

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 12th Feb 2025 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

J Bourn (Chair)

M Bishop

C Cheeseman

S Ellis

M Sargeant

M Unsworth

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

230/24	To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Reynolds		
231/24	To receive any Declarations of Interest None		
232/24	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th Jan 2025 These were approved by Council and then signed by the Chair		
233/24	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes Noted in above		
234/24	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members Nothing to report		
235/24	Chairmans Announcements The Chair advised that she had chased Moat Housing regarding trip hazard on path and been advised that the path will be surveyed. Had contacted a potential speaker and was awaiting a reply so that an advert could be placed.		

	<p>Had been asked by a resident if Parish could acquire some litter picker devices which could be loaned out to residents</p> <p>Fly tipping at entrance to gravel road near (Wash Bridge) reported and cleared up</p> <p>Advised various residents enquiring about VE Day and any planned Goldhanger events</p> <p>Hedge adjacent to seawall and end of park has been cut</p>		
236/24	<p>Reports or updates from County Councillors and District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Thompson advised the government house building targets for Maldon district has doubled and Maldon District allocation is now 569 new homes per year</p> <p>Maldon’s housing target has increased by 106% and the town will need to build 569 new homes a year</p>		
237/24	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>24/00891 – Foundry Barns Maldon Road had been received after agenda was posted, Clerk had requested extension of closing date for comments due to this being before the next meeting</p> <p><u>Decisions by MDC</u></p> <p>24/00794 The Limes 3 Head Street - approved</p> <p>24/00795 The Limes 3 Head Streett – approved</p> <p><u>Enforcement Issues</u></p> <p><u>To consider any other planning issues</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>		
238/24	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Jan 25 Payment schedule</p> <p>Salary £261.91</p> <p>Tax £6.41</p> <p>Village Hall £102.00</p> <p>Councillors approved above payments and financial statements</p>		

239/24	<p>To Consider any correspondence received Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding a recent theft from an unlocked garden shed to raise awareness of importance of locking outbuildings. This was noted Another resident was querying whether she needed planning permission at her property – it was agreed to refer her to Maldon District Council.</p>	Clerk to write to both	
240/24	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area Nothing to report</p>		
241/24	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parking Issues – b) Flooding and Drainage – Cllr Sargeant advised Council on the response that he had received and that a member of the Highways Team had visited Goldhanger recently and would now be writing to landowners c) SID/Solar Panels – Cllr Bishop advised that a new battery was awaited d) Highways – 		
242/24	<p>To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report</p>		
243/24	<p>To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators Loose shingle was now occurring at the bus stop</p>		
244/24	<p>To receive any publications since last meeting Received and noted</p>		

245/24	<p>Clerks Report</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had contacted bank – the new online authorisers (cllrs Bourn, Ellis and Reynolds) had been added to the mandate and the bank were just waiting to hear from the above to get them set up on the system.</p>	Cllrs Ellis and Reynolds	
246/24	<p>Speedwatch</p> <p>Cllr Unsworth reported that the setting up of the newly formed group had gone well, with enough participants (10 plus 2 reserves) and was just waiting for training now.</p>		
247/24	<p>To receive quotation from MDC for Grounds Maintenance 2025/26</p> <p>This had been received and thought good value so was unanimously agreed by all.</p>	Clerk	
248/24	<p>To review Internal Controls 24/25</p> <p>The Council had reviewed their Internal Controls and were satisfied controls were adequate</p>		
249/24	<p>To review Code of Conduct 2024/25</p> <p>Code of Conduct was reviewed and unanimously agreed to approve</p>	Clerk to update website	
250/24	<p>To review Risk Assessment 2024/2025</p> <p>Risk assessment was reviewed, updated and unanimously agreed to approve</p>	Clerk to update website	
251/24	<p>To review Financial Regulations 2024/25</p> <p>Financial Regulations had been reviewed, updated and unanimously agreed to approve</p>	Clerk to update website	
252/24	<p>To discuss telephone box in the Village</p> <p>There was discussion about the poor state of the telephone box. The door is rotten and beyond repair and needs to be replaced and whilst this is being done to replace the glazing panels as well. The approx. cost for these parts would be £1700. Labour costs unknown. It was unanimously agreed that this needed doing and that</p>	Cllr Sargeant	

	money was available. Cllr Sargeant offered to instigate the ordering of these items.		
253/24	To discuss signs at Fish Street Playing Field This was deferred to next meeting in the absence of Cllr Reynolds	Cllr Reynolds	
254/24	To discuss detail for AGM Awaiting response from potential speaker and agreed to discuss next month who else to invite and format		
255/24	To appoint auditor for 2024/2025 Details were received of current auditor and it was unanimously agreed to appoint Heelis and Lodge	Clerk	
256/24	To discuss 80 VE Day Celebrations Any correspondence had been sent to the Village Hall		
257/24	To receive dates of MDC schedule of Meetings This was received and noted		
258/24	To receive invite to Maldon Town and Parish Council Forum 25/03/25 Deferred to next meeting to check availability	Chair/Clerk	
259/24	To receive invite to RCCE Membership Event Deferred to next meeting to check availability		
260/24	To consider any other items of information for inclusion on a future agenda It was reported that Dog bin was on the floor at the back of the church Blind Lane 4 water Leaks which will cause problems if not attended to – to be reported on Highways site Road closure for Hall Estate 3 rd March - UK Power Networks so Cllr Unsworth would chase them for more info Horse Manure at Bakers Green Ditch on Maldon Road reported as being filled with unknown substance – white foamy liquid		
261/24	To close the Meeting With no other business to transact the Chairman duly closed the meeting at 9pm		

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Signature _____ Chair
Date _____