seating and decking in the garden area. It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection but to comment on the details of the proposal.
 Additional parking. It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection but to comment on the details of the proposal.
 It was agreed that Councillors Mrs Bourn and Mr Sargeant will draft a response to the application and then circulate it to all councilors for comment before responding to Maldon District Council.

Councillors then considered the following additional applications:

20/01229/TCA	2Fish Street Goldhanger	T1 Maple – remove 6 lower branches going west over the Oak. Remove 1 lower branch going east over car park. Remove 1 lower branch going south over 2 East Street. It was RESOLVED to support the above application.
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20/01192/HOUSE	18 Head Street Goldhanger	Increase ridge height. First floor front extension. Single storey front canopy extension. Rear and side extensions. Addition of dormers and rooflights. Alteration to fenestration. New fence. It was RESOLVED to make no objection but to comment as follows: There is some concern about the resulting fairly radical change in the street scene of four similar bungalows. The proposal is to infill leaving a very narrow single garage which will cut out the sunlight, with a new window in the western gable end at first floor level which will overlook the adjacent property.
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- c. Enforcement issues – to consider any update from Maldon District Council. Nothing further has been heard.
- d. To consider any other planning issues. Councillor Mrs Bourn will attend the remote meeting of the NW planning committee to give the Parish Council’s support for the application for 19 Blind Lane.

2347.20. To consider items of correspondence received

Maldon District Heritage Assets – to consider any local features which can be surveyed with a view to protecting them in future developments. Councillor Mr Ellis undertook to look into this and report back at the January meeting.

2348.20 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

The financial statements for December were received.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the following payments:

V Banyard	Salary, office allowance and expenses	£ 201.45
HMRC	Clerk’s tax December	£ 42.60

An invoice from the VHMC for the use of the Hall is awaited.

2349.20. To consider arrangements for the setting of the budget/precept for the year ending 31.3.2022.

The Parish Council discussed various ideas for possible schemes under non-recurring expenditure. These included: A new gate and post for the playing field entrance; the gates giving access into Marigold Wood; work on the village pump; work on the entrance into the footpath from Fish Street to the sea wall; new door & repairs to the phone box; a Webex upgrade for remote meetings; improving the parking area at the bottom of Fish Street; the improvement of Marigold Wood by putting in a path to the centre of the wood with a feature such as a bench in the middle.

Quotes have been received for a new slide in the play area and it was **RESOLVED** that a sum of £8,000 is made available from reserves together with the Locality Fund grant for this work and some springy creatures could also be purchased for the play area.

Councillor Mr Ellis undertook to scrape out and level the surface of the path into the playing field as a remedial action.

Councillor Mr Sargeant will compile a draft budget for presentation at the January meeting.

2350.20. To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

No other issues were raised.

2351.20. To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

Update on training for the new Goldhanger Community Speedwatch Group. Nothing further has been heard but a resident is to take up the matter with the Chief Constable of Essex to try and get things moving.

Flooding and drainage issues in Head Street/Maldon Road. Following heavy rainfall there has been further flooding in Maldon Road with water coming out of the drains and raising concerns about ice on the road. Councillor Mr Sargeant continues to follow this up, with no response from Moat but a reply from Priti Patel MP that she will ask for the matter to be investigated.

Over 2 half hour patrols in November Trucam made 27 captures of speeding vehicles in Maldon Road. The Little Totham Road sign on Jenkinson’s triangle is damaged and will be reported.

The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road now has two batteries which can be kept charged.
Parking issues – response by VHMC. The VHMC is unable to allow the Village Hall car park to be used for general parking in the village due to insurance issues, a clash with those actually using the Hall and the need to man the car park when used by the general public.

2352.20. To consider any issues arising from the current lockdown due to Covid 19.

No issues were raised.

2453.20. To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

No issues were raised.

2454.20. To consider repair work to the village pump.

Repairfast has quoted £1,428 to do the required work, and will begin in early January. Councillor Mr Ellis did not take part in this discussion as he was acquainted with the owner of Repairfast.

2455.20. To consider any matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators.

One of the light bulbs in the kiosk is to be replaced.

2456.20. To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda.

Essex County Council Hardship Fund. Councillors will consider this and raise it at a future meeting if thought appropriate.

2457.20. To set the date for the Council's January 2021 meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting will be held on 13.1.2021.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.58 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the remote meeting held on 13.1.2021 and recorded as Minute reference 2459.20