

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant, Cllr Unsworth
Parish Clerk

092/26	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Reynolds	
093/26	To receive any Declarations of Interest No declarations received	
094/26	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th June 2026 It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	Clerk
095/26	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes As there had only been two weeks since last meeting most items remained outstanding	
096/26	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
097/26	Chairmans Announcements Cllr Ellis cut back the blind lane hedge, which a resident had complained about causing sight problems Residents had spoken to the Chair and Vice Chair about a tree they had applied to planning to cut down as it was dead. Whilst they had received an acknowledgment letter, the planning application has not appeared on the system. As the 6 weeks were up they plan to cut down, as advised by the MDC letter	

	Photos were trying to be sourced from residents at the bus stop at the time of the bus damaging the bus stop so that June letter that had received no response to date could be chased up Residents had installed very bright lights on their drive, which is a hazard to traffic on Maldon Road, the drive is also shared with the heritage asset 'goldhanger house' who were unaware of the installation of these lights, a nuisance' complaint has been made to MDC. The Little Totham road sign which had been knocked over had been reported as well as the warning works access signs near wash bridge that are no longer required	
098/26	Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors Nothing to report	
099/26	Planning Decisions by MDC None Planning Applications 26/00424 2 Fish Street T1 Sycamore – remove the two lowest branches on the right hand side (when viewed from the garden) that are overhanging into the garden) GPC support <u>To consider any other planning issues</u> A new planning application had been received since the agenda had been posted so the Clerk would ask MDC for an extension on the closing date as the current one was before the next Parish meeting	Clerk Clerk

	A letter would also be sent to the MP thanking her for her help and support regarding Planning application for 25 houses in Head Street which had recently been turned down by MDC <u>Enforcement</u> No updates on reported issues	Clerk												
100/26	To receive the financial statements and authorise accounts for payment on May Payment schedule <table><tr><td>Salary</td><td>£221.44</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>55.20</td></tr><tr><td>Heelis and Lodge</td><td>185.00</td></tr><tr><td>M Bishop</td><td>14.49</td></tr><tr><td>Hugo Fox</td><td>359.72</td></tr><tr><td>Village Hall</td><td>102.00</td></tr></table> Payments were unanimously agreed for Payment Cllr Ellis agreed to arrange for him to set up banking arrangements to allow him to authorize payments	Salary	£221.44	HMRC	55.20	Heelis and Lodge	185.00	M Bishop	14.49	Hugo Fox	359.72	Village Hall	102.00	Clerk/HR or JB
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101/26	To consider any correspondence received A neighbouring parish had asked the Council to consider joining them in setting up a community group to carry out minor repairs on damaged road signs. This was declined primarily over safety concerns and that they were Highway matters not Parish Matters as well as being a small parish with only a few councillors who were working at full capacity for their parish. Clerk would respond	Clerk												
102/26	To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area A larger sign was being sourced asking people not to park across the gate as was needed for emergency access. It was discussed that a work party would be planned for the Autumn to tidy the path.	JB												
103/26	To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report													

104/26	To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators No response had been received regarding damage to the bus stop which had been hit again. A further letter would be sent	Clerk
105/26	To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) Highways and Speedwatch Speedwatch report had been distributed by the co-ordinator. There were 43 vehicles recorded speeding over 35mph in a 30 mph speed limit. The highest speed recorded was over 50mph. There has been a recent session outside the village hall and a Sunday morning slot on the Maldon Road at the request of residents. The Council were very pleased and grateful for the team carrying out this task.	
106/26	To receive any publications since last meeting Noted	
107/26	Clerks Report Nothing to report	
108/26	To review the Annual Report from internal auditor – recommendations and comments The council reviewed the comments and recommendations made by the Auditor AGAR Forms – Section 2, Box 11 needs to be ticked yes and Section 1, Assertion 10 should be ticked no as not all the required documents are in place. Agreed Risk assessment – Data protection Registration with the ICO is Required To be actioned	Clerk Clerk

	Fidelity Cover – No cover amount in this summary cover - Cover is shown as £250,000 so think the auditor missed this possibly. Transparency – IT Policy required – Work in Progress and would be completed shortly Accessibility Statement – To fully comply with the new requirement it is recommended that the Council adopt and publish an accessibility statement on their website- To be completed shortly Payroll controls – the redeclaration of compliance with the Pension Regulations is due by the 30/10/26 and the re-enrolment deadline was 28/05/26 Re- enrolled 1st July 2026	Council Clerk Clerk
109/26	Assertion 10 Compliance – Setting up of emails and website progress Work in progress	Clerk and Council
110/26	To consider any information for a future agenda IT Policy Data Protection Policy Allotment Policy To check out number of benches matched asset register correctly	
111/26	To close the meeting With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm Next Meeting 12th August 2026	

Signature _____ Chair Date _____