

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23.6.2021 in the Village Hall Goldhanger

PRESENT:

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

2421.21 To receive apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest in the Meeting’s agenda items

There were no apologies for absence.
 Councillors Mr Cheeseman and Mr Ellis declared an interest in items concerning the Village Hall.

2422.21. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Remote Meeting held on 5.5.2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes.

2423.21. To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.

No issues were raised.

2424.21 To note the resignation of the current clerk

Miss V Banyard has resigned from the post of clerk as from 1st July 2021. A new clerk has not yet been appointed.

2425.21. Planning

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

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| 21/00020/HOUSE | The Old Parsonage 12 Head Street Goldhanger Proposed single storey rear extension | Approved |
| HOUSE/MAL/21/00289 | 18 Head Street Goldhanger Rear extension, glazed verandah, dormers to front and rear and pitched roof to garage | Approved |
| HOUSE/MAL/21/00388 | 35 Church Street Goldhanger Proposed replacement link building between house and previously converted garage and alteration to front and rear elevations of converted garage | Approved |
| HOUSE/MAL/21/00376 | Rectory Cottage Maldon Road Goldhanger Alterations to the rear roof slope to provide a gable feature with Juliet balcony | Approved |

b. Latest planning applications – Councillors considered the following:

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| 21/00476/LDP | 15 Peartree Close Goldhanger | Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey side extension. Decision taken between meetings – support. |
| 21/00507/HOUSE | 16 Head Street Goldhanger | Proposed single storey rear extension. Decision taken between meetings – support. |

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

Maldon District Council is still pursuing enforcement issues at 1 Benham Close and the footpath link from Benham Close to Maldon Road.

d. To consider any other planning issues.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply to Essex County Council for a bus cage at the bus stop near the junction of Head Street and Maldon Road.

Maldon District Council’s Statement of Community Involvement will be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

2426.21. To consider items of correspondence received

Maldon District Heritage Assets. Councillor Mr Ellis has still not had a response from Maldon District Council. Councillor Mrs Thompson will investigate.

2427.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

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

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| V Banyard | Clerk's salary, office allowance and expenses June | £ 200.12 |
| HMRC | Clerk's tax June | £ 42.60 |
| N Powell Davies | Internal audit ye 31.3.2021 | £ 140.00 |
| Community Heartbeat | Annual support costs yr 5 | £ 302.40 |

The Council will now consider making the change to internet banking.

Councillor Mr Cheeseman has collected the allotment rents (£573.00) - the clerk to send him a receipt for the same.

2428.21 Audit of accounts for the year ended 31.3.2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following documents:

- a. The audited summary of accounts and final bank reconciliation.
- b. The Annual Governance Statement(AGAR)
- c. The Accounting Statement (AGAR)
- d. The Internal Audit Report.

It was **RESOLVED** that allotment rents should be reviewed in December at the time of setting the budget. Councillor Mrs Bourn will look into the setting up of a gov.uk website and generic e mail addresses for the Council.

2429.21 To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area.

The new slide and springers have been installed in the play area. An inspection will now be booked.

Handrail from the footpath up the steps to the sea wall. Now that the Salcott to Maldon section of the English Coastal Path is open it is anticipated that there will be more users of the path and a handrail would be beneficial. Councillor Mrs Thompson will look into how this can be done.

2430.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

Parking issues. Councillors considered a letter from a number of residents in Church Street and St Peter's Close regarding dangerous and obstructive parking by those taking their children to and from The Nursery School. The letter discussed options to improve the situation but residents felt that the Nursery is ignoring the problem, and residents have been unable to get a police presence to look at the obstructions caused by inconsiderate parking. Residents are advised to send photographic evidence (with dates and times) via the parish council to the South Essex Parking Partnership portal and the traffic regulation order department-will assess and try to provide solutions. Goldhanger parish council will draft a letter to the nursery to say that the Parish Council is aware of the problem. Councillor Mrs Bourn held an on-site meeting with Adrian Rayner (SEPP) to discuss parking enforcement in Fish Street, and dates and times for future patrols were set. It was noted that recent patrols have issued five penalty notices.

Drainage issues in the village. Councillor Mr Sargeant reported that he is making little headway with Essex County Council or the local MP but will continue to pursue the matter. Highways is aware of the location of the drain blockages, and once this has been dealt with the issues at the Moat site in Maldon Road should also be improved. Speed Indicator Device. Councillor Mr Bishop has been looking at other SIDs in the area and is awaiting advice from Essex County Council. He will investigate the cost of a new solar panel. Wash Bridge and Wash Brook. There is nothing further to report as yet.

2431.21 To consider any matters concerning Marigold Wood.

Councillor Mr Sargeant is yet to obtain the new padlocks and keys for the gates.

2432.21 Repair work to the village pump – update.

Repairfast was due to carry out further work on the pump in mid June but this has not been done – Councillor Mr Sargeant to chase up.

2433.21 To consider any matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £450.00 from Broadleaf Fencing to carry out repairs to the fencing at the bus halt at the junction of Head Street and Maldon Road..

2434.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda

Councillor Mrs Bourn reported that she had been approached by Sky TV to use a drone over the village as part of a programme that they intended to make. Permission for this was denied but other locations for the use of the drone suggested.

Work needs to be carried out on the footpath from Fish Street to the sea wall. The hedges need cutting back so that machinery can be used to resurface the path. Councillors Mr Ellis, Mr Reynolds and Mr Sargeant will discuss what needs to be done and obtain a quote for materials and machinery.

It was noted that the form on the website for enquiries to the Parish Council does not seem to be working – this will be investigated.

The residents at 19 Blind Lane have thanked the Council for their help in obtaining recent planning permission at the site, and work is now commencing.

The verges at the junction of Head Street and Maldon Road are now very overgrown and sight lines have not been preserved. This will be reported to Highways.

2435.21. To set the date for the June meeting.

The Council's next meeting will be held on 14th June at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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