

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 8th April 2026 at 8.45pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

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

005/26	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bishop	
006/26	To receive any Declarations of Interest	
007/26	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th March 2026 It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	Clerk
008/26	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Items outstanding from last meeting were IT Policy, GDPR policy, allotments literature, pension compliance, Vat claim, review banking options and Assertion 10. These were all noted on the outstanding action list and would be dealt with as soon as possible	Cllrs/clerk
009/26	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
010/26	Chairmans Announcements Nothing to report	
011/26	Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors Nothing received	
012/26	Planning Decisions by MDC 26/0071 41 Fish Street Allowed 26/00032 Land adjacent to 15 Fish Street Allowed 26/00034 13 Fish Street Allowed	

	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>None</p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p>									
013/26	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on April Payment schedule</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td>£221.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>55.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed</td> <td>361.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave</td> <td>21.03</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments were unanimously agreed for Payment – it was noted that two of the payments from the previous month had not got processed due to banking issues and would be on the following months statement</p>	Salary	£221.44	HMRC	55.20	Wicksteed	361.66	Wave	21.03	Clerk/HR
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014/26	<p>To consider any correspondence received</p> <p>A resident had contacted the Council with suggestions regarding the land at the Old Garages area suggesting a play area. The council were in discussion with Maldon regarding this and the Clerk was requested to reply to the resident.</p> <p>A resident had contacted again the ongoing Moat issue which was noted. Clerk would forward to council</p> <p>There was a request for bird watch posters for Distribution. This was agreed</p> <p>The MP had also sent some contact detail posters for display so that parishoners are aware of how they can access assistance when needed. She also requested the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as well as any community events or engagements where her attendance may be helpful.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>								
015/26	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>The playground inspection report had been looked at by councillors and all necessary recommendations would be rectified in due course</p>	MS								

016/26	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</p> <p>a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) Highways and Speedwatch</p> <p>Speedwatch report had been distributed. There were 82 vehicles recorded doing over 35mph in a 30 mph limit. This was mainly in Maldon Road.</p> <p>It was noted that circa 30% of the registrations that are sent to Essex police are not followed up. This is because the vehicles are registered outside of Essex. The Essex CSW team are campaigning to get Essex Police to change this. The clerk was requested to thank the SpeedWatch Lead for his report</p>	Clerk
017/26	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
018/26	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</p> <p>The replacement of the missing/damaged bus stop shingles had been completed by Cllr Ellis</p>	
019/26	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting</p> <p>Noted</p>	
020/26	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she was quite behind with work now due to additional tasks plus being on leave the previous week.</p> <p>She had received notification that the pay award offered for 2026 was 3.30% which was far less than unions had requested and would now be reviewed by Union and members as to whether to accept this.</p> <p>She also advised that she had received some information from NALC re an additional toolkit that had become available to help with engagement with</p>	Clerk

	MPS and Parliamentarians. She would investigate further	
021/26	<p>Assertion 10 Compliance – Section 1 of AGAR and website launch</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had managed to do some of the work required for Assertion 10 before she went on leave and would now continue with it.</p> <p>A draft of the new website had been distributed and this would be progressed. It was agreed that the new email would take the format of cllrs Initial.surname@goldhangerparishcouncil.gov.uk. The clerk would now order these as agreed</p>	Clerk/Cllrs
022/26	<p>To receive receipt of external auditors PFK Littlejohn instructions for AGAR 2025/26</p> <p>This was noted</p>	
023/26	<p>To review allotment documentation for 2026/2027</p> <p>This was deferred to next meeting</p>	Cllrs
024/26	<p>To review various organisations membership for 26/27</p> <p>The Clerk had distributed some information on this and it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
025/26	<p>To review IT Policy.</p> <p>This was deferred to next meeting</p>	Clerk
026/26	<p>To receive Data Protection Policy</p> <p>The Chair had distributed a draft of the road mapping and it was agreed to defer this over to the next meeting for further comment if required from the clerk and Council</p>	Clerk and Council
027/26	<p>To Consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</p> <p>As above – Allotments, membership, IT Policy, Data Protection</p>	
028/26	<p>To close the meeting</p> <p>With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.25pm</p>	

	Next Meeting Wednesday 13 th May 2026	
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Signature _____ Chair Date _____