

## **GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 13th Nov 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger**

#### **Cllrs Present**

J Bourn (Chair)

H Reynolds

C Cheeseman

S Ellis

M Unsworth

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

160/24	<b>To receive apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Bishop and Sargeant	
161/24	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Bourn declared interest in planning application -24-00818	
162/24	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24</b> They were approved with the addition of the Title heading Flooding and Drainage at 149/24	
163/24	<b>To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes</b> Outstanding actions – there were several actions from last meeting and earlier meetings still to be actioned – due to the shortness of time between the last meeting and this meeting The Clerk had not been able to action much	
164/24	<b>Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members</b> None	
165/24	<b>Chairmans Announcements</b>	

	<p>The chairman had posted various publications on Social Media including careers and skills support, information about pension credit and winter fuel payments, highways user survey and NHS Survey. Cllr Ellis was thanked for displaying the Tommy on Maldon Road and Cllr Reynolds for representing the Parish at the Remembrance service. Church Street amended planning application had been responded to and followed up with MDC and been advised not to re submit 24/00830</p> <p>The Chairman had a meeting planned on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> with MDC planning re ‘rural facilities and development of the LDP’</p> <p>An enquiry had been received regarding speedwatch facility which would be investigated.</p> <p>A resident had asked the Parish Council to report mud on the road on Little Totham, left by tractors exiting Cobbs Farm (Buntings) and also where the tractors cross Blind Lane. Section 148 of the Highways Act states it is an offence to deposit mud etc on the highway the ‘interrupts’ other users. Primarily it’s a skid/slip risk, in particular to motorcycle users, particularly after rain.</p>	
166/24	<p><b>Reports or updates from County Councillors and District Councillors</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
167/24	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>24/00708 – The Limes 3 Head Street Installation of a window on front elevation. Installation of an air source heat pump</b></p> <p>GPC have no objection</p> <p><b>24/00818 Gladwins Fish Street – Prune back 2 trees</b></p> <p>GPC Approve</p> <p><b>24/00845 -The Old Parsonage, 12 Head Street – T1Ash tree pollard to 2m above the lowest union to stabilize the tree</b></p> <p>GPC Approve</p>	

	<p><b>24/00846 – 20 Fish Street</b>  <b>Scotts Pine Crown reduction by 0.75m and thin by 25%</b>  GPC Objection – The Scotts Pine provides for high amenity value in the Conservation Area. The proposed crown works would reduce the positive contribution the tree makes to the tree scene in Fish Street</p> <p><b><u>Decisions by MDC</u></b>  <b>24/00671 30 Fish Street - Approved</b>  <b><u>Enforcement Issues</u></b>  Nothing to report  <b><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></b>  The Planning Appeal for land off of Head Street had been dismissed</p>	
168/24	<p><b>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Oct Payment schedule</b>  Clerks Salary – £242.09  HMRC - £14.20  MDC Grass Cutting – 436.66  Wave Utilities - £235.16  RBL Poppy Wreath - £25.00  Bank Reconciliation not completed</p>	
169/24	<p><b>To Consider any correspondence received</b>  A letter had been received from the Coastal Ranger regarding installing a leaflet box at Goldhanger Creek. This was unanimously agreed that a location would be reviewed for installation.  2 Contacts from the website – one regarding planning at plot adjacent to 6 Church Street and a housing enquiry on Maldon Road</p>	Clerk
170/24	<p><b>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</b>  The Clerk reminded the Council that a Playground Inspection was due at a cost of £150</p>	
171/24	<p><b>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</b>  a) <b>Parking Issues</b> – Nothing to report</p>	

	<p>b) <b>Flooding and Drainage</b> - Nothing to report</p> <p>c) <b>Solar Panels</b> – Nothing to report</p> <p>d) <b>Highways</b> – Pothole in Blind Lane had been repaired but the tarmac was already cracking. Speedwatch Group criteria would be investigated</p>	Clerk
172/24	<p><b>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</b></p> <p>Cllr Sargeant had completed some temporary work on the handrail but as the rot has set into the timber elements he had offered to rebuild</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed for Cllr Sargeant to repair bridge at Marigold Wood at a cost of circa £500 for materials</p>	Cllr Sargeant
173/24	<p><b>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</b></p> <p>The bus shelter was in need of some attention, regarding further damage that had occurred to the shingle. Cllr Ellis would follow up quote request.</p> <p>Clerk had investigated Bus Shelter Contract and did not cover Parish owned bus stops</p>	Cllr Ellis
174/24	<p><b>To receive any publications since last meeting</b></p> <p>All publications were noted by the council</p>	
175/24	<p><b>Clerks Report</b></p> <p>The Clerk had investigated with the bank regarding on line payments and signatories. It was unanimously agreed that anyone doing the bank reconciliation should not be a signatory.</p>	Clerk
176/24	<p><b>To accept/decline invitation to Maldon Parish and Town Council Forum on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 25 for the Clerk/Chair</b></p> <p>It was agreed to wait for the Agenda until acceptance is decided</p>	Clerk/Chair
177/24	<p><b>To receive information from the NALC Local Government Pay agreement 2024/2025</b></p>	

	A Pay Award had been agreed at a figure of £1290 per annum (pro rata for part time hours). Back Pay will need to be applied from Apr 24	Clerk/Cllr Sargeant
178/24	<b>To receive notification of Annual Rough Sleepers Count 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 24</b> Zero figure for Goldhanger to be reported back to Maldon	Clerk
179/24	<b>To review Standing Orders 24/25</b> These were reviewed with no changes necessary	
180/24	<b>To review Financial Regulations for 24/25</b> These were discussed and with further amendment to be made	
181/24	<b>To review Code of Conduct for 24/25</b> This was in the process of being reviewed	
182/24	<b>To Consider any other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</b> Consider new parts for SID Biodiversity Financial Regulations Code of Conduct Park Inspection Cllr Cheeseman mentioned that comments regarding fireworks from Vaulty Manor had been mentioned to him from residents	
183/24	<b>To close the Meeting</b> With no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm with the next meeting to take place on the 11th Dec 24	

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