

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th Sept 2021 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall, Goldhanger

Cllrs Present:
J Bourn (Chair)
H Reynolds
M Bishop
C Cheeseman,
S Ellis
S J Holmes
M Sargeant
The Parish Clerk

2465.21 To receive apologies for absence

None – Cllr Reynolds had telephoned to inform he would be late, arrived 8.05pm

2466.21 Declarations of interest in the Meeting's agenda items

None

2467.21. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th Aug 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above Minutes and they were duly signed by the chair

2468.21 To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.

The Chairman reported that most actions had been completed other than those that had been included as a separate agenda item for this meeting.

Action Clerk still to chase up outstanding enforcement issues.

2469.21 Planning

a. Decisions by Maldon Council

None

b. Latest planning applications

None

c. Enforcement issues

A notice had been received from Maldon District Council regarding Ref 18/00172/BC Land at Jct of Maldon Road and Church Street (Benham Close Footpath Link) regarding a breach of planning control and that they had issued a Breach of Condition Notice on the 19th August

d. To consider any other planning issues.

None

2470.21 To consider items of correspondence received

a) publications received from EALC and RCCE were received and noted as per item 14 of the agenda as well as various information posters from several organisations for display on the notice board

2471.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

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

Wickstead Leisure Ltd	Playground Inspection	£ 72.00
Clerks Salary and expenses	Some Minor adjustments to be rectified	

Cllr Sergeant advised that there were teething issues with the accounts and that updated reports would be sent to cllrs as soon as possible.

2472.21 To consider any matter concerning the playing field and Play area.

a) Footpath Overhaul

Nothing to report

b) Report of the inspection carried out by Wickstead Leisure

Report was received with several minor issues highlighted for attention which were in the process of being actioned

2473.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

a) Parking issues – The Chairman advised that her contact from the Parking Partnership had left his post and she had been given a name of his replacement for future reference.

b) Flooding and Drainage – Cllr Sargeant advised that a response had been received from the Environmental agency that the site has been identified for a Surface Water Alleviation Scheme (SWAS) but as there is limited funding for this, a timescale was unavailable. They also stated that because of problems located off the highway, which lead on from their system but are not their responsibility to unblock they have referred the issues located on private land to the relevant team.

Totham Brook at Wash Bridge is still inconclusive and Cllr Sargeant reported that he is in communication with parties concerned

c) Damaged bin Fish Street - Cllr Sergeant reported this was work in progress.

Action Cllr Sergeant

d) New SIDS and Solar Panels – Cllr Bishop reported this was work in progress.

Action Cllr Bishop

2474.21 To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood

a) Grass Cutting – The Clerk had instructed MDC that the quotation was accepted as previously requested. Cllr Sergeant had followed up that day.

b) Bench application from Locality in Marigold Wood

Paperwork had been completed and monies awaited. A resident had stated that a plaque would be suitable in memory of a deceased member of their family.

2475.21 To consider Matter relating to the Village Pump

The date had now been postponed for Repairfast to commence Stage 2 Pump Repair on the 14th Sept 2021 until the 25th Oct 2021.

2476.21 – To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

It was reported that defibrillators now have new batteries and that the bus shelter work had been completed. The bus stop sign has been broken and the Clerk was requested to find out who was responsible for replacing this.

Action Clerk

2477.21 – To review process of dealing with agenda, minutes and publications in the Parish Magazine

The various options were discussed. It was agreed that a short precis was sent to the Parish Magazine as soon as possible after the meeting due to the deadline for publication being close to the Parish Council meeting dates. Readers to be advised that further detail can be viewed on the website and noticeboard once minutes are approved.

The redrafting of minutes was discussed and noted that they should only be altered on matters of accuracy.

2478.21 – To review and adopt the updated Financial Regulations

The Chairman discussed the updates made in the Regulations and these were agreed by the Council and she requested that the document is put on the website.

Action Clerk to enter minute number on documentation and arrange for these to be put on the website

2478.21 – To receive any publications

This was dealt with under correspondence see minute 2470.21 above

2479.21 To consider participation in Queen Elizabeth Platinum Celebrations June 2022

The Chairman advise that she had taken the lead on the Queen's Diamond celebrations in 2012 which was successful but due to other commitments wouldn't be able to take on this task again. She had already made initial enquiries regarding volunteers and some residents had shown an interest but due to Covid 19 no meetings were able to be arranged. She had very recently asked Cllr Bishop whether he was able to take the lead on this and for any other cllrs to come forward to help. Cllr Bishop agreed to this and to ascertain the interest to establish how big an event could be provided.

Action Cllr Bishop

2480.21 To consider Local Street improvement scheme

It was unanimously agreed to not to pursue this

2481.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a further agenda

None

2482.21 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 13th Oct 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm