

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 7th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn (Chair) Cllr H Reynolds (V Chair) Cllr M Bishop Cllr C Cheeseman
Cllr S Ellis Cllr M Sargeant

The Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

029/25	To appoint Chairman for 2025/2026 Cllr Sargeant proposed Cllr Bourn as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Cheeseman. Carried unanimously. Cllr Bourn signed the declaration of acceptance of Office	
030/25	To appoint V Chairman for 2025/2026 Cllr Sargeant proposed Cllr Reynolds as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Cheeseman. Carried unanimously Cllr Reynolds signed the declaration of acceptance of Office	
031/25	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Unsworth	
032/25	To receive any Declarations of Interest None	
033/25	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th Apr 2025 Approved unanimously.	
034/25	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Nothing to report	
035/25	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members Nothing to report	
036/25	Chairmans Announcements The Chair thanked Cllr Ellis was thanked for his work on a duplicate Tommy	

	<p>She also reported that the Moat Pathway that had been reported some time ago had been patched</p> <p>An intruder had been disturbed in a Fish Street garden and everyone was advised to be vigilant</p>	
037/25	<p>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
038/25	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>25/00379 8 Head Street had been received too late for the previous meeting. A time extension had been agreed Part demolish rear lean to single storey extension. Erection of new single storey rear extension with alterations to fenestration</p> <p>This was supported by GPC</p> <p>25/00303 Land adjacent the Hangar, Maldon Road, an extension of time had been agreed</p> <p>Proposed Outline Planning for eco development of 3 passive dwellings with associated landscaping. Including allotments, sensory gardens and orchards</p> <p>This was objected to by GPC – see website portal</p> <p><u>Decisions by MDC</u> - 25/00138 9 Fish Street Two storey rear extension and addition of storm porch to the front</p> <p>Approved by MDC</p> <p><u>Enforcement Issues</u></p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p> <p>It was noted that Goldhanger had not been consulted re telegraph poles at Hall Estate and Church Street and upon further investigation it was possibly something to do with smart water meters. Further details are being sought</p>	
039/25	<p>To review insurance for 2025/26</p> <p>It was noted that insurance premium had increased quite substantially, clerk had requested another quote which was likewise. The Clerk was requested to contact the original insurer to see whether it could be decreased at all. If not the Council agreed to pay the premium this year</p>	

	and to seek advice earlier in the year (Feb time) to see how we could reduce premiums in the future.	
040/25	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on May 25 Payment schedule</p> <p>Salary £214.45 Tax £53.60 Insurance 25/26 £576.68 Playground Inspection Report £180</p> <p>Councillors approved above payments</p>	
041/25	<p>Meeting Dates for 2025/26</p> <p>It was agreed to continue with the 2nd Wednesday in each month</p>	
042/25	<p>To appoint any Committee, Working Party or Representatives</p> <p>Finance Cllr Sargeant Allotments Cllr Cheeseman Village Hall Cllr Ellis</p>	
043/25	<p>To Consider any correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident requested permission to plant a Geo cache at Marrigold Wood <p>This was unanimously agreed and Clerk was requested to write to the resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Planning Update – This had been requested by MDC and Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Bourn and Cllr Unsworth were noted as the contacts 	Clerk
044/25	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>Playing Field path edges needs trimming</p>	
045/25	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</p> <p>a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report</p>	

	<p>b) Flooding and Drainage – Preliminary investigation had been carried out recently for a drainage works in Fish Street</p> <p>c) SID/Solar Panels – Nothing to report</p> <p>d) Highways – Nothing to report</p>	
046/25	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Grass had been cut recently</p>	
047/25	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators Nothing to report</p>	
048/25	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting Received and noted</p>	
049/25	<p>Clerks Report Clerk had nothing to report</p>	
050/25	<p>Speed-watch Group Cllr Unsworth was absent from the meeting, Cllr Cheeseman advised that the group had all been trained now, and that a road session had been carried out recently with 7 people reported as exceeding speed limit. Another session was imminent</p>	
051/25	<p>To discuss progress telephone boxes in the village Nothing further to report at the moment</p>	
052/25	<p>To further discuss signs at Fish Street Playing Field Cllr Reynolds had drafted a letter to send to MDC regarding removal of some of the signs. This was unanimously agreed and Clerk was requested to send this.</p>	Clerk
053/25	<p>To receive and review Playground Report 24/25 This was received, Noted actions to be addressed</p>	Council
054/25	<p>To receive Draft Policy for memorial plaques</p>	Cllr Bourn

	Cllr Bourn had drafted a policy, this was reviewed but felt that this needed to be deferred for further discussion	
055/25	To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda An accident was noted at Cobbs Corner on May 5th	
056/25	To close the meeting With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm Next Meeting Wednesday 11 th June 2025	

Signature _____ Chair
Date _____