

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 13th Dec 2023 at 6.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

J Bourn (Chair)

H Reynolds

M Bishop

S Ellis

M Sargeant

The Parish Clerk and 1 members of the Parish

185/23	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Cheeseman	
186/23	To receive any Declarations of Interest None	
187/23	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th Nov 23 The minutes were approved by the council and duly signed by the Chairman	
188/23	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Nothing to report	
189/23	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
190/23	Chairmans Announcements The Chairman reported that after a couple of overnight rainy days the Head Street drain was overflowing again, so residents had been warned on social media to take care at the junction Another car had gone straight over the triangle at top of Church Street, but was stopped by the kerb in this instance but there was damage to the BT/open reach manhole – incident reported TPD228384625	

	<p>Nov incident on the road to D'arcy – car gone through hedge into the field opposite the track down to Maldon Salt</p> <p>Relevant items from EALC/MDC bulletins posted on Social Media – free parking days in Maldon, Flood Alert, bad weather advice, safety note on charging items with lithium batteries</p>	
191/23	<p>Reports or updates from County Councillors and District Councillors</p> <p>ECC Update Nov 23 was received</p>	
192/23	<p>Planning</p> <p><u>Decisions by MDC</u></p> <p>23/00830 Land off Head Street 25 Units- Refused</p> <p>23/00520 Bobbets Hole, Baker Green Approved</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>23/01091 3 Hall Estate</p> <p>Part single, part two storey rear extension. First floor extension over existing single storey side projection. Alteration to fenestration</p> <p>GPC supported</p> <p>To consider any other planning issues</p> <p>None</p>	
193/23	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Dec Payment schedule</p> <p>Clerks Salary - £405.57</p> <p>Poppy Wreath £25.00</p> <p>The above payments were resolved to be accepted for payment</p>	
194/23	<p>To consider any correspondence received</p> <p>A letter had been sent by a resident about the ongoing surface water running from the manhole in Moat housing, along footpath into Head Street and footpath in Hall Estate. A copy of this letter would be sent to Cllr Durham</p> <p>Cllr Ellis arrived at the meeting at 7.05pm</p>	<p>Chair to speak to resident</p> <p>Clerk to send letter to Cllr Durham</p>

195/23	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>The playground inspection had been completed on Monday and report received. This would be forwarded to councillors for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk to forward report
196/23	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</p> <p>a) Parking Issues – None</p> <p>b) Flooding and drainage – Ongoing, a meeting had been arranged with Anglian Water for Wed 20th Dec 23</p> <p>c) Sid and Solar Panels – Nothing to report</p>	
197/23	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
198/23	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</p> <p>Cllr Cheeseman had removed graffiti from the Defibrillator Pads had been received and fitted</p> <p>There would be a note in the January Parish Mag about Defibrillator usage including a video on how to operate</p>	Chair
199/23	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting</p> <p>Maldon DC News Release</p> <p>EALC News Bulletins</p> <p>Police Fire and Crime Bulletins</p> <p>EALC – Notification of Councillor Training Bursary now available</p> <p>EALC Announcement PFCC Operation Stronghold 2023 and PFCC Precept Survey 24/25</p> <p>EALC Legal E-Bulletin</p> <p>Essex Planning Officers Association Parking Guidance Consultation</p> <p>Waste Strategy for Essex information event</p> <p>These were all duly received by the Council</p>	

200/23	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>Xmas Card was received from MP Priti Patel and it was noted that a letter of thanks had been sent for her support in the Head Street planning application</p> <p>Clerk had experienced difficulties with the Bank over the last month after completing some contact details form but was hopeful that it had been sorted now</p> <p>Clerk advised she would be on annual leave from the 15th Dec to the 2nd Jan 24</p>	
201/23	<p>To receive information regarding D Day arrangements 6th June 24</p> <p>No information available and deferred to next meeting</p>	Defer to next meeting
202/23	<p>To receive and agree allotment fees for 2024/25</p> <p>The allotment expenditure/income situation was reviewed and it was noted that there is still a quarterly bill to be received and as the figures had been quite erratic over the year from the water company it was resolved to defer any decision to the next meeting</p>	Defer to next meeting
203/23	<p>To review and agree precept for 2024/25</p> <p>Cllr Sargeant gave a comprehensive report on the accounts to date and it was resolved to agree the precept at £12k</p>	Clerk to request precept from MDC by 5 th Jan 24
204/23	<p>To review effectiveness of the internal audit 23/24</p> <p>The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit</p>	
205/23	<p>To review the Financial Regs 2023</p> <p>This had been included in the agenda in error and had already been completed at a previous meeting</p>	
206/23	<p>To review Risk Assessment register of 2023</p> <p>This was reviewed with no changes required</p>	
207/23	<p>To consider other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</p> <p>It was noted that kitchen renovations to the Village Hall would commence in the New Year</p>	

	A brief discussion was had regarding a logging of actions completed etc on the Field and Woodland for date record purposes. Cllr Reynolds would look at some options as to how this could be done and bring back to the meeting for further discussion.	Cllr Reynolds
208/23	To close the Meeting With no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm, with the next meeting being on the 10 th Jan 2024	

Signature _____ Chair

Date _____