

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on the 14th Dec 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall, Goldhanger

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

The Parish Clerk

159/22	To receive apologies for absence None	
160/22	To receive any declarations of Interest in the Meeting's Agenda Items Cllr Bishop stated that planning Application 22/01126 below was of a neighbouring property	
161/22	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th Nov 2022 Amendment made under item 151/22 should read Cllr Reynolds and not Hughes, it was then resolved to approve the minutes and they were signed by the Chairman as a true record	
162/22	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Updates on actions discussed under relevant agenda item below	
163/22	Planning Decisions by MDC None Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/01126 Inglenook,52 Maldon Road Construction of a detached double bay cart lodge garage with home office GPC Objection see planning portal • 22/00489 1a Head Street, Change of use of dwelling house (use class C3) to B&B (use Class C1). Conversion of existing outbuilding to B & B (Use Class C1). Installation of 1.8m high fence to the east boundary of the property 	

	<p>GPC raised no objection but commented - see planning portal</p> <p>Enforcement issues - Updates from Maldon District Council None</p> <p>To consider any other planning issues None</p>															
164/22	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email received from Cllr Durham regarding pothole scheme closure on the 13/12/22 - Noted • EALC Elections Briefings It was agreed that the Clerk would attend one of the briefings 	Clerk														
165/22	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorise accounts for payment</p> <p>The financial statements were received and noted</p> <p>The following payments were authorised</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary Dec 22</td> <td>£359.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>27.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC</td> <td>86.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonz Carey</td> <td>1020.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed Leisure</td> <td>144.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave Utilities</td> <td>204.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Bishop</td> <td>14.94</td> </tr> </table>	Salary Dec 22	£359.79	HMRC	27.20	MDC	86.27	Bonz Carey	1020.00	Wicksteed Leisure	144.00	Wave Utilities	204.59	M Bishop	14.94	
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166/22	<p>To review and agree precept for 23/24</p> <p>It was agreed to move item 17 of the agenda to this point</p> <p>Costs were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that £10.5k should be requested for 23/24</p> <p>Cllr Sargeant was thanked for his work in this matter</p>															
167/22	<p>To consider any matters concerning the Playing Field and Play area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Work had been recently completed • Discussions were ongoing with MDC regarding new contracts and pricing for 2023 • Gate damage refund was ongoing 															
168/22	<p>To consider any highway matters and public rights of way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking - Parking on the grass verge on the Main Road opposite Blind Lane is not allowed by Moat and the Clerk was asked to report this to Moat, following a letter that had previously been sent in April 22. Cars on the grass obstruct the access view increasing the potential for an accident, cars also park on the access way causing obstruction and again limiting views onto the 	Clerk														

	<p>road. The grass is being damaged and previously drain covers have been damaged, vehicle movements around the footpath are also a hazard to children and pedestrians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding and Drainage - Nothing to report • Sids and solar panels - Cllr Bishop had hopefully rectified recent issues with light for SID after recent purchase of tools required • Update on rangers, cutting back overgrowth - Chairman reported that she had recently met with MDC Officer and that no resolution had been found to who and how this should be dealt with. She would respond to MDC Officer in due course. 	Cllr Bourn
169/22	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Cllr Sargeant was thanked for work he had done on the ditch</p>	
170/22	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators Cllr Ellis reported he was still chasing quote regarding damaged bus shelter</p>	Cllr Ellis
171/22	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting EALC Police, Fire and Crime Bulletins 14/11 EALC weekly bulletins 14/11, 21/11, 28/11,5/12 NALC Updates RCCE Warbler Nov/Dec 22</p> <p>Cllr Bourn requested that relevant info be put on noticeboards/Parish Mag and reported that our Webmaster was looking into adding a ‘useful info page’ for our website. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to the work done by the Webmaster</p>	Clerk
172/22	<p>To discuss planting of a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III Cllr Reynolds suggested the playing field for the planting of the tree and was making further investigations as to the species. Cllrs Cheeseman and Ellis had recently attended a Village Hall Meeting and informed the Council that the VHC would be running a May Ball</p>	Cllr Reynolds
173/22	<p>To note Staff Pay award for 22/23 Clerk’s Salary had now been adjusted in line with the recent pay award and back pay was to be administered from Apr 22</p>	
174/22	<p>To review Risk Assessment Policy 22/23 Cllr Bourn had circulated a draft policy prior to the meeting which was unanimously agreed with one word change. The Clerk was asked to amend this and send to webmaster for inclusion on the website</p>	Clerk
175/22	<p>To review and agree budget for 23/24 This would be reviewed before the end of the financial year</p>	

176/22	To receive and review Playground Inspection Report for 22/23 This report had been circulated prior to the meeting and subject to a few points being clarified by the inspector this report was received by the Council	Cllr Sargeant
177/22	To receive notification of external auditor appointment for the 22/23 financial year for the 5 year period until 26/27 Noted	
178/22	To Consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda Cllr Bishop mentioned that he had some received some official information regarding beacons not being lit for the Kings Coronation Cllr Ellis and Cheeseman advised that the VHC had looked into the Warm Room Grant but they were not able to apply for this.	
179/22	To note the date of the next Parish Meeting 11th Jan 23	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

SignatureChair

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