

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 8th Feb 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

J Bourn (Chair)
M Bishop
C Cheeseman
S Ellis

S J Holmes
H Reynolds
M Sargeant

Also 2 members of the public and the Clerk

195/22	To receive apologies for absence None	
196/22	To receive any declarations of interest in the Meeting's Agenda Items None	
197/22	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 11th Jan 2023 It was resolved to approve the minutes with the following alteration to minute no 187/22 <i>The word 'major' to be included after the word 'no' and before the word 'outstanding'</i> These minutes were then signed along with the previous months minutes which had not been available at the last meeting	
198/22	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes These would be dealt with under the relevant agenda item below	
199/22	Planning <u>Decisions by MDC</u> 22/00489 Orchard View, 1a Head Street Refused <u>Applications</u> 22/00003 30 Fish Street First floor rear extension, new boiler flue, the removal of one chimney, internal alterations and an infill wall to the front. GPC supported with comments – See MDC Planning Portal	

	<p><u>Enforcement Issues – Updates from MDC</u></p> <p>None</p> <p>ClIr Bishop had received no response to his recent chase up letter regarding Breach of Conditions for planning application 13/00839. The Clerk was asked to write to the Senior Community Engagement Officer, Nicola Syder at MDC asking if any progress had been made with some of the issues raised when she attended a parish council meeting last year.</p> <p>To consider any other planning issues</p> <p>Two residents attended the meeting to inform the Council of an application that had been made recently. The Council were unable to make comment until the application was received but stated that they did support the previous application made.</p>											
200/22	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invitation to the Rural Crime Event in Mar 23 - Noted • Notice from the EALC of Photo Id required for electors to be able to vote in the upcoming elections - Noted • Notification of Village Hall fee increase from April 23. Due to rising costs, hire fees were being increased by £2 per hour - Noted • Letter from the Pensions Regulator regarding re-enrolment and re-declaration to be completed before the 18th Sept 2023. Clerk to action. 	Clerk										
201/22	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize the accounts for payment</p> <p>The financial statements were received and noted</p> <p>The following payments were authorized</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Salary Feb 23</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£237.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC Grounds Maintenance Work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC Grass Cutting/Hedge</td> <td style="text-align: right;">384.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laptop/Software and security</td> <td style="text-align: right;">739.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC Training Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">54.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>75% of this fee (minus vat) would be reclaimed from the Clerks Bursary that is available to smaller parishes. An application had been made recently and accepted.</p>	Salary Feb 23	£237.63	MDC Grounds Maintenance Work	210.00	MDC Grass Cutting/Hedge	384.00	Laptop/Software and security	739.97	EALC Training Costs	54.00	
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202/22	<p>To consider any matters concerning the Playing Field and Play area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sargeant spoke about the new Grounds Maintenance work contract that had been put forwarded by MDC and the Clerk was asked to write to MDC confirming acceptance of this. • Remittance had been received from MDC for the gate that had been damaged last year. • Cllr Sargeant outlined the minor issues noted on the playground Inspection report. 	Clerk
203/22	<p>To consider any highway matters and public rights of way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking – Cllr Bishop reported that the Village Hall Parking had been used by non-hirers recently. • Flooding and Drainage – further e-mails had been sent to Cllr Durham by Cllr Sargeant and a resident regarding ongoing issues. • Sids and Solar Panels – a grant application was being investigated. • Update on Rangers cutting back overgrowth – this work had now been completed by the Rangers but any further work would need to go through the Highways notification process. The Council were pleased with the work that had been completed. • Wash Bridge – the bridge had recently been damaged by a motorist. Cllr Bishop read out a letter given to him by a resident stating his frustration at this and suggesting some solutions. There were various discussions as to what could be done and letters would be drafted to be sent to ECC/Highways as well as a response to the resident. 	Cllr Bourn Cllr Bourn/ Clerk
204/22	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report.</p>	
205/22	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis advised that he was having difficulty getting any quotes and was going to look at the work 	Cllr Ellis

	<p>involved to see whether the Council could repair the damage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief discussion was had regarding the siting of another defibrillator. The outside wall at the Cricketers Pub was suggested and Cllr Holmes offered to approach the Manager regarding feasibility of this 	Cllr Holmes
206/22	<p>To receive any publications since the last meeting EALC E Bulletins 16th,23rd, 30th Jan EALC Police, Fire and Crime 9th,16th,23rd and 30th Jan MDC Bulletins and Press Releases RCCE Warbler Feb 23</p>	
207/22	<p>To discuss the planting of a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III Cllr Reynolds had asked councillors to view the plot for tree planting in Marigold Wood prior to the meeting. It was resolved to purchase a mixture of apple tree to be planted for the Coronation of King Charles III up to a figure of £550</p>	Cllr Reynolds
208/22	<p>To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda Cllr Cheeseman advised that there appeared to be an issue with the water meter at the allotment site and he was unable to take a reading. The Clerk had reported it and sent a photograph as requested by the utility company which was obtained by Cllr Cheeseman.</p>	Cllr Cheeseman/Clerk
209/22	<p>To note the date of the next Parish Meeting 8th Mar 2023</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signature _____ Chair

Date _____