

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026 at 7.30pm in the**  
**Village Hall Goldhanger**

**Cllrs Present**

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr H Reynolds, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant,  
 1 members of the public  
 Parish Clerk

279/25	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bishop and Unsworth	
280/25	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Cheeseman declared an interest in agenda item no 19 and withdrew from the debate	
281/25	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes with the following amendments, minute no 263/25 to include the word 'and' between 'log chippings' and also minute 273/25 to include the word 'MDC' before the word Grounds	Clerk
282/25	<b>To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes</b> Most items had been dealt with during the month – anything outstanding would be actioned as soon as possible	
283/25	<b>Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members</b> None	
284/25	<b>Chairmans Announcements</b> The Chairman advised that she had received a response back from Moat regarding the parking issues on the grass verge in front of the Moat properties stating that the area mentioned had been adopted by Highways. Further investigations to be made	JB

285/25	<b>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</b> Cllr Thompson had sent her apologies	
286/25	<b>Planning Decisions</b> <b>None</b> <b>Planning Applications</b> <b>None</b> <b><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></b> The Head Street planning application is still 'Pending' with MDC	
287/25	<b>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Jan Payment schedule</b> Salary                                   £223.64 HMRC                                       53.00 MDC Groundswork           361.66 NBB Recycled Furniture 1490.40  Payments were unanimously agreed for Payment	Clerk/HR
288/25	<b>To consider any correspondence received</b> None	
289/25	<b>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</b> The Clerk advised that playground inspection report had just been received and that she would forward on for discussion at next meeting The recently purchased benches had been received and were now sited	Clerk
290/25	<b>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</b> a) <b>Parking Issues</b> – Vehicle that had been previously discussed had now been removed b) <b>Flooding and Drainage</b> – Nothing to report c) <b>Highways and Speedwatch</b>	

	No Speedwatch report had been received this month	
291/25	<b>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</b> It was noted that there were still logs and chippings available for residents should they require them.	
292/25	<b>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</b> The Maldon Road defib had been reported because the box was very rusty	
293/25	<b>To receive any publications since last meeting</b> Noted	
294/25	<b>Clerks Report</b> The Clerk advised she would be on leave from the 27 <sup>th</sup> March for one week until after Easter. Agendas would need to be done earlier next month to comply. One speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting had accepted, a response was awaited from the other	
295/25	<b>Assertion 10 Compliance – Section 1 of AGAR</b> The Clerk advised that she had completed forms required to start the process of obtaining .gov addresses and new website to comply with above. She would advise in due course of any actions required from councillors regarding their new addresses	Clerk/Cllrs
296/25	<b>To finalise budget for 2026/27</b> Cllr Sargeant talked through the draft budget that had been distributed. This was unanimously agreed and Cllr Sargeant was thanked for his work in bringing this to Council	
297/25	<b>To agree allotment fees 26/27 and documentation</b> This was reviewed and agreed unanimously with no changes from previous year, £42 per full plot. There are still some plots available. The new documentation would be deferred to the next meeting	Cllrs
298/25	<b>To receive RCCE membership for 2026/2027</b>	Clerk

	There was discussion regarding this and other memberships EALC and Council wise and the Clerk was requested to precis which each one offered and compare costs.	
299/25	<b>To make a claim for VAT Refund 2025/2026</b> It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk was requested to make a claim for VAT Refund.	Clerk
300/25	<b>To receive a request for support in securing a host for poles</b> This was noted	
301/25	<b>To review an IT Policy</b> This was deferred until the next meeting	
302/25	<b>To review a Data Protection Policy</b> This was deferred until next meeting	
303/25	<b>To receive requests for 2027 New Years Honours List</b> Unfortunately, the closing date had passed before this meeting so could not be considered	
304/25	<b>To Consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</b> Playground Equipment inspection	
305/25	<b>To close the meeting</b> With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm Next Meeting Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	

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