

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on the 13th April 2022 at 7.15pm
in the Village Hall, Goldhanger**

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

1 members of the public
 The Parish Clerk

004/22	Apologies for absence None	
005/22	Declarations of Interest None	
006/22	Minutes of meeting - 9th March 2022 It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes and they were signed by the Chairman as a true record	
007/22	To receive information on items included in the above minutes The Chairman reported that actions from previous meeting other than minute item 2572.21 had been completed	Clerk to contact the Rangers regarding vegetation growth
008/22	Planning Decisions by MDC 22/00087 26 Head Street Remove walled courtyard and replace with a flat roofed single storey extension to the rear/side APPROVED Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/00142 41 Fish Street T1 Oak - Reduction in height and sides by up to 2 metres and the removal of deadwood. Discussed between meetings - Supported by GPC • 22/00221 North Maldon Growers Ltd, Little Totham Road The erection of a steel portal framed building for storage or produce grown by North Maldon Growers Ltd Discussed between meetings GPC raised no objection but commented that the Little Totham Road drainage system crosses/is 	

	<p>adjacent to the Works and in view of the increased run-off improvements to the existing system should be made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/00406 Land adjacent to 6 Church Street - Erection of a detached dwelling Objected detached dwelling. Objected by GPC - See MDC Planning Portal • 22/00411 Tilly Hill Bakers Green. First Floor rear extension and cart lodge <p>Supported by GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/00446 The Old Pump House, 6 Head Street <p>Demolition of redundant structures to existing outbuilding and its conversion in habitable accomodation</p> <p>Supported by GPC</p> <p>Enforcement issues - Updates from MDC</p> <p>The Chair had emailed District Cllr Thompson regarding the issues at Benham Close and TPO 00999</p> <p>To consider any other planning issues</p> <p>A resident had contacted the Council regarding future work on Trees overhanging her property from Scotchy Pond</p> <p>There had been some recent publicity about a dip and dive pool at Gardeners Farm</p>	Action Cllr Sargeant/Clerk														
009/22	<p>To approve the budget 2022/2023</p> <p>Cllr Sargeant talked through the draft budget explaining any differences where need be. It was RESOLVED to accept the budget as presented and Cllr Sargeant was thanked by councillors for his efforts and hard work</p>	Action Cllr Sargeant and Clerk to set up new work sheets for 2022														
010/22	<p>To authorise payments on April 22 Payment Schedule</p> <p>The following payments were authorised</p> <table> <tr> <td>EALC Affiliation Fees</td> <td>£ 238.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave Utilities</td> <td>13.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC Hedge Trimming</td> <td>96.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC Hedge Cutting</td> <td>284.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Costs</td> <td>239.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - Tax</td> <td>13.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GVC Hall Hire</td> <td>90.00</td> </tr> </table>	EALC Affiliation Fees	£ 238.57	Wave Utilities	13.17	MDC Hedge Trimming	96.00	MDC Hedge Cutting	284.88	Staff Costs	239.16	HMRC - Tax	13.40	GVC Hall Hire	90.00	Action Payments would now be paid Bank Transfer where possible
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011/22	<p>To receive NJC Pay Salary increase April 21- 22</p> <p>Agreement had been reached on rates of pay for Local Govt services with an uplift of 1.75%</p>															
012/22	<p>Correspondence Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maldon Nature Conservation Study Consultation re potential Local Wildlife Sites - Noted • Maldon Great British Spring Clean - Noted • Invite to Personal Safety for Councillors Webinar - Noted • RBLI Plaques to commemorate Platinum Jubilee - Noted • Funded Pond Conservation Project - This would be forwarded to Parishoners by way of the Parish Magazine 	Action Clerk														

013/22	<p>To consider any matters concerning the Playing Field and Play area</p> <p>Quotes were in the process of being obtained for footpath since money had been received from Grant Funding</p> <p>Deadwood needs removing from an oak tree for footpath adjacent to 41 Fish Street</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Cllr Hughes to contact Bonz regarding this work</p>
014/22	<p>To consider any Highway matters and Public rights of Way</p> <p>Parking issues - it was confirmed that Moat Housing had recently been contacted re parking issues on Maldon Road</p> <p>Flooding and Drainage - Cllr Sargeant reported that a resident was contacting Highways Director re flooding issues in Fish Street</p> <p>New Sids and Solar Panels - A Grant had recently been applied for and outcome awaited</p> <p>Speedwatch - No more residents had come forward since the last meeting. Another call would be put in the Parish Mag if possible and had been further reiterated in the Chairman's Annual report</p>	<p>Action Clerk</p>
015/22	<p>To Consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Picnic Table is now in situ and seat would be completed within the next week or so</p> <p>A resident had contacted the Council about an Oak Tree in Marigold Wood</p>	<p>Action Cllr Bourn/ Clerk</p>
016/22	<p>To consider matters concerning the Village Pump</p> <p>Outstanding work was completed and paid for in March as agreed at the previous meeting</p>	
017/22	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators</p> <p>Chairman agreed to put bus timetable at bus stop in Head Street</p>	<p>Action Chair</p>
018/22	<p>To receive any publications</p> <p>RCCE Warbler April 22 edition - Noted</p>	
019/22	<p>To consider matters concerning Queens Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>The chairman gave a brief update on the Big Lunch clarifying the change of payment procedure that needed to be adopted since the last meeting and the host of the Big Lunch will now be making payments to the caterers directly rather than through the Parish Council</p> <p>Cllr Bishop then informed the Council of the progress that had been made with the various events that had been planned. The bunting that had been provided by the Maldon Deckchair Company via MDC and the welcome back fund had been delivered. Cllr Bishop was thanked for all his hard work in pulling this event together and he sung the praises of the volunteer team.</p>	
020/22	<p>To consider further supplying a floral exhibit for the Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Cllr Ellis offered to give this some additional thought as to how to progress and what could be done</p>	<p>Action Cllr Ellis</p>

021/22	To Review Standing Orders Cllrs felt that if there was no updates to NALC 2018 model Standing Orders then these could still stand. The Clerk advised that there could be some revisions due to Covid and would bring back her findings to the next meeting.	Action Clerk
022/22	To review Asset Register The clerk had distributed the Current Asset Register which was due for review. It was felt that this needed to be updated or revised into a different format	Action Cllrs
023/22	To review Allotment Rents Cllr Cheesman had reviewed the expenditure and Income for the allotments and had increased the cost for 2022 by £2 per plot for the 15 plots. He had informed allotment holders by way of the Village notice board of these increases	
024/22	To consider action required for damaged liner to litter bin outside Village Hall A letter had been received since agenda was produced from MDC stating costs for them to replace this as liners were no longer available. Councillors agreed to look at the bin as well as other bins in the village before making a decision	Action Cllrs
025/22	To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bishop spoke about the recent arrival of Ukraine residents and how the Parish Council could help them and welcome them into the village • Cllr Sargeant spoke about the possibility of a Tree Plaque once the Seawall Footpath was completed similar to what had been done for previous jubilee events • Clerk advised that there were annual items to go on the agenda - ie an auditor needed to be appointed, approval of the certificate of exemption for councillors being two of them • Some policies may need reviewing 	Action Clerk
026/22	To note the date of the next Parish Meeting 11th May 2022 - Annual Council Meeting	

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

SignatureChair

Date