

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 8th Mar 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 3 members of the public and the Clerk

210/22	To receive apologies for absence None	
211/22	To receive any declarations of interest in the Meeting's Agenda Items None	
212/22	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting 8th Feb 2023 It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record	
213/22	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes The pensions declaration of compliance was still to be completed by the Clerk. The other items would be dealt with under the relevant sections of the agenda	Clerk
214/22	Planning <u>Decisions by MDC</u> 22/01222 Land adjacent Falcon Hall, Little Totham Road, Goldhanger Refused <u>Applications</u> 23/01112 The Old Pump House, 6 Head Street Variation of Condition 2 & 7 on approved application 22/00446 Demolition of redundant structures to existing outbuildings and its conversion into habitable accommodation including associated works. Erection of covered terrace link between the host dwelling and	

	<p>outbuilding. GPC Support with no comments 23/00075 1 Head Street Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new replacement dwelling and outbuilding GPC Support with comments – see planning MDC portal 23/00161 Land, adjacent to Falcon Hall, Little Totham Road Proposed works to the outbuilding to form annex accommodation to Falcon Hall (Grade II listed building), change of use from agricultural to dwelling house (Class C3) A and internal partition walls to form two bedrooms, bathroom, garden room, store room and a gym with a shower room GPC Support with comments see MDC Planning Portal 23/00138 54 Maldon Road Single storey rear extension. Front porch, fenestration, alterations and changes in external materials on front elevation GPC Support no comments</p> <p><u>Enforcement Issues – Updates from MDC</u> An acknowledgement had been received from MDC Engagement Officer, Nicola Syder in relation to a letter sent to her asking if any progress had been made with some of the issues raised when she attended a parish council meeting last year. Nicola had sent the letter onto a colleague who would be in touch. Clerk was asked to contact him direct as a fortnight had passed.</p> <p>To consider any other planning issues An appeal (APP?X1545/W/22/3309957) had been reported for application 21/01222. The Parish Council objected to the planning and will recommend refusal of the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate included resending of previous comments and notification of further sightings of badger activity</p>	
215/22	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from a resident requesting further tree 	

	<p>trimming. GPC agreed that no further work would be carried out here as per previous letter and the Clerk was requested to reply to the resident to this effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Strategy LPD Review – Details of play equipment owned by GPC had been forwarded • Keep Britain Tidy British Spring clean - noted • Invitation from RCCE to online event for Community Led Housing – noted • Notification of Elections Webinar 7th Mar 23 – noted • Details from Essex Police had been received via the Village Hall on reporting hate crime. Notice has been put on the notice board and other materials distributed to Parish Mag to select anything appropriate to publish 	Clerk						
216/22	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize the accounts for payment</p> <p>The financial statements were received and noted The following payments were authorized</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary Mar 23</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£237.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC Training Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">84.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Purchase of Apple Trees for Coronation.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">396.89</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Clerk would now put in a claim for VAT expenditure for 22/23</p>	Salary Mar 23	£237.63	EALC Training Costs	84.00	Purchase of Apple Trees for Coronation.	396.89	Clerk
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217/22	<p>To consider and approve budget for 23/24</p> <p>Cllr Sargeant talked through the draft budget produced and it was resolved to approve this budget for 23/24</p>							
218/22	<p>To consider any matters concerning the Playing Field and Play area</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>							

219/22	<p>To consider any highway matters and public rights of way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking – Nothing to report • Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report • Sids and Solar Panels – a grant application had been submitted on the 16th Feb 23 • Wash Bridge – letter had been acknowledged 	
220/22	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report.</p>	
221/22	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelters and defibrillators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ellis advised there was nothing to update regarding damaged bus shelter. • Cllr Holmes reported that she had approached the Manager of the Cricketers regarding feasibility of a defibrillator at the site and he would approach the landlord 	<p>Cllr Ellis Cllr Holmes</p>
222/22	<p>To receive any publications since the last meeting EALC E Bulletins 20th & 27th Feb EALC Police, Fire and Crime 6th & 27th Feb RCCE Warbler March 23 MDC Community Grant scheme Noted</p>	
223/22	<p>To discuss the planting of a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III It was reported that the Apple Trees had been purchased and planted for the Kings Coronation in Marigold Wood</p>	
224/22	<p>To discuss the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th April. Clerk was asked to arrange for this to be placed in the Parish Magazine welcoming all residents</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
225/22	<p>To receive and note Election information</p>	

	<p>The Clerk had forwarded correspondence she had received from various sources and informed the Council of the timeline of events.</p> <p>She would send through the nomination papers for completion that had been sent to her that evening from MDC</p>	<p>Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p>
226/22	<p>To review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit</p> <p>This was reviewed and felt to be satisfactory</p>	
227/22	<p>To review outstanding recommendations in the auditors report</p> <p>All recommendations were revisited and the outstanding recommendations were discussed</p> <p>To consider registering with the ICO for data protection – Not felt necessary</p> <p>To review the effectiveness of the Internal audit during the year of accounts - Reviewed at this meeting</p> <p>Use the bank balance as at the 31st March for the reconciliation – Clerk to discuss with bank regarding change of date of bank statement to facilitate this.</p> <p>To appoint an internal auditor 22/23</p> <p>This was actioned at this meeting</p>	Clerk
228/22	<p>To appoint internal auditor</p> <p>Council resolved to appoint Heelis and Lodge for 22/23 audit</p>	Clerk
229/22	<p>To review allotment fees 2023/24</p> <p>It was resolved to increase the fees to £20/40 depending on plot size. Cllr Cheeseman informed the members that a new meter had recently been fitted.</p>	
230/22	<p>To receive notification from NALC of increase of s137 expenditure limit</p> <p>It was reported that this had been increased from£8.82 - £9.93</p> <p>This is the amount of money that can be spent on items which the council has no power to spend under any other act and is then multiplied by the number of</p>	

	electors. It was resolved to include this detail in financial regs at review point	
231/22	To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda	
232/22	To note the date of the next Parish Meeting 12 th April 2023	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signature _____ Chair

Date _____