

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9th March 2022 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall, Goldhanger

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

1 members of the public
The Parish Clerk

2565.21 To receive apologies for absence

None

2566.21 Declarations of interest in the Meeting's agenda items

Cllr Bourn declared an interest in minute number 2570.21 below

2567.21 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th Feb 2022

Approved

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

2568.21 To receive information on items included in the above Minutes.

The Chairman reported that the actions from previous meetings had been completed

2569.21 Planning

- a. Decisions by Maldon Council - none
- b. Latest planning applications - none
- c. Enforcement issues -updates from Maldon Districr Council - none
- d. To consider any other planning issues

i) Planning Decision to serve a TPO on the silver birch tree at the old Pump House, 6 Head Street 8/11/21. Residents appealed. The Parish Council supported the view that the tree doesn't have significant amenity value and wished for the TPO to be reviewed. This was declined by MDC. District Councillors assistance would be sought.

ii) Maldon Local Development Plan Consultation 17th Jan 2022 to 5pm on the 14th March 2022
Cllr Sargeant had spent some considerable time reviewing the documents and he shared his findings with the members. It was agreed to respond to MDC before the closing date

Action Cllr Sargeant

2570. 21 To consider items of correspondence received

An invite had been received for the Parish Clerks Forum on the 9th March 2022.
The Clerk was unable to attend

A copy of a letter had been received from a resident since the agenda had been distributed regarding a possible conservation area breach. The Chair left the meeting and Cllr Sargeant chaired the meeting for this item. It was resolved that a response would be sent stating that the Parish Council had no view on the matter
Action Clerk

2571.21 To receive the financial statements and to authorise accounts for payment.

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

		£
Clerk	Salary	190.23
HMRC	Tax	25.00
MDC	Replacement cheque	1104.00
MDC	Invoice no 83759	288.00

Cllr Sargeant updated the Council on the financial position and stated that before the year end and the next meeting there will be a pump repair of £4235 plus £847 Vat = £5082 to pay. It was approved to pay this by bank transfer once invoice received

There was also a lottery grant of £3000 and Vat refund of £1581.53 to be received as income

2571.21 To consider any matter concerning the playing field and Play area.

Nothing to report

2572.21 To consider any matters concerning Highways and public rights of way in the parish

a) Flooding and damage

Surface water drainage was still an issue Church Street, Fish Street

Vegetation growth in Maldon Road needs addressing - Clerk was asked to contact the Rangers for assistance
Action Clerk

b) New SID and Solar Panels

A new source of funding had been found by Cllr Bourne and it was resolved to apply for £3000 under this funding
Action Cllr Bourn

c) Speedwatch

Two further residents had come forward and another advert would be put in the Parish Magazine as more people were required
Action Cllr Bourn

d) Seawall -grant application had been successful for £3000

e) Parking

There had been parking issues at Moat Houses and it was resolved to write to Moat Housing to see how they could remedy this **Action Clerk**

2573.21 To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood

A commemorative tree was being planted on Thursday 10th Mar 2022 at 3pm in memory of a resident.

2574.21 To consider Matter relating to the Village Pump

It was reported that the Village pump would be inspected on the 14th Mar and fitted on the 24th Mar.

2575.21 – To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators

No response had been received to the follow up reminder earlier in the year regarding the application to Local Highways Panel on the 23rd July 2021 for a bus cage in Head Street.

2576.21 – To receive any publications

RCCE Warbler Mar 22 - noted

Essex Rural Partnership Monthly Bulletin - noted

MDC Press report x 2 - noted

2577.21 To consider matters concerning the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Bishop advised the Council that good progress was being made and The Sailing Club would be running a barbecue and Hog Roast. A Grant had been applied for sundries of £2150 and the host for the Big Lunch would be making a charity contribution to pay for this. It was resolved that the Council would make a payment to the caterers once this payment had been made via the charity. Some more volunteers had come forward and Cllr Bishop advised the members that due to personal circumstances his involvement may become considerably less after mid April.

2578.21 To discuss a request for a Jubilee floral exhibit from the Parish Council

It was resolved to discuss this further at the next meeting as to what could be produced.

2579.21 To consider other items of information or for inclusion on a future agenda

Cllr Sargeant requested a budget 2022/23 agreement item to be put on the next agenda.

Cllr Cheeseman requested from the Clerk the annual allotments amount for 2021, receipt book and whether allotment holders could pay their fees by bank transfer.

Cllr Bourn would be looking at some further policies to bring to the Council

2580.21 To note the date of the next Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 13th April 2022 at 7pm, followed by the Parish Meeting

As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 9.46pm

Signature (Chairman)

Date