GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 14th Oct 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Reynolds, Cllr Sargeant
Parish Clerk
District Cllr Maddie Thompson
2 members of the public

153/26	**To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Unsworth sent her apologies and this was accepted by the council	
154/26	**To receive any Declarations of Interest** Cllr Ellis declared an interest in planning application 26-00651	
155/26	**To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on** the It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	Clerk website
156/26	**To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes** The list hadn't been circulated before meeting, but would be circulated as soon as possible. Clerk advised progress is being made with some of the outstanding items through the year	Clerk
157/26	**Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members** A resident asked about whether the Council could change their grounds maintenance due to the hedge not needing cutting in her opinion due to the very dry summer. Cllrs would look at this and report back	
158/26	**Chairmans Announcements** Nothing to report	
159/26	**Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors**	

	The Clerk reported that Cllr Stuart Clarke would now be attended the November meeting	
160/26	**Planning Decisions by MDC** None **Planning Applications** **26/00624 33 Church Street** Change of use from a vacant public house and associated first floor accommodation (sui generis) to offices (class E) at ground floor level and the retention of a flat at first floor level GPC support **26/00616 Blackwater view 13 Fish Street** T1 Crab apple Tree. Crown reduction by 1m. T2 Small cherry tree. Crown reduction 0.5m T3 Lateral reduction of the one branch touching the cart lodge roof by 1m GPC support **26/00675 11 Head Street** G1 Cypress Group. Sectionally dismantle to leave low level stumps. Reason – Trees have become an unsuitable size for the location GPC Support At this point Cllr Ellis having declared an interest in this item abstained from any comment **26/00651 – Charity Farm Cottage, Maldon Road** Proposed garage workshop within the site boundary GPC support Cllr Ellis returned to the conversation **<u>To consider any other planning issues</u>** **<u>Enforcement</u>** District Cllr Thompson offered to investigate the outstanding issues. A list would be circulated to her via the Clerk	Clerk Clerk

161/26	**To receive the financial statements and authorise accounts for payment on Oct Payment schedule** Salary 274.89 HMRC 65.80 Village Hall 102.00 Wave 344.89 RBL 25.00 M Sargeant 1890.00 Re-imbursement for playground gates HMRC Penalty 200.00 The financial statements were not available and would be presented at the next meeting These payments were all agreed to be paid. An appeal would be made to HMRC after the Clerk explained what had caused this penalty	Clerk/HR/MS Clerk
162/26	**To consider any correspondence received** A Request for a memorial plaque had been made by a resident. It was resolved to accept this with request stating that plaque 4 x 3inches for the bench would be acceptable	Clerk Clerk
163/26	**To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area** The new playground gates had been received and would now be put in place to comply with current legislation	Cllrs
164/26	**To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood** Cllr Sargeant had completed an overhaul on the gate	
165/26	**To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators** No response from the bus company had been received. Any further damage would need to be monitored and actioned very quickly	

166/26	**To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way** a) **Parking Issues** – Nothing to report b) **Flooding and Drainage** – A report to be lodged via Highways regarding repairing of drainhole cover that is missing after Essex Water were working which is now a safety issue. A photograph would be required c) **Highways and Speedwatch** A report had been circulated and a response had been received on the day of the meeting from the MP. Clerk to circulate to councillors and Speedwatch Co-ordinator	Clerk Clerk
167/26	**To receive any publications since last meeting** Noted	
168/26	**Clerks Report** Clerks Networking Breakfast Heybridge Sept 26 – 7 clerks had attended including herself, and it requested that these are useful and to continue Location was discussed as it was noted that clerks that had attended were generally clerks close to the current venue The Clerk had spent the last few months trying to get her new email updated on the Maldon register, duly assisted by the District Councillor to no avail. It was sorted that day by a Maldon employee and now appears to be working. The Clerk also advised the Council that the incentive that had been previously been mentioned for completing the next AGAR digitally was a refund of Auditors fee	
169/26	To discuss the use of e-scooters There had been various reports of e-scooters being used in the village. An article would be	Clerk

	placed in the Parish Mag informing residents of the law regarding e-scooters with a poster at the Bus stop/Notice Board	
170/26	**Invitation to discuss the future of the local council collaboration Wed 21st Oct via CALC** Nobody was available to attend	
171/26	**To receive notification from Councilwise- subscription fees, HR Support and services update** It was noted that Council wise subscriptions fees would not be increasing, they also now have an external HR Support and in April will be undertaking audits. Further details to follow	
172/26	**To consider any information for a future agenda** I T Policy Data Protection Policy Allotment Policy To check out number of benches matched asset register correctly To discuss setting up a work party for the maintenance of the playing field. Banking	Council
173/26	**To close the meeting** With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm Next Meeting 11th Nov 2026	

Signature _____Chair Date_____