

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 10.2.2021

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor J Bourn
 Vice Chair – Councillor H Reynolds
 Councillors M Bishop, C Cheeseman, SJ Holmes and M Sargeant.
 The parish clerk V Banyard
 No members of the public were present.

2373.20 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Ellis and the Ward Member Councillor M Thompson.
 No Declarations of Interest were made.

2374.20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 13.1.2020.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2375.20. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 No issues were raised.

2376.20. Planning

a. The following decisions by Maldon District Council and Essex County Council were noted:

HOUSE/MAL/20/01192	18 Head Street Goldhanger	Increase ridge height. First floor front extension. Single storey front canopy projection. Rear and side extensions. Addition of dormers and roof lights. Alterations to fenestration. New fence. Refused
ESS/69/20/MAL	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Continuation of the construction of an agricultural reservoir by the extraction and removal from the site of sand, gravel and surplus soils, without compliance with conditions 3 (cessation and restoration by 20 th May 2020), 4 (removal of plant and machinery by 20 th May 2020) and 39 (removal of Wash Lane crossing and reinstatement of hedgerow by 20 th May 2020) attached to planning permission ESS/39/18/MAL, to allow additional time for the completion and restoration of the development. Granted
ESS/70/20/MAL	Cobbs Farm Maldon Road Goldhanger	Continuation of use of a washing plant for processing of indigenous sand and gravel obtained from the construction of an agricultural reservoir without compliance with conditions 3 ((cessation and restoration by 20 th May 2020) and 4 (removal of plant and machinery by 20 th May 2020) attached to planning permission ESS/03/19/MAL, to allow additional time for the completion and restoration of the development. Granted
HOUSE/MAL/20/00777	The Old Parsonage 12 Head Street Goldhanger	Relocation of boiler to external wall and construction of a boiler housing unit. Approved

FUL/MAL/20/01173	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. Refused
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- b. Latest planning applications – to comment on any planning applications which may be received.
The following was considered:

21/00050/HOUSE and 21/00051/LBC	Beehive Cottages 12-14 Fish Street Goldhanger	Proposed porch to kitchen door. It was RESOLVED to support the above application.
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- c. Enforcement issues – to consider any update from Maldon District Council.
No updates have been received.
- d. To consider any other planning issues. Following the Parish Council’s response to the new planning white paper “Building For The Future” a reply has been received from the Housing Minister advising that all comments will be noted.

2377.20. To consider items of correspondence received

Maldon District Heritage Assets. Councillor Mr Ellis has now established a contact with Maldon District Council and is waiting for a response.

Freedom of Information request on the use of drones in the playing field. Following this request Councillor Mr Sargeant has found a copy of the 1984 bye laws for the playing field and these will be circulated to all councillors. It was noted that bye laws can only be enforced if displayed. The Council will give further consideration to this matter at the March meeting before making a reply to the FoI request.

2378.20 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

The financial reports for February were approved. The clerk will check the figure for the net current underspend. Regarding the Maldon District Council invoices for grounds maintenance it was noted that fourteen out of sixteen cuts have been carried out in the playing field in this financial year but it is thought optimistic (due to weather conditions) that the last two cuts will take place in March.

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

V Banyard	Clerk’s salary, office allowance and expenses	£ 192.20
HMRC	Clerk’s tax	£ 42.60
Maldon D C	Grounds work rear of Village Hall July-September	£ 366.00
Maldon DC	Mowing playing field July-September	£ 210.00

2379.20 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

English Coast Path. The authority has advised that it is unable to fund any improvements to the path from Fish Street to the sea wall as it can only fund the Coast Path itself. It has asked the Parish Council if a notice board can be put up at the bottom of the steps from the playing field to the sea wall, but it will be suggested that a better location would be on top of the sea wall by the GSC starting hut.

The new slide and springers for the play area have been ordered but due to the adverse weather work to install these has been put back to 1st March.

The Environment Agency has advised that it is not responsible for installing a handrail on the steps from the playing field up to the sea wall. The Parish Council will point out that it believes that other steps in the vicinity were provided by the EA.

The contractors who are to carry out work in Marigold Wood also have a paths division and they will look at the path from Fish Street to the sea wall with a view to providing a quote on work to the path.

2380.20. To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

Drainage issues. Councillor Mr Sargeant continues to correspond with various involved agencies but their response remains very poor. He will now question why Maldon District Council's building control did not pick up the potential drainage problems when the Moat development in Maldon Road was being built.

Wash Bridge. Further to the Parish Council suggesting that the bridge should be replaced with more robust materials Highways has advised that it is trying to establish how many times the bridge has been hit over the years and the costs to repair it. They are of the opinion that the whole junction may need to be reconfigured and the bridge rebuilt. The Asset Management Team has been asked to advise whether an Option Study should be made to look into this. Highways will be advised that the bridge has again been damaged only a week or so after the most recent repairs were completed.

Wash Brook. The Environment Agency has confirmed that it is the responsibility of the landowner to clear vegetation from the brook. They will be asked why they have not enforced this with landowners in the past. Councillor Mr Sargeant will walk along the length of the brook and take photos to show how the brook is clogged with vegetation.

The fallen footpath fingerpost in Blind Lane has been reported and permanent repair is pending.

The foul manhole cover at the junction of Blind Lane and Maldon Road has been reinstated by Anglian Water but the corner of the cover is broken.

The Parish Council has been advised that due to Covid restrictions there will be no training of new Community Speedwatch Groups in the immediate future.

2381.20 To consider any issues arising from the current lockdown due to Covid 19.

No issues were raised.

2382.20 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

Work to thin the trees in the woodland has been deferred for a short period due to the adverse weather conditions. Any resulting firewood will be available to villagers.

2383.20 Repair work to the village pump – update.

It was **RESOLVED** that in order to have the pump working fully again, further works need to be done and Repairfast Ltd's quote of £4,235.00 plus VAT was approved. Councillor Mr Sargeant will ask if a warranty for the work can be given.

2384.20 To consider any matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

Councillor Mrs Bourn has been in touch with X2 Connect to find out if a new door can be obtained for the kiosk. It was agreed that for now it will be seen how the kiosk functions without a door.

2385.20 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda

The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road has now been spun round and is picking up speeding cars coming in the other direction. Batteries are being recharged every two weeks.

The Parish Council still has plenty of highway salt left over from previous years, and this could be made available to villagers.

A resident has asked what the Council has provided in the budget for speeding and parking enforcement.

2386.20. To set the date for the Council's March 2021 meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the next remote meeting on 10.3.2021.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.46 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the Council's remote meeting held on 10.3.2021 and recorded as Minute Ref: 2388.20.