GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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10TH NOVEMBER 2026

DEAR COUNCILLOR

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2026** IN THE PAVILION, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD, AT **7.15PM** FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTING THE BUSINESS SHOWN IN THE AGENDA.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO BE PRESENT.

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PARISH CLERK

AGENDA

ITEM	PRESENTER	SUBJECT	STATUS
26/231	Chairman	**Welcome and Apologies for Absence**. Members are reminded that the LGA1972, s85 states that apologies must be received prior to a meeting.	Decision
26/232	All Members	**Declaration of Interests.** To receive any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests, or interests relating to items on the agenda. Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct.	Decision
26/233	All Members	**Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.** The maximum time allowed for the public to participate, as stated in the Gosfield Parish Council Public Participation policy and in accordance with Standing Orders is 15 minutes in total with each person being invited to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council unless the Chairman deems it appropriate and adjourns the meeting.	Information
26/234	All Members	**County and District Councillors to address the members if present.** County Councillor Isi Rocha and District Councillor Peter Schwier.	Information
26/235	All Members	**Minutes.** **Item 1**. To confirm receipt of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2026. **Item 2.** To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2026 are a true and accurate record.	Decision
26/236	All Members	**Planning Matters.** **Item 1. Planning updates.** To note that as from 31st October 2026 new national rules will change how councils across England make these decisions. Full Council has approved changes to Braintree District Council's constitution to bring it in line with new national requirements. Under the new rules, residential developments of up to 9 new homes or minor commercial development must be decided by Planning Officers. The effect of these changes means that there will no longer be the ability to consider whether application for 3 to 9 new homes should be referred to Planning Committee after being called in by a District Councillor or by a Town/Parish Council.	Information

		Item 2. New applications. **Ref:** 26/02407/VAR **Description:** Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved application 25/02268/FUL granted 25.03.26 for: Demolition of existing units & erection of 4 No. dwellings. Amendment would allow: - Plot 4 - Extended to rear for improved internal layout. Rearrangement of external facing materials together with the addition of a timber canopy. Plots 1 & 3 -Inclusion of storm porches & matching timber canopies. **Location:** Land Adjacent Woodlands Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex **Ref:** 26/02440/TPO **Description:** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree T3- Oak Preservation Order TPO - 11/78 Tree - Remove lower two limbs previously reduced. Reason- to allow more light in the garden **Location:** 26 Chestnut Avenue Gosfield Essex CO9 1TD **Ref:** 26/02487/HH **Description:** Proposed front porch, first floor side extension and two storey rear extension incorporating Juliet balcony to first floor. Retention of single storey rear extension. Alternations to external materials. **Location:** Beechley Farm Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ **Ref:** 26/02527/AGR **Description:** Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - Proposed reservoir **Location:** Land South Of Liston Hall Liston Hall Lane Blackmore End Gosfield Essex Due to the type of application, no comments required for information only. **Ref:** 26/02604/TPOCON & PP-15354579 **Description:** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus): Complete removal to ground level by sectional dismantling. T2 - Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus): Crown reduction of 4 metres in height and spread, maintaining a balanced natural crown shape. T3 - Oak (Quercus sp.): Selective reduction of extended lateral branches by 2/3 metres where they encroach into adjacent conifer trees. T4 - Cherry (Prunus sp.): Crown reduction of 3 metres in height and spread, maintaining a balanced natural crown shape. T5 - Cherry (Prunus sp.): Crown reduction of 3 metres in height and spread, maintaining a balanced natural crown shape. **Location:** Broom Cottage The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP To consider any other applications received in order to be able to meet deadline dates.	Decision
26/237	All Members	**Parish Cllr Vacancy.** To note that Gosfield Parish Council has one Parish Cllr vacancy and to confirm the co-option policy. As the Parish Council is permitted either to advertise the vacancy for co-option or to leave the office vacant until	Decision

		the date of the next ordinary election, to discuss and consider which option the Parish Council would like to take.	
26/238	All Members	**Skate Ramp.** To discuss and consider any remedial works required to the skate ramp prior to making the 5% retention.	Decision
26/239	All Members	**Financial Matters.** Approve accounts for payment**.**	Decision
26/240	All Members	**Matters Arising.** **Item 1.** Previous minute No. 24/268 Complaint letter to Clarion and BDC regarding affordable housing – update re Edmund Green. **Item 2.** Highways Noisy manhole surface/cover has been reported on 6th January to Essex County Council Highways ref: 4011284 (new number 6010112) The Street. What three words hypocrite mainly stiff **Item 3.** Highways – reported manhole covers protruding up from the pavement Outside Tye Beams, in The Street Ref: 4037957and 4015244 Update by County Cllr. **Item 4.** Highways - previously reported ref: 3602795 Blocked gully Halstead Road. Update by County Cllr. **Item 5**. Highways ref 4039670 reported 12/5/2026 Overhanging trees/hedges/brambles. Busy Main Braintree Road opposite Tye Beams. Difficult for pedestrians to use the pavement in this area also danger for vehicles pulling out of the Lindens junction - visibility issues. Update by County Cllr. **Item 6.** Highways ref 402774 – Kerb defects, Meadway update by County Cllr. **Item 7.** Highways ref; 3744479 and 6000667 Kerb defects, Braintree Road update by County Cllr. **Item 8.** Highways red: 6014248 Give way sign down post rotted, Halstead Road reported 26/10/2026. **Item 9.** Neighbourhood Plan – Update. **Item 10.** Previous minute Nos. 24/251, 24/270, 25/012, 25/030 26,052 Street Lights. **Item 11.** Previous minute no. 26/057 Access to The Lindens from The Limes – update. **Item 12.** Previous minute no. 26/058 Registering the Kings Head Pub as a community asset- update. **Item 13.** Previous minute number 26/205 King Head “overflow parking sign”. **Item 14.** Public Rights of Way, footpath 11 and 14 at the top of Meadway – update that new waymark discs have been installed on posts and that they will install metal Flags on each side of road Dec 26 - Jan 27 ref number 4024326. **Item 15.** Previous minute number 26/106 Item 2 Gosfield Nature Reserve – Access Gate from Halstead Road entrance – Update. **Item 16.** Gosfield United Football Club – previous minute number 26/171 – Update relating to mobile bar, signage and lockers. **Item 17.** Bronze Quality award – previous minute number 26/175 – update, results and panel feedback will be given by Friday 11th December. **Item 18.** Previous minute number 26/181 The Lodge Plantation update by Cllr R. Edwards. **Item 19.** Previous minute number 26/197 Playing Field drainage works update. **Item 20.** Previous minute number 26/208 Braintree District Council - Community Tree Planting Grant Funding Update.	Information

		Item 21. Previous minute number 26/226 Allotment community orchard on plot 4a to confirm funding has been applied for - Update. **Item 22.** Previous minute number 26/209 Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – update by Cllr R. Edwards. **Item 23**. Previous minute number 26/222 item 1 properties backing onto the nature reserve – letters – update **Item 24.** Previous minute number 26/ 222 Item 3 opening up the swims in the nature reserve – update. **Item 25.** Open space Land at top of Meadway previous minute number 26/223 item 1 payment from Abbey Homes. Update.	
26/241	All Members	**Open Space land at the top of Meadway**. Meadway Development, Land West of Hedingham Road Community Land now known as West Field. Update relating to the transfer of the land as per the S106 agreement. **Item 1.** Once the Parish Council owns the land to consider erecting bollards at the top near new path. **Item 2.** Once the Parish Council owns the land to consider erecting a sign stating, "Dogs must be kept under control at all times". **Item 3.** Once the Parish Council owns the land to consider granting permission for residents to maintain the planted strip of grass rather than a flower boarder, as residents have planted well over 150 daffodils at the edge of the field. **Item 4**. Once the Parish Council own the land to consider Grass cutting (the frequency of cutting) and planting.	Decision
26/242	All Members	**Light for the Pétanque Court.** To discuss quote for installation of a light for the Pétanque Court, Locality funding has been applied for.	Decision
26/243	All Members	**Scarecrow trail.** To discuss and consider applying for funding.	Decision
26/244	All Members	**Playing Field. (Playing Field Management Committee).** Bonded gravel path along right hand edge (from the Spinney down to the access at the bottom). Previous minute No. 26/045, 26/077 and to confirm the existing grass reinforcement mesh is safe.	Decision
26/245	All Members	**Gosfield Nature Reserve.** **Item 1** To produce map and signage throughout the GNR and to seek funding – Update by Cllr R. Edwards. **Item 2** – To ascertain what Gosfield residents would like the nature reserve to be eg an amenity for the village or a nature reserve.	Decision
26/246	All Members	**Car Park.** **Item 1.** Remedial work – Update. **Item 2.** To discuss large, heavy vehicles using the car par, eg refuse amenity vehicles.	Decision
26/247	All Members	**Archive storage.** To discuss and consider archive storage of files, what type to hold and for how many years?	Decision
26/248	All Members	**Christmas tree 2026.** To confirm giving a donation of £160.00 towards the village Christmas tree to the Social Club.	Decision
26/249	All Members	**Internal Audit 2026/2027.** To consider appointing Jan Stobart as the Internal Auditor for financial year accounts end 2026/2027.	Decision

26/250	All Members	**Finance Working Group.** To confirm a date and time to hold a finance working group meeting to discuss the budget for 2027/2028.	Decision
26/251	All Members	To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representative, and Parish Council working groups.	Information
26/252	All Members	**Items for next agenda.** Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item, LGA 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified therefore the council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.	Information
26/253	All Members	**Gosfield Nature reserve tree works.** To discuss and consider quotes for tree works in the nature reserve.	Decision
26/254	All Members	**Date of Next Meeting.** 14th December 2026 in the Pavilion. 18th January 2027 **to note** (In the Bernard Brooks Committee Room) Maurice Rowson Village Hall	Information

THIS NOTICE WAS ISSUED BY: Mrs Diane Jacob, Parish Clerk Gosfield Parish Council e-mail: parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org