

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 at 7.30pm in the**  
**Village Hall Goldhanger**

**Cllrs Present**

Cllr J Bourn (Chair) Cllr H Reynolds (V Chair), Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant and Cllr Unsworth

The Parish Clerk and 19 members of the public

103/25	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Cllr Bishop	
104/25	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> None	
105/25	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> Approved unanimously.	
106/25	<b>To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes</b> Noted	
107/25	<b>Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members</b> Nothing to report	
108/25	<b>Chairmans Announcements</b> An Accident was noted on the 25 <sup>th</sup> July on the Goldhanger Road and further funding sources were being investigated.	
109/25	<b>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</b> Nothing to report and Cllr Thompson had sent her apologies	
110/25	<b>Planning Decisions</b> 25-00476 11 Fish Street Approved 25-00489 Land north of 6 Church Street Refused <b>Planning Applications – 25/00613 – Land off of Head Street</b>	

	<p>Erection of 25 dwellings together with new vehicular and pedestrian access from Head Street, car parking, garden space and associated development</p> <p>A time extension had been requested and agreed by MDC until the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025. After various discussions and attendance of 19 residents, Council unanimously agreed to object to the decision and an objection would be prepared</p> <p><b>25/00681 - TPO 02/18 T1 Scots Pine Fell</b></p> <p>GPC Objected – see planning portal</p> <p><b><u>Enforcement Issues</u></b> – A follow up letter had been sent to MP regarding an article in Priti Patels newsletter</p> <p><b><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></b></p> <p>None</p>	
111/25	<p><b>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Aug 25 Payment schedule</b></p> <p>Salary £248.80 Tax £62.20 RCCE £84.00 MDC £361.66</p> <p>There had been an issue with the bank regarding a previous payment, where the Clerk had entered a payment, but wouldn't accept authorisation by signatories. This was undergoing technical investigation by the bank.</p> <p>Invoice had gone missing from Apr from RCCE, so payment was very overdue and had been agreed to be paid as a matter of urgency</p>	Clerk
112/25	<p><b>To Consider any correspondence received</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
113/25	<p><b>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</b></p>	

	Nothing to report	
114/25	<b>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</b> a) <b>Parking Issues</b> – None b) <b>Flooding and Drainage</b> - Ongoing c) <b>SID/Solar Panels</b> – Cllr Cheeseman and Ellis had removed any protruding tree branches d) <b>Highways</b> – Bus cage application needs further investigation with possibly another application	Clerk
115/25	<b>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</b> None	
116/25	<b>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</b> Pads had been received for the defibrillator	
117/25	<b>To receive any publications since last meeting</b> Noted	
118/25	<b>Clerks Report</b> The Clerk informed the Council she would be on annual leave after the 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug until week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	
119/25	<b>Speed-watch Group</b> It was noted that lots of speeding was occurring in the Maldon Road. Quotes were being obtained for dustbin stickers – 100 were suggested	Cllr Cheeseman
120/25	<b>To discuss progress of work of telephone boxes in the village</b> Cllrs Sargeant and Reynolds would start the necessary work on this	Cllrs Sargeant and Reynolds
121/25	<b>To discuss request for water trough on allotment site</b> Cllr Cheeseman had made some enquiries and received a	

	quote which was unanimously agreed by Council to proceed. Payment would be approved at next meeting and then item would be delivered to Cllr Cheeseman	Clerk  Cllr Cheeseman
122/25	<b>To discuss request for donation from Village Hall for ongoing improvements</b> Cllr Cheeseman declared an interest and abstained from any discussion. It was unanimously agreed to donate £1500 to the village Hall	Clerk
123/25	<b>To Discuss Asset of Community Value request</b> It was noted that previous ACV for the Chequers pub had lapsed and a new request would need to be made. The necessary amendments required from the last document submitted were discussed and the Clerk was asked to make these submissions and forward to MDC	Clerk
124/25	<b>To discuss Bus Stop Licensing</b> This was noted with no further action at present	
125/25	<b>To receive notification of NJC new payscales 25/26</b> Payscales had been increased by 3.2% from April 25. Backpay was required for April – July 25 which had been added to Aug Salary	
126/25	<b>To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</b> It was suggested to add telephone boxes under bus shelters agenda item in the future A vehicle was noted as not moved since July 12 <sup>th</sup> on the Maldon Road Moat development which was blocking sightlines on and off the development.	Clerk
127/25	<b>To close the meeting</b> With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm Next Meeting Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2025	

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Chair  
Date \_\_\_\_\_