

## **GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger**

#### **Cllrs Present**

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr H Reynolds, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant, Cllr Unsworth,

District Councillor Maddie Thompson

2 members of the public

Parish Clerk

225/25	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Cllr Bishop	
226/25	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> None	
227/25	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b> It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	
228/25	<b>To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes</b> Clerk advised that she still had item 212/25 outstanding from previous minutes but would address as soon as possible	
229/25	<b>Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members</b> None	
230/25	<b>Chairmans Announcements</b> The Chair advised that pink and green sacks were delivered just before xmas and thanks were given to Cllr Cheeseman for sorting out distribution. Clarification had been sought from MDC regarding Village Design Statement The Chair had made some enquiries regarding domains and hosting in light of Assertion 10	
231/25	<b>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</b> Cllr Thompson stated that she was under the impression that MDC were awaiting a response from	Clerk

	GPC regarding the old garage land. GPC had responded some time ago, a copy would be forwarded.													
232/25	<p><b>Planning Decisions</b></p> <p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></b></p> <p>A further response was sent to MDC regarding 25/00613 as a follow up to correspondence received. Advised that a ‘decision’ maybe at February planning meeting but not before this</p>													
233/25	<p><b>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Jan Payment schedule</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td>£276.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>53.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall</td> <td>102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Julia Bourn</td> <td>34.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Norton Subscription</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave</td> <td>21.55</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments were unanimously agreed</p> <p>There had been some banking issues again this month that had resulted in double payments – this had now been rectified.</p> <p>It was suggested that maybe look at changing banks – Clerk suggested we look at Unity (used by many parish councils). She would investigate and bring back to Council</p>	Salary	£276.64	HMRC	53.00	Village Hall	102.00	Julia Bourn	34.99	Norton Subscription		Wave	21.55	Clerk
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234/25	<p><b>To consider any correspondence received</b></p> <p>Request for allotment information from resident</p> <p>A response had been sent from Moat to the recent letter sent and a further response would be sent by GPC</p>	Cllr Cheeseman Clerk												
235/25	<p><b>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>													

236/25	<p><b>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</b></p> <p>a) <b>Parking Issues</b> – Nothing to report  b) <b>Flooding and Drainage</b> – Nothing to report  c) <b>Highways</b> – Nothing to report</p>	
237/25	<p><b>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</b>  Cllrs Reynolds and Sargeant to review trees with a plan to ‘thin out/prune’ in Feb</p>	
238/25	<p><b>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</b>  Nothing to report</p>	
239/25	<p><b>To receive any publications since last meeting</b>  Noted</p>	
240/25	<p><b>Clerks Report</b>  The Clerk advised she would be on leave from the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 26 for the week</p>	
241/25	<p><b>Speed-watch Group</b>  High speeds were still being recorded in Maldon Road, over 40mph in many cases</p>	
242/25	<p><b>Discussion re assertion 10 Compliance – Section 1 of AGAR</b>  Cllrs had received recording of Webinar that Clerk attended. There was discussion as to what we had to do for the future and how we would go about it. The Council were grateful for the help to date by a resident who had voluntarily administered the site for many years.  It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should apply for the domain name and that further investigation would be made regarding host etc</p>	Clerk/Chair
243/25	<p><b>Review of Risk Assessment 2025/2026</b></p>	Clerk

	This was reviewed with an additional risk regarding tree limb loss	
244/25	<b>Review of Internal Controls 2025/2026</b> The Council unanimously agreed that Internal controls were sufficient	
245/25	<b>Review of effectiveness of Internal audit</b> The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal audit and were unanimously satisfied	
246/25	<b>Review of Code of Conduct 2025/26</b> This was deferred to next meeting	
247/25	<b>To receive notice of compliance for pension enrolment</b> This was noted for action	Clerk
248/25	<b>Invitation to join newly formed Council Wise Launch 26/27 company</b> The Clerk would look at this in more detail and bring back to council at a later date	Clerk
249/25	<b>To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</b> Cllr Sargeant advised that a quote had been recently received for Grounds Maintenance for 2026/27 from MDC.	
250/25	<b>To close the meeting</b> With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm Next Meeting Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	

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