

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 11th Feb 2026 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr H Reynolds, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant,
 Cllr Unsworth,
 3 members of the public
 Parish Clerk

251/25	To receive apologies for absence None	
252/25	To receive any Declarations of Interest Cllr J Bourn declared an interest in agenda no 8 re planning application 26/00032 and withdrew from any comment	
253/25	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th February 2026 It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	
254/25	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes The Clerk advised that not all actions had been completed from the last month and would be actioned as soon as possible. A spreadsheet had been set up of all actions for each meeting for a record of what had been done and what was outstanding to eliminate actions being missed	
255/25	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
256/25	Chairmans Announcements The Chairman advised that she had made further enquiries regarding Assertion 10 and a resident in the village was happy to help us with any issues. A draft allotment brochure and tenancy agreement had been distributed to cllrs for further comment or amendment	

	<p>Head of Planning MDC had been contacted regarding previous questions on a village design statement.</p> <p>A fence panel 'dangling' out of the side of the allotments has been removed by Cllr Cheeseman, as it was at risk of falling into the road.</p> <p>The pot hole in blind lane has re-appeared and will be reported at some point</p> <p>It was noted that recycling sacks were running low at the village hall and would be reordered. Thanks were recorded to a resident for the painting of the phone box and another resident for the work of the Speedwatch Group.</p>	
257/25	<p>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Thompson had sent her apologies</p>	
258/25	<p>Planning Decisions</p> <p>25/00915/FUL 33 Church Street Goldhanger Approved by MDC</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p> <p>26/00071 41 Fish Street GPC Support 26/00032 Adjacent to 15 Fish Street GPG Support 26/00034 13 Fish Street GPC Support</p>	Clerk to inform MDC
259/25	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Jan Payment schedule</p> <p>Salary £223.64 HMRC 53.00 M Sargeant (expenses) 30.10 Essex and Suffolk tree 1100.00 Specialists Julia Bourn (expenses) 19.99</p> <p>Payments were unanimously agreed</p>	Clerk

260/25	<p>To consider any correspondence received</p> <p>A letter had been received from Barclays Bank advising the new rate on the bank account of 1.10%</p> <p>Also a follow up letter regarding Chalet Fields</p> <p>A letter had been received from the Cultural Engine CIC who are working with MDC on a culture and heritage strategy for MDC. It was agreed to write to the creator and manager of the Goldhanger history website with a view to inviting them to one of his talks at the end of the month.</p>	
261/25	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>Still awaiting play equipment inspection</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that two picnic benches would be purchased at a maximum cost of £1800</p>	
262/25	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) Highways – Nothing to report <p>Speedwatch would now be added under this section of the agenda in future</p>	
263/25	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Thinning out had been undertaken.</p> <p>It was noted that there was plenty of log and chippings available for residents should they require them and a note would be put in the Parish Mag to this effect.</p>	

264/25	To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators Cllr Ellis reported that shingle repair was in hand	
265/25	To receive any publications since last meeting Noted	
266/25	Clerks Report The Clerk advised she would be on leave from the 23 rd Feb for one week	
267/25	Speed-watch Group Report had been received of the work done so far and would now do a monthly report to be included in the Parish Mag and a call for more volunteers would be sought via the Parish Magazine	Clerk
268/25	Discussion re assertion 10 Compliance – Section 1 of AGAR Further enquiries had been made and was unanimously agreed that Hugo Fox would be used regarding making us compliant regarding domain name, emails, website etc The cost would be £9.99 per month for the package, plus £17.49 per month for 10 .gov emails plus around £200 for the website	Clerk/Chair
269/25	Review of Code of Conduct 2025/2026 This was reviewed and agreed with no changes	Clerk
270/25	Review of land and Property 2025/2026 This was reviewed and agreed with no changes	Clerk
271/25	To receive notification from Essex Police of new Community Officer PC Briggs 4208119 was advised as the new Community Officer.	Clerk
272/25	To receive notification of s137expenditure for 2026/2027 This had been set at £11.60 per resident	
273/25	To receive quotation for MDC Grounds work for 2026/2027	Clerk

	This was received and agreed for action	
274/25	To discuss the formation of a Working Party for maintenance of the Square This was deferred	
275/25	To discuss ideas for a speaker for AGM April 2026 It was agreed to ask the New Police Community Officer and a contact from the Cultural Engine CIC to attend	Clerk
276/25	Website Updates to be completed January Minutes Code of Conduct Review of land and property	Clerk
277/25	To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda Allotment fees, Vat claim, budget setting, IT and data protection policies	
278/25	To close the meeting With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm Next Meeting Wednesday 11 th March 2026	

Signature _____ Chair
Date _____