

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 11th Dec 2024 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

H Reynolds (Chair)

M Bishop

C Cheeseman

S Ellis

M Sargeant

M Unsworth

The Parish Clerk

184/24	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Bourn	
185/24	To receive any Declarations of Interest Cllr Cheeseman declared an interest in item no 17 of the agenda	
186/24	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the Nov 24 They were approved subject the addition of notification of noise from fireworks at Vaulty Manor from a resident	
187/24	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Outstanding actions – most actions had been completed or were on the agenda for discussion	
188/24	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
189/24	Chairmans Announcements 15/11/24 - Meeting with Louise Stapleton MDC regarding Goldhanger response to rural facilities survey 2022 and why the inspectorate ended up with out of date copy rather than 2023 version which correctly identifies Goldhanger as 'small village'	

	<p>Documents difficult to locate online but our comments were received and reviewed but not all updates have made it to the documents!</p> <p>The delays with LDP relate to NPPF review with new government and increase in required building housing numbers.</p> <p>Requested to contact Moat regarding the state of the footpath from Head street to rear of Hall estate, where a resident has fallen and seriously hurt themselves (required A&E), I attended the Moat hub and reported to Nicky who has escalated the enquiry to her manager, I will follow up in the new year.</p> <p>There was a nasty car accident at the Heybridge end of Goldhanger road on 29/11/24 which closed the road.</p>	
190/24	<p>Reports or updates from County Councillors and District Councillors</p> <p>Nothing to report, District Councillor Thompson had sent her apologies</p>	
191/24	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>24/00795 – The Limes 3 Head Street</p> <p>No further comments to be added on amendment of plans</p> <p>24/00876 – Land adjacent to the Hangar, Maldon Road</p> <p>Outline planning application with all matters reserved for proposed eco development of 3 passive dwellings with associated landscaping. Including allotments, sensory gardens and orchards</p> <p>GPC Objection</p> <p><u>Decisions by MDC</u></p> <p>24/00818 Gladwins – Fish Street Approved</p> <p><u>Enforcement Issues</u></p> <p>It was agreed to check back to ascertain when last letters were sent and write to CEO and MP</p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p>	

	Nothing to report	
192/24	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Dec Payment schedule</p> <p>Clerks Salary – £242.09 HMRC - £14.20 Bank reconciliation had been completed</p>	
193/24	<p>To Consider any correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter had been received re speed smiley sign – comments noted, Council will be taking no further action • An offer of donation of crocus bulbs had been received from the Rotary Club Heybridge – The Council would be grateful to receive these • Further correspondence had been received from the owner of the Chalet Field/Barrow Marsh- Noted • Request for footpath repair between Head Street and Hall Estate – The Chairman had been making enquiries about this and would follow up in the New Year 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
194/24	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>Hedges had been cut and it was noted that it was looking very good</p>	
195/24	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</p> <p>a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report</p> <p>b) Flooding and Drainage - Cllr Sargeant had received notification from Anglian Water regarding mapping for Goldhanger which was ready for collection.</p> <p>The plan that they were providing will be a sewage plan</p>	<p>Cllr Sargeant</p> <p>Cllr Bishop</p>

	<p>c) SID/Solar Panels – There maybe a battery problem which would be investigated</p> <p>d) Highways – Nothing to report</p>	
196/24	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Annual Bonfire was pending</p>	Cllr Sargeant/Reynolds
197/24	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators Awaiting quote request. A resident had asked about the bus shelter repairs</p>	Cllr Ellis
198/24	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting All publications were noted by the council</p>	
199/24	<p>Clerks Report The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a Xmas Card from the Local MP</p>	
200/24	<p>To review Allotment fees for 2025/26 A discussion took place regarding running costs and it was unanimously agreed to increase the allotment plots by 5% which would take the price to £42 for a full plot.</p>	
201/24	<p>To review budget and agree precept 2025/26 The budget was reviewed and unanimously agreed to set precept at £12,500 for 2025/2026 The Clerk would now request this money from MDC. Prior to the meeting she had chased up the forms, which MDC confirmed had been sent to the previous clerk in error again.</p>	Clerk
202/24	<p>To review Code of conduct 2024/2025 This was deferred to a future meeting</p>	

203/24	To review Risk Assessment for 2024/2025 This was reviewed with some amendments to be made. It was suggested that Cloud back up is provided for the Parish laptop to supplement data back up. Further investigations would be made	Cllr Bourn
204/24	To review quote for playground inspection 2024/2025 It was unanimously agreed for Clerk to go ahead and arrange inspection on the Quote that she had received.	Clerk
205/24	To discuss info received from Community Speedwatch The info was discussed and Cllr Unsworth offered to advertise this to see if there was any interest in the village for forming a group	Cllr Unsworth
206/24	To agree a leaflet box siting for Bird Aware Essex Coast This was agreed as picture 1 of the two options	Clerk
207/24	To consider any other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda To discuss signs for Fish Street Playing Field To discuss telephone boxes	
208/24	To close the Meeting With no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm with the next meeting to take place on the 8 th Jan 2025	

Signature _____ Chair
Date _____