

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Remote Meeting held on 5.5.2021

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor J Bourn
 Vice Chair – Councillor H Reynolds
 Councillors M Bishop, C Cheeseman, S Ellis and M Sargeant.
 Councillor M Thompson (Ward Member)
 The parish clerk V Banyard
 No members of the public were present.

2404.21 To appoint the Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2021-2022
 It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillor J Bourn as Chair for the above year.

2405.21 To receive the Chair’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office
 The Council received the Chair’s Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2406.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items
 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor SJ Holmes.
 No Declarations of Interest were made.

2407.21. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Remote Meeting held on 10.3.2021.
 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes with the following amendment:
 Minute 2397.20 to read “The Council considered the Hardship Fund which is now available but decided that it was not eligible to pursue this.”
 NB: No meeting was held in April.

2408.21. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.
 No issues were raised.

2409.21 To appoint officers of the Parish Council.
 It was **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments:
 Allotments officer – Councillor C Cheeseman
 Playing field committee – Councillors Mr Bishop, Mr Cheeseman, Mr Ellis, Mrs SJ Holmes and Mr Sargeant
 Responsible Financial Officer – Miss V Banyard (clerk)
 Accounts and finance – Councillor M Sargeant

2410.21. Planning

a. The following decisions by Maldon District Council were received:

HOUSE/MAL/21/00050 and LBC/MAL/21/00051 Beehive Cottages Fish Street Goldhanger	Proposed porch to kitchen door	Approved and Grant Listed Building Consent
Tree Preservation Order No. 15/20	Land to the west of Thistley Close Goldhanger	The Order has been confirmed by the District Council with the following modification: Remove Pine tree (T2) from the Order.
WTPO/MAL/20/01249	Three Thistles Thistley Close Goldhanger	T1 Oak –remove northern lower limb and 2.5m crown reduction to the top of the crown – Refused T1 Oak – reduce remainder of crown by 2m. Remove lowest limb on northern side. T2 Leylandii – reduce canopy by 2m – Approved

21/00020/HOUSE	The Old Parsonage 12 Head Street Goldhanger	Proposed single storey rear extension. Approved
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b. Latest planning applications – Councillors considered the following:

21/00376/HOUSE	Rectory Cottage Maldon Road Goldhanger	Alteration to the rear roof slope to provide a gable feature with Juliet balcony. It was RESOLVED to support this application.
21/00289/HOUSE	18 Head Street /Goldhanger	Extension to existing kitchen at rear of property. Glazed verandah to the front. Dormers to front and rear elevations to form a bedroom and bathroom in roof space. Pitched roof to garage. <i>Decision taken between meetings – supported.</i>
21/00388/HOUSE	35 Church Street Goldhanger	Proposed replacement link building between house and previously converted garage and changes to front of converted garage. It was RESOLVED to support this application.
21/00020/HOUSE	The Old Parsonage 12 Head Street Goldhanger	Proposed single storey rear extension. <i>Decision taken between meetings - Supported</i>

c. Enforcement issues – to consider any update from Maldon District Council.

Councillor Mrs Thompson advised that enforcement at 1 Benham Close and the footpath link from Benham Close to Maldon Road are both progressing slowly.

d. To consider any other planning issues.

Request by a resident that the Council supports an extension of the dropped kerb in front of her bungalow to improve the line of site when exiting the property. Following discussion it was agreed to advise the resident that she would need to approach Highways herself regarding the dropped kerb. However, the Parish Council recognizes that there is a problem with cars parking at the bus stop and causing inconvenience both to bus users and car drivers. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to approach Highways to ask for bus cage markings at the bus stop near the junction of Maldon Road and Head Street.

It was noted that a resident (via social media) suggested that the green in Hall Estate be used for additional parking, but a similar suggestion several years ago did not receive much support.

2411.21. To consider items of correspondence received

Maldon District Heritage Assets. Councillor Mr Ellis has not yet had a response from Maldon District Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a request by Broadleaf Fencing that the Parish Council provides a reference for the work done recently.

2412.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

It was noted that the clerk and Councillor Mr Sargeant are liaising on setting up the accounts for the new financial year.

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

V Banyard	Clerk's salary, office allowance and expenses April & May	£ 384.40
HMRC	Clerk's tax April & May	£ 85.20
Wave	Allotments water rates (actual reading)	£ 12.23
T Knights PC	Memory sticks for laptop	£ 6.48
EALC	Subscription renewal	£ 237.52
Barclays Bank	Stopped cheque Essex & Suffolk Trees. It was explained that the original cheque had gone missing in the post and was subsequently re-issued	£ 12.50

BHIB	Insurance renewal	£ 273.44
Broadleaf Fencing	Gates work – playing field and Marigold Wood	£1,670.00

The Council considered that it could revisit the issue of changing to internet banking.

2413.21 To approve the Certificate of Exemption from external audit – that during the financial year 2020/2021 the higher of the authority’s total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the signing of the Certificate of Exemption.

2414.21 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

The new slide will be installed in the play area in the week beginning 7th June. The Parish Council will remove the old slide.

The new signage for the Coastal Path will be put up in the original suggested location – by the steps up to the sea wall from the playing field.

Essex County Council rights of way department will be asked if it can provide a handrail for the steps up to the sea wall from the playing field.

There had recently been incidents of dogs on the sea wall being attacked by loose dogs. If this happens again residents are advised to report the issue on the Maldon District Council website.

2415.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

Wash Bridge and Wash Brook. Councillor Mr Sargeant will draft a letter on these issues for the clerk to send to the relevant organisations.

Drainage issues in the village. Some investigative work has now been carried out with more to be done and a report to be sent to the Parish Council. As nothing further has been heard Councillor Mr Sargeant will write to Councillor Mr Durham (ECC) for an update.

Parking issues in the village. Councillor Mrs Bourn has been trying to arrange for enforcement visits by the South Essex Parking Partnership but it has been difficult to obtain a response. She will continue to pursue this with Adrian Rayner (ECC).

2416.21 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

The woodland and the playing field now have new gates at the entrances and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise Councillor Mr Sargeant to obtain new padlocks and keys for the same.

2417.21 Repair work to the village pump – update.

Repairfast will carry out further work on the pump in mid June and Councillor Mr Sargeant will inspect the pump before it is put back in place.

2418.21 To consider any matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

Some of the posts and fence panels at the bus halt at the junction of Head Street and Maldon Road will need replacing, and Councillor Mr Sargeant will meet on site with Broadleaf Fencing to discuss the work and obtain a quote.

2419.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda

The clerk’s salary will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Councillor Mr Cheeseman advised that when putting an advert into the parish magazine regarding allotment vacancies, the question of making a donation to the magazine was raised. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should maintain its previous position that it will need to see the magazine accounts before considering whether or not to make a donation.

An update on Broadband rollout in the village was given. The uptake for the government voucher scheme reached 100% of its target amount and the scheme is moving forward. Those who registered their vouchers will be connected as a priority before the fibre upgrade is offered to other residents.

Councillor Mrs Bourn thanked the Tolleshunt Major litter pickers who had carried out some work in Goldhanger. Other litter on the beach had also been cleared up.

It was reported that electric cables are being put underground in Thistley Close.

2420.21. To set the date for the June meeting.

Remote meetings can now no longer be held and it was suggested that the next Council meeting should take place after 21st June when all Covid restrictions are due to be lifted. The Hall will be booked for a meeting on Wednesday 23rd June.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

The above Minutes were approved at the Council's meeting on 23.6.2021 and recorded as Minute Reference 2422.21