

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 12th Jan 2022 at 7.30pm in the**  
**Village Hall, Goldhanger**

Cllrs Present:  
J Bourn (Chair)  
H Reynolds  
M Bishop  
C Cheeseman  
SJ Holmes  
S Ellis  
M Sargeant

6 members of the public  
The Parish Clerk

**2530.21 To receive apologies for absence**

None

**2531.21 Declarations of interest in the Meeting's agenda items**

None

**2532.21 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021**

Cllr Cheeseman queried the missing police report in the parish magazine as proposed in the minutes. The Clerk stated that this had been omitted in the rush to get information through due to earlier publication dates because of the Xmas/ New Year Period and this would now be put through in a later publication

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

At this point it was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 5b planning application 21/0122

**2533.21 Planning Application 21/01222 Land adjacent 15 Fish Street – development of 3 detached chalet bungalows**

Six members of the public attended for this part of the meeting and discussion was had regarding this application. After much discussion and deliberation it was resolved to object to this application and the full response was submitted to Maldon District Council and will be available on the Planning portal

Cllr Bishop joined the meeting at 7.34pm offering his apologies for being slightly late for the meeting

**2534.21 To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.**

The Chairman reported that most actions had been completed and anything that had not, would be dealt with under the relevant section of this meeting

**2535.21 Planning**

a. Decisions by Maldon Council  
None received

b. Latest planning applications

21/01288/WTPO	20 Fish Street, Goldhanger	T1 – Scotts Pine – to be reduced by 1 m Objection due to loss of amenity value of the tree if reduced by the 1m proposal
21/01257/TCA	Bluebell House, 10 St Peters Close & The Old Parsonage Head Street	To the side of 10 St Peters Close – 2 x Oaks and conifers. Trimmed back to fence line by the 1.1.5metres and reduced in height by 4 metres. To the rear of the Old Parsonage, Head Street – Row of Leylandi, Oak and conifer. Trimback to fence line by 1-1.5 metres and reduce in height by 4 metres Supported by the Parish Council

c. Enforcement issues

No update on the update that 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 2021. The Clerk was advised there were two other breaches, which she will now investigate.

d. To consider any other planning issues

**2536. 21 To consider items of correspondence received**

A letter had been received from Maldon District Council regarding the Rough Sleepers count on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 21 where it was confirmed that two sleepers have been identified within the District. Both to date, have refused several offers of accommodation

A letter had been received via our website regarding flood information from an insurer. Whilst our website links are not used for commercial advertising councillors felt that the information was useful and agreed in this instance to allow the link

**Action Clerk to inform webmaster of this for the website to be updated**

**2537.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.**

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

		£
J Webster	Postage Costs	7.92
Clerk - HMRC	Salary/Tax	215.23
Wave Utilities	Water Rates Allotments	7.41
Goldhanger Village Hall	Oct -Dec 21 Room Hire for meetings	72.00

Cllr Sargeant updated the Council on the financial position, and informed everyone that when the bank statements were produced at the end of the month, most of the payments authorised in Dec had not been cashed due to the Xmas/New Year period. The Clerk has since checked the bank account online and most of the payments have now been cashed, including four old outstanding payments for grass cutting from Maldon District Council. There is still one cheque that was sent some time ago that Maldon District Council has not been able to locate and one invoice still to be rectified.

**2538.21 To consider any matter concerning the playing field and Play area.**

Nothing to report, but Cllr Sargeant would be looking at grant sources shortly.

**2539.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish**

a) Parking issues

i) a letter had been sent to a resident regarding the possibility of a dropped kerb at her property stating their support.

ii) There have been insufficient responses from residents to pursue an application for parking restrictions at this time.

b) Flooding and Drainage

Flooding was noted, towards the Head Street bus stop around Xmas time with the heavy rain that had occurred

c) New SIDS and Solar Panels – Cllr Bishop reported no further update at this time.

d) An advert to recruit volunteers for the Speedwatch project had been drafted by Cllr Bourn which was approved, therefore it was resolved to place this advert in the next Parish Magazine publication

**Action Clerk to send to Parish Magazine editor**

**2540.21 To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood**

It was advised that the Tree Surgeon would be on site very shortly to complete the work that had previously been requested

Cllr Sargeant reported that part of the Picnic bench order had been received that morning and the rest would be forthcoming once supply issues permitted this

**2541.21 To consider Matter relating to the Village Pump**

Cllr Ellis reported that he had chased this up, and dialogue had been re-opened

**2542.21 – To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators**

Nothing to report on defibrillators

No update on the broken bus stop sign that was reported 3/10/21

The Clerk had sent up a follow up reminder the previous week to Cllr Durham/Cllr Thompson regarding the application to Local Highways Panel on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 for a bus cage in Head Street.

**2543.21 – To receive any publications**

EALC Annual Report had been circulated prior to meeting to cllrs - noted

EALC Training Calendar had been circulated prior to meeting to Cllrs. The Chairman requested that Cllrs reviewed this to see if there was any suitable training for them.

The Clerk was requested to look at courses that she was required to attend to allow her to proceed with Cilca in the future and an application to be made to The Clerks Bursary Fund for 75% of the training up to £500 in a financial year.

**2544.21 To consider matters concerning the Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Cllr Bishop talked through the progress that had been made with this to date and a further meeting of the volunteers would be taking place shortly.

**2545.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a further agenda**

Nothing to report

**2546.21 To note the date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Signature ..... (Chairman)

Date .....