

GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on the 10th Sept 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Goldhanger

Cllrs Present

Cllr J Bourn (Chair) Cllr H Reynolds (V Chair), Cllr Bisop, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Sargeant and Cllr Unsworth

The Parish Clerk

128/25	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Bishop	
129/25	To receive any Declarations of Interest None	
130/25	To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th Aug 2025 Item 111/25 should read Scots Pine, not Scott Pine, with this correction minutes were agreed unanimously	
131/25	To receive information on outstanding items included in the above minutes There were some items outstanding due to the Clerk having been on annual leave.	
132/25	Public Questions – an opportunity for members of the public to raise matters with the members Nothing to report	
133/25	Chairmans Announcements The Chair reported that the planning reply to MDC was being worked on for the Head Street application which had included an hour team's meeting with two Planning Officers from MDC A meeting with the local MP was still trying to be arranged She offered her thanks to the residents group who had collected over 400 individual letters of objection New deadline date for responses advised as 18/9/25 after additional yellow notices were posted	

	<p>There has been a water leak on the main road in front of Benham Close which looks like its been reported as there's a blue arrow at the origin of the leak</p> <p>Work on the fish street surface water drain started this week</p> <p>An attempt was made by Essex and Suffolk water to sort out a new water supply to number 9 & 11 Fish Street, but too much road activity (and lack of notice to residents) meant it has been postponed and likely to occur as overnight works</p> <p>Goldhanger Gala – congratulations to organisers, everyone said what a great weekend it was</p> <p>Posted on FB about expected high tides, which came to nothing</p>	
134/25	<p>Reports from District Councillors and ECC Councillors Nothing to report and Cllr Thompson had sent her apologies</p>	
135/25	<p>Planning Decisions 25-00560 Foundry Barns Maldon Road Approved 25-00568 Timber Barns Maldon Road Approved 25-00603 3 Head Street Tree Felling Approved <u>To consider any other planning issues</u> A Draft Planning Enforcement Service Standards document had been received for comment and questions. Clerk was asked to respond to these questions An email had been received from MDC to the Chair regarding land owned by MDC to the rear of Head Street accessible via Hall Estate Road where the garages had</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>been demolished and this would be discussed further at the next meeting. Clerk to inform MDC</p>	
136/25	<p>To receive the financial statements and authorize accounts for payment on Aug 25 Payment schedule Salary £276.64 Village Hall Improvements - £1500 Clarkes allotment trough £186.43</p> <p>There were still some banking issues which resulted in some of the previous payments not going through</p>	<p>Clerk Cllrs Bourn/ Hughes</p>
137/25	<p>To Consider any correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter had been received from Village Hall Chairman thanking the Council for the contribution to ongoing decoration at the Hall. • Letter had been received from a resident asking for permission to metal detect on the land behind the church. <p>The Clerk was requested to respond stating that the land wasn't owned by the Parish Council but his request would be passed on to who they believed owned the land</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
138/25	<p>To consider any matters concerning the playing field and play area Some work had been completed by the Environment Agency</p>	
139/25	<p>To consider any Highway Matters and public rights of way</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Parking Issues – the car that had been reported as dumped, was noted that a sticker had been placed on it one day regarding removal, but had subsequently been removed by someone. b) Flooding and Drainage – Nothing to report c) SID/Solar Panels – Nothing to report d) Highways – Nothing to report 	

140/25	To consider matters concerning Marigold Wood Nothing to report	
141/25	To consider matters concerning the bus shelter and defibrillators Telephone Boxes – nothing further to report Replacement Pads were awaited – seems to be a supply problem at the moment	
142/25	To receive any publications since last meeting Noted	
143/25	Clerks Report The Clerk reported that due to annual leave not all actions had been completed. She had chased up bank issue to no avail, and is still awaiting promised callback. The issue, ie Water bill remains unpaid. She had slightly amended order for allotment trough and had completed Asset of Community Value Nomination form. Had received confirmation from MDC, that under current legislation they have 8 weeks to decide whether to accept or decline, therefore deadline for the decision would therefore be by the 31 st Oct 25 at the latest. Bus cage has not been progressed, nor dumped vehicle	
144/25	Speed-watch Group It was reported that there were lots of drivers still speeding, despite Speed Watch presence	
145/25	To consider purchase of Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday It was unanimously agreed to purchase this as in previous years.	
146/25	To receive notification of exempt status 24/25 from External auditor This was noted	

147/25	<p>To consider any items of information for inclusion on a future agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available Allotments and going out to the wider community • Village Design Statement • To investigate further MDC grant 'Where quality of Life Matters fund' • MDC Land usage where the garages were demolished • A quote had been received for some stickers to go on wheelie bins regarding reducing speed 	
148/25	<p>To close the meeting</p> <p>With no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45</p> <p>Next Meeting Wednesday 8th Oct</p>	

Signature _____ Chair

Date _____