

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 12th Aug 2026 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

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

112/26	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Bishop	
113/26	To receive any Declarations of Interest No declarations received	
114/26	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th July 2026 It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	Cllrs/clerk
115/26	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Outstanding list had somewhat reduced since last meeting	
116/26	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
117/26	Chairmans Announcements Nothing to report	
118/26	Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors Nothing to report. Cllr Maddie Thompson had sent her apologies	
119/26	Planning Decisions by MDC 26/00424/TCA 2 Fish Street - approved Planning Applications A time extension had been requested last month until close of business on the 14th Aug – this had been agreed	Clerk

	26/00415 Installation of two bladder tanks to serve salt processing plant - Land south of Long Wick Farm 26/00423 – Extension to Salt Processing Building 2 26-00407 Erection of a new two storey welfare building GPC no objection but with the following comments As the Saltworks continues to expand the light and noise pollution impacts the residents of Goldhanger, we suggest that conditions are applied that limit external lighting to downward, directional PIR type lighting and noisy activities are carried out during specific hours. 26-00469 T1 and T2 Lime Trees – Pollard by 3m 9A Church Street GPC supported the application <u>To consider any other planning issues</u> Old Garage site- MDC are in the process of agreeing a new Asset Disposal Policy. They hope the final draft will be presented to members at Oct meeting so will be back in touch after that to discuss further <u>Enforcement</u> An advertising banner without the relevant planning permission had appeared at the top of Church Street											
120/26	To receive the financial statements and authorise accounts for payment on Aug Payment schedule <table><tr><td>Salary</td><td>£221.44</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>55.20</td></tr><tr><td>Wave</td><td>186.41</td></tr><tr><td>A Bourn</td><td>32.40</td></tr><tr><td>A Bourn</td><td>4.10</td></tr></table>	Salary	£221.44	HMRC	55.20	Wave	186.41	A Bourn	32.40	A Bourn	4.10	
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121/26	To consider any correspondence received The council discussed the correspondence received from The Conservation Volunteers (TVC) and felt there was no current or future environmental projects within the parish where any support was needed at present.	Clerk
122/26	To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area A new gate was discussed as per the latest Inspection report and it was unanimously agreed to purchase a new one with the specifications discussed. The Clerk was asked to order this .	Clerk
123/26	To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report	
124/26	To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators A resident had actually seen the bus cause the damage earlier in the year. No response had yet been received from the bus company	
125/26	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 The Speedwatch report showed that 68 vehicles had been recorded doing over 35mph in a 30mph limit. One afternoon in a 90 min time slot, a speeding vehicle had been recorded every 3 mins. There was a suggestion to involve the MP in these matters to see if anything further could be done	Chair

126/26	To receive any publications since last meeting Noted	
127/26	Clerks Report The Clerk informed the Council that she would be on annual leave 21 st Aug – 28 th Aug Also had notification from the SAAA of a Digital AGAR portal commencing in 2027. Will be voluntary initially but to encourage early adoption offering an incentive scheme with details to follow. Expected to be mandatory in 2029 Email transfer is in progress MDC looking to set up a quarterly forum – trialing in Sept. This will be on the 28 th Sept at 9am in Heybridge. The Clerk will try to attend VAT Refund had been requested for 2025 - 2026	Clerk
128/26	Website Update Clerk had made good progress with this and most of the items were now on there. However, the Website seems to have been taken down in the last 5 working days which she had only discovered the night of the meeting. She would now contact the website provider to get this rectified as soon as possible	Clerk
129/26	To receive details of EALC AGM 15TH Sept 2026 Noted	
130/26	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	Council
131/26	To close the meeting	

	With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm Next Meeting 9 TH Sept 2026	
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Signature _____ Chair Date_____