

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 12th Mar 2025 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

J Bourn (Chair)

M Bishop

C Cheeseman

S Ellis

M Sargeant

District Councillor Thompson, The Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

262/24	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Reynolds and Unsworth	
263/24	To receive any Declarations of Interest None	
264/24	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th Feb 2025 These were approved by the Council and then signed by the Chair	
265/24	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Bank signatories were outstanding and the Clerk advised that she had not sent through documentation to the Webmaster from last month's meeting yet	
266/24	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members Nothing to report	
267/24	Chairmans Announcements The Chair informed the Council that she had chased up Moat again re footpath but had received no response to date.	
268/24	Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors	

	<p>Cllr Durham had submitted a report Cllr Thompson had sent through a list of outstanding enforcements to the Chair and she had also passed on our comments regarding information being sent to us too late to the Deputy Chief Executive</p>	
269/24	<p>Planning Planning Applications 24/00891 – Foundry Barns Maldon Road – GPC objected see planning portal 24/00138 – 9 Fish Street – GPC supported <u>Decisions by MDC</u> None <u>Enforcement Issues</u> <u>To consider any other planning issues</u> Nothing to report</p>	
270/24	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Feb 25 Payment schedule Salary £251.45 Tax £16.60 MDC £436.66 X Connect £2029.36 Clerks Expenses £17.99 R G Steel Construction £89.00 Riverside Building Supplies £165.60 M Bishop £37.99 Councillors approved above payments and financial statements</p>	
271/24	<p>To finalise budget 2025/26 Cllr Sargeant discussed the budget and it was unanimously agreed to accept the budget for 2025/2026. The Clerk was then asked to proceed with making a claim for VAT paid during 24/25</p>	Clerk

272/24	<p>To Consider any correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter had been received regarding a memorial plaque. This was discussed and further questions would be asked of the writer. Councillor Ellis offered to draft a policy for the future for these matters • MDC had requested data for the number of trees or hedges that had been planted in the last year. The Clerk would respond stating zero 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ellis</p> <p>Clerk</p>
273/24	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
274/24	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) SID/Solar Panels – Cllr Bishop advised that a new battery had been placed in SID and was working again d) Highways – Nothing to report 	
275/24	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Bonfire had taken place and Cllr Sargeant had suggested a thinning exercise at Marigold in the near future</p>	
276/24	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
277/24	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting</p> <p>Received and noted</p>	

278/24	Clerks Report Nothing to report	
279/24	Speed-watch Group Cllr Cheeseman advised that a meeting had been set up for members in the coming weeks to take this matter forward	
280/24	To discuss telephone boxes in the village Items to overhaul the telephone box was on order and work would commence shortly. Defibrillator would be ok whilst work was being done as it was actually in a secure case.	
281/24	To discuss signs at Fish Street Playing Field In Cllr Reynolds absence this would be deferred to next meeting	
282/24	To finalise details for Annual Parish Meeting Two members from the Waste Management team had accepted the invite to speak at the Meeting. Two children from the village would also be invited who had done litter picking in the Village to enable the Council to recognize and thank them for their efforts.	Clerk
283/24	To discuss litter picking equipment for the village It was agreed to source a couple of these items for villagers to use	Cllr Ellis
284/24	To receive invite to Maldon Town and Parish Council Forum The Council were requested to let the Clerk know if anyone wanted to attend	
285/24	To receive invite to RCCE Membership event The Council were requested to let the Clerk know if anyone wanted to attend	

286/24	<p>To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</p> <p>The Village Hall Committee would be holding an VE event on the 17th May 2025</p>	
287/24	<p>To close the meeting</p> <p>With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm</p>	

Signature _____ Chair

Date _____