

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 24th June 2026 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn, Cllr H Reynolds, Cllr Bishop, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis,
 Parish Clerk

057/26	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Sargeant	
058/26	To receive any Declarations of Interest No declarations received	
059/26	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th May 2026 It was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes	Clerk
060/26	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes The outstanding list was shared with the Council, the VAT return and Pension compliance form as the priority items	Clerk
061/26	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members None	
062/26	Chairmans Announcements The Chair reported that the enforcement issues from last month had been reported. A resident wanted to discuss trees/tree surgeons – herself and the V Chair had spoken to the resident. Speed of tractors travelling in Fish Street were causing some concern Waste collection Calendar sent to Parish Mag with request to print in colour for residents as not being distributed anymore Bus shelter struck again by school bus Monday 22 nd June	

	<p>The 'Circuit' had sent an email regarding the painting of the Defib</p> <p>A resident celebrated her 108th birthday and a card had been sent on behalf of the Council celebrating this.</p>																	
063/26	<p>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors</p> <p>Nothing received and Cllr Thompson had sent her apologies for this evening</p>																	
064/26	<p>Planning Decisions by MDC</p> <p>25/00613 Head street – 25 houses Refused</p> <p>The Council were very pleased with this result and thank the Chair for the amount of work she put into this</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>None</p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Enforcement</u></p> <p>The Chair reported that the enforcement issues from last month had been reported.</p>																	
065/26	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on May Payment schedule</p> <table> <tr> <td>Salary</td> <td>£221.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>55.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC</td> <td>265.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RCCE</td> <td>85.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councilwise</td> <td>90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC</td> <td>20.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MDC</td> <td>463.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td> <td>238.80</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payments were unanimously agreed for Payment</p>	Salary	£221.44	HMRC	55.20	EALC	265.78	RCCE	85.80	Councilwise	90.00	EALC	20.40	MDC	463.20	Hugo Fox	238.80	Clerk/HR
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	<p>asking the Council to note and whether there were any further steps that could be taken to help resolve the problem. The Clerk was asked to respond</p> <p>A resident had sent a letter about a road safety concern regarding the junction at the end of Blind Lane due to overgrown vegetation</p>	SE/Clerk
073/26	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area</p> <p>Dogs were still being allowed into the play area and cars were being parked at the gate entrance blocking emergency access. A larger sign was suggested stating this</p>	
074/26	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
075/26	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators</p> <p>As mentioned earlier in the meeting in the Chairmans Report the bus shelter had been hit again. A letter had been previously sent to the bus company recently but a response had not been received to date. Cllr Bishop had suggested a plastic warning sign and this was unanimously agreed to purchase.</p>	MB/Clerk
076/26	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</p> <p>a) Parking Issues – Nothing to report b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) Highways and Speedwatch</p> <p>Speedwatch report had been distributed by the co-ordinator. There were still 57 vehicles recorded speeding over 35mph in a 30 mph speed limit.</p>	

077/26	To receive any publications since last meeting Noted	
078/26	Clerks Report Nothing to report	
079/26	Assertion 10 Compliance The Clerk reported that she had received an hours training last week on the website and felt quite comfortable with it. A few tweaks needed and she would put a copy of the recycling calendar on line for residents. It was also suggested to put something about the possible change in collection times due to the hot weather. The new email was causing problems and she would investigate further before proceeding with cllrs emails	Clerk
080/26	To review Data Protection Policy/IT Policy This was being reviewed with a view to finalizing soon	
081/26	To review Allotment tenancy and terms and conditions This was being reviewed with a view to finalizing soon	
082/26	To receive forms for salt request for 2026/27 It was felt supplies were adequate but a request for a storage bin should be investigated. This would be put on a future agenda	
083/26	To receive Invite to RCCE AGM – 8th July 2026 This was received with no attendees available	
084/26	To Consider a meeting with Digital Essex and Atlas Tower regarding connectivity This was considered and not felt necessary	
085/26	To receive notification of BRTA Braintree Forum 27th June 26 Noted	

086/26	To receive any nominations for the Maldon Conservation and Design Awards This was received without any nominations	
087/26	Request for Grant/donation from BASIC ESSEX This was declined on the basis that Goldhanger is a very small council that doesn't have a budget for these type of requests	
088/26	To receive notification of available Bursary for MDC for Outdoor games and Activities This was noted with no action	
089/26	To discuss Heritage Asset list This was deferred	
090/26	To consider any information for a future agenda Anything not dealt with under this agenda would be forwarded to next agenda	
091/26	To close the meeting With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm Next Meeting 8 th July 2026	

Signature _____ Chair Date _____