

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

Cllrs Present:
J Bourn (Chair)
C Cheeseman,
S Ellis
M Sargeant
1 member of the public
The Parish Clerk

2513.21 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Bishop, Holmes, Hughes

2514.21 Declarations of interest in the Meeting's agenda items

Cllrs Cheeseman and Ellis declared an interest in Village Hall Payment under minute 2519/21

2515.21 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th Nov 2021

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

2516.21 To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.

Nothing to report

2517.21 Planning

a. Decisions by Maldon Council

21/00999	Old Pump House, 6 Head Street	TPO served
21/01034	13 Fish Street	Allowed to proceed
21/00928	Bella Vista, 38 Maldon Road	Refused
21/00981	Red Hills, 16a Fish Street	Approved
21/01000	Blackwater Lodge	Approved

b. Latest planning applications - None

c. Enforcement issues

An update had been recently requested via Maldon District Council regarding 1 Benham Close and the garage structure that had been built that was originally reported in Feb 21

d. To consider any other planning issues

It was noted that Application no 21/01029 Timber Barn, Maldon Road and Application no 21/01028 Foundry Barns, Maldon Road had been withdrawn

2518.21 To consider items of correspondence received

A letter had been received from a Tree Specialist stating services that they could offer to the Parish Council. This was duly noted.

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Trustees regarding their AGM and whether Cllr Ellis would be remaining as the Council's appointed trustee on the committee.

An invite for the Parish Clerk to attend Maldon's Parish Clerks Forum on the 30th Nov 21 had been received. Clerk was unable to attend.

An invite had been received from Heybridge Parish Council for a Xmas Drinks Reception on the 10th Dec 21. No members were able to attend.

2519.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

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

		£
Maldon District Council	Grass Cutting and maintenance Oct – Dec 20 -21 Jan – Mar 20 -21 Apr 21 – June 21 July 21- Sept 21	840.00
Village Hall	Kitchen refurbishment project	1,500.00
Clerk	Salary	172.23
HMRC	Tax	43.00

Cllr Sargeant updated the Council on the financial position, explaining that some old invoices had recently come to light from MDC for grass cutting that were not in this financial year that now need addressing.

2520.21 To consider any matter concerning the playing field and Play area.

Nothing to report.

2521.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

a) Parking issues

No responses had been received from residents regarding the current parking issues which had been advertised in the Parish Magazine asking for resident's comments on this matter. No comments had yet been received and this would be reviewed in Jan 2022

A resident had requested the Council's support in proceeding with a dropped kerb at her property. It was stated that whilst in essence they could support it, the applicant would need to put in her application before a written support could be given

b) Flooding and Drainage

Nothing to consider

c) New SIDS and Solar Panels – Cllr Bishop who was not able to attend the meeting and it was therefore assumed there was no further update at this time

d) The Clerk had investigated the Speedwatch programme and the Council's position on the waiting list. Unfortunately, due to a change in the Speedwatch personnel, there was no access to the records of the previous application made by the Council and the Clerk was advised that the Council would need to re-apply. After much discussion it was agreed that as the first list of volunteers had been drawn up some time ago, a new list should be obtained to ascertain interest and enable us to proceed.

Action Chairman to draft another advert seeking volunteers

2522.21 To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood

A tree cutting quote had been received for £300 and was resolved to be accepted but the Clerk was requested to inform the tree surgeon that he would need to contact Maldon District Council regarding the Oak Tree as it currently has a TPO attached.

Action Clerk to advise Tree Surgeon

The Picnic benches had recently been ordered and delivery is expected in early Jan 2022. Cllr Sargeant had marked out the area for these items to be placed.

2523.21 To consider Matter relating to the Village Pump

The Village Pump work had still not been carried out, Cllr Ellis reported that he had chased this up, but no further date had been received

2524.21 – To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

Replacement pads for the defibrillator had been ordered

A scheme request form for LHP had been completed some time ago for a bus cage in Head Street. It was unclear whether this had got passed through to the relevant parties for consideration therefore the Clerk was asked to check

Action Clerk to check with County Councillor

2525.21 – To receive any publications

RCCE Warbler December 2021 edition noted

2526.21 To consider matters concerning the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Bishop was not present at the meeting but had advised that the group had drafted a programme of events and their next meeting was scheduled for the 10th Dec 21

Action Cllr Bishop

2527.21 To consider matters regarding setting of Precept

The Parish Precept form had been received and needed returning by the 7th Jan 22 to Maldon District Council. Cllr Sargeant talked members through the accounts for the year and after discussion it was resolved to agree the Precept at £10k for 2022/23

Action Clerk to complete form and return to MDC

2528.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a further agenda

A report from Essex Police had been received and was suggested that this was put in the Parish Magazine

2529.21 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 12th Jan 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Signature (Chairman)

Date