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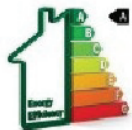


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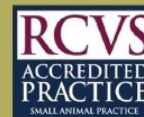
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

There have been a lot of complaints recently regarding dog mess on the playing field and at other locations. If you walk the dog, then please clear up any mess it leaves behind. Put the poo in an appropriate bag and put the bag in the nearby bin.

Covid-19 has not yet gone away, although there are signs of a beginning-of-the-end moment. Hopefully, the various vaccines will smooth the way out of the lockdowns. Please continue to follow the appropriate Government guidelines in order to keep down the rate of transmission of the virus.

Note: the deadline for things to go into the next Gosfield Grapevine magazine is:

Friday, 21st May, 2021

Anything sent in after this will be put forward into subsequent magazines.

If you would like to advertise your community event, club, or business, and for anything Grapevine related, please contact the Gosfield Grapevine editor at:

grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org

OTHER DATES TO NOTE:

Friday, 2nd April – Good Friday
Monday, 5th April – Bank Holiday
Friday, 23rd April – St. George's Day
Monday, May 3rd – Bank Holiday
Monday, May 31st – Bank Holiday

DATES TO NOTE (all Covid-19 dependent):



GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SHOP:

Opening Times:

Monday to Saturday: 8 am to 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am to noon

Note: opening time changes from 8 am to noon. Please contact Isla, or Jo, if you would like to become a volunteer at the shop.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

There will be no Annual Parish Meeting this year. We don't have to have one because of the lockdown and it would have to be a video conference which not all can manage.

New Community Shop:

This is a progress report on the proposed new Community Shop. The committee of the Community Benefit Society which runs the shop felt that the proposed design for the extension was not big enough so the Parish Council has submitted a variation to the original design which increases the length of the extension by 1 metre. Hopefully, BDC planners will grant this.

Meanwhile, fund raising is largely on HOLD because of the National lockdown, but applications for grants are in progress.

Children's Play Area:

The high rainfall in February forced us to close the area for a while because it was turning into a mud bath and ruining the grass. Apologies to all those who were affected. It is now open again and the muddy areas have been re-seeded. Meanwhile a new fence has been erected along the back of the area to stop children getting into the farmer's field next door.

Vandalism in the Nature Reserve:

In March we had an incidence of vandalism in the Nature Reserve when a waste bin and a life belt were thrown into one of the ponds. Also a memorial bench which was broken from its fittings and two of the leg supports broken. Stephen Westover, the Nature Reserve Warden has recovered them and will repair the bench and re-fix it. Thanks to all who reported these incidents. The quicker the response, the quicker we can report it. It may have been connected with some vandalism which took place in Russell's Road on the same day. I reported the incident to the police, not with any hope that they would find the culprits, but because their computer might throw up a pattern of vandalism. In fact the response of the police was to visit me to reassure the public that they were taking notice and would patrol the area sporadically.

Bob Waters

Ongoing planning applications for building works are given on page 27.

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

The coach trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular will be on Saturday, 13th November, for the 2pm performance. Tickets, including coach from Gosfield, are £65 each. Any profit will go to the Gosfield Community Shop new building project. Contact Joanne Colyer on 01787-477808 or 07894-577629 to book, or for further information.

GOSFIELD RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES



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Services: All welcome ! Just join in.

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<https://st-catherine-s-church-gosfield.sumup.link> or you can use our QR code.



Some kind people are already using them, both to support regularly and as one-off “thank yous” to mark important events. A sincere thank-you to them. Your generosity is vital to the whole village.

I have hope for the future of our village and of that better, gentler society generally, though. This is simply because on Easter Day we celebrate the fact that the Hope of the World, Jesus, overcame death and rose from a very real burial. No, I don't know how, but he was clearly alive and was seen alive by over 500 people over the following 50 days – people who if asked beforehand would say (like us), “Come on, that's not possible!” But it happened – to prove that Jesus was who he had said he was, and what he promised to do, he did. And he promised to give those who trust him the eternal life to which he rose. We don't need to know how the miracle happened; that's the thing about miracles – you cannot explain them, just experience them. We in our time just need to trust the One who said he would, and he did.

And that's the faith and hope that enables us to move from same-old, same-old, into a new and happier life of community and family. Your Church Family of St Catherine's would be very glad to share that new life with you. After all, we do hope eventually to share eternity with you!

A very happy and blessed Easter to all of you, and to those you love and pray for.
Prayers and blessings,

RevRose

01245-361927, or revrosebraisby@btinternet.com.

Easter services for Gosfield are given on page 35.

REV. ROSE'S RAMBLINGS

Hello, Gosfield !

So, are we just going back to same-old, same-old once this wretched virus is pretty much under control ? Well, clearly not if it's cost the life of someone we love, or we've lost a job, or are bearing long-Covid, for example. We are forced to make changes, changes we may hate, and it's important that the lucky ones among us don't assume everyone is as happy as spring rabbits – we must continue that caring and sharing spirit which the worst brought out among us, thank God.

But do we want to go back to same-old, same-old anyway ? Was it that great ? I seem to recall we moaned (a lot !) about all sorts of things, so now's perhaps the time to change from the rampant consumerism and me-first-ism ("because I'm worth it", she said, fluttering her eyelashes) to something softer, more caring, more sustainable, more emotionally enduring and fulfilling. If not now, when ? We've been rudely reminded of the limitations of human planning in the face of natural disasters, so planning to change our lives "in twenty years" or "when I retire", or something like that, may not be within our command. St Augustine, who was born in 354 and died in 430, is reported to have prayed "Lord, make me chaste – but not yet !" I wonder when that was – for most of us, a prayer for radical change of attitudes and life might have been sort of towards 430.

Among the changes at St Catherine's will be decisions about how many "in real life" services should be held, and when, and how many online: online we can sing (a lot !), in real life, we can't at the moment. How can we link our online worshippers with those who can come to St Catherine's ? How can we encourage those who are housebound but not zoom-savvy or who hate tech, to join online worship ? The list of services and events in our parish and Area over Easter will (I hope) be in this issue of Grapevine, but this is a longer-term question. Online isn't going to go away, with an ageing population and youngsters who live on their screens, is it ? Does that mean you don't need to bother to go to St Catherine's and can stay at home in your pjs with a cup of coffee? Or is that not OK ?

Like most businesses, we also face a financial black hole: how long can we continue to pay the running expenses of St Catherine's with the current rate of giving ? (People don't realise that the costs fall entirely on us – each parish is a separate charity and we cannot call on any central body or a magic money tree !) A moment's thought shows that the whole cost of keeping beautiful but ancient St Catherine's as a living church to serve, to celebrate, and to mourn with the community, cannot be borne by the 30-odd people who worship on any particular Sunday, can it ? What would happen if (heaven forefend, but it depends on our community) the PCC can no longer pay the basic costs of ministry and insurance ? We have made one decision: we've introduced online giving to supplement the standing orders / direct debits and cheques and envelopes and cash in the plate – thank you for asking, it's either:

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GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

ROLE:	NAME:	CONTACT INFORMATION:
Parish Clerk	Diane Jacob	5 Crocklands, Greenstead Green, CO9 1QY parishclerk@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07907-631172
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Vice Chairman	Tricia Edwards	Home Farm House, CO9 1RZ tricia.edwards@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-472958
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Councillor	Carol Betty Hough	13 Braintree Road, CO9 1PR Via the Parish Clerk 01787-477208
Councillor	Sara Moutard	27 Meadway, CO9 1TG sara.moutard@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 01787-479655
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Councillor	Mark David William Bloomfield	Kota Tinggi, Market Weston, IP22 2PE mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07879-604074
Councillor	Jo Beavis	The Retreat, New England, CO9 3HY jo.beavis@gosfieldparishcouncil.org 07771-984365

For anything Parish Council related, please contact the Parish Clerk, as above.

Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund

Registered Charity Ref. No. 284176

Annual Report for Year to 31st December, 2020

(To be submitted to the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting of St Catherine's P.C.C.)

Quarterly Meetings of the Trustees are usually held on the second Monday in the months of February, May, August and November. However, owing to Coronavirus, holding meetings in 2020 was difficult. As a result, only the February meeting was held as normal, the May meeting was cancelled, the August meeting was held complying with restrictions in force at the time and the November meeting was held by written correspondence with the Trustees.

Mr Graham Allen, who had served as a Trustee since November 2004, resigned as he had moved from the village. Names for a replacement Co-opted Trustee were put forward and Mr Max Ford was elected in November. Present trustees are:

Co-opted Trustees (5 year period): Nominated Trustees (4 year period):

Mr. T Abrahams	Parish Council nominated:
Mr. D Jarvis	Mrs. A M Pawsey
Mr. M Smith	Mrs. J Colyer
Mrs. K Sale	Mrs. C Hough
Mr. M Ford	Mr. W H Pasfield (GPCC-nominated)

Applications for grants from the fund must be made a minimum of two weeks before each quarterly meeting. Application forms for grants are available from Dave Jarvis who serves as a Trustee and Clerk to the Fund. Please phone Dave on 01787-474562, or e-mail him at davjar33@gmail.com for an application form.

FINANCE, £:

(Note: value of invested funds is subject to market fluctuations)

<u>Income for the year to:</u>	<u>31-12-2019</u>	<u>31-12-2020</u>
COIF Dividends	19,369.39	19,761.96
Refund		400.00
Bank Interest	397.38	137.13
Totals	19,766.77	20,299.09

Expenditure, £:

	<u>31-12-2020</u>
Grants made during the year:	
Maurice Rowson Hall Management Committee	2,750.00
Gosfield Parochial Church Council (GPCC)	3,085.20
Gosfield Parish Council	2,250.00
Gosfield Under 18 Football Team	500.00
Gosfield Community Primary School	500.00
Clerk's Expenses	0.00
Total	9,085.20

Assests and Liabilities:

	<u>31-12-2020</u>
COIF Permanent Endowment Funds	679,817.42
COIF Accumulated Income Units	6,663.68
Bank balance	61,817.31
Total	748,298.41

CHURCH-RELATED NEWS:

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

December Winners:	No. 2 Mr. P Tutton	No. 108 Mrs. D Clary
	No. 59 Mrs. R Poulter	No. 189 Mrs. M Hannah
January Winners:	No. 38 Mr. K Hughes	No. 55 Mrs. J Beavis
	No. 41 Mrs. D Boyle	No. 155 Mrs. J Turbin

Anyone wishing to join, please contact **Hazel** on 01787-472593

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH 50/50 CLUB

February Winners:	No. 11 Mrs. T Wright	No. 162 Mrs. J Lowe
	No. 27 Mrs. V Beaumont	No. 189 Mrs. M Hannah
March Winners:	No. 7 Mrs. D Holt	No. 51 Mr. Ashley Bishop
	No. 16 Mr. R Smith	No. 82 Mrs. E Crouch

Anyone wishing to join, please contact **Hazel** on 01787-472593

To find out more about hatches, matches and dispatches, plus more, much more, including a brief history of Gosfield, baptism, confirmation, photographs, Jesus. More than anyone can read, and interesting too, head to:

www.stcatherineschurchgosfield.org.uk

Team Ministry Services – Holy Week & Easter

Gosfield

Good Friday Look out for the Easter Trail Posters round Gosfield!
Easter Saturday 7.30 p.m. Easter Communion in St Catherine's Church & on Zoom

Please tell RevRose or Judy if you plan to come to St Catherine's for this service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84999015086?pwd=cFZBRVVZalMydFFYNUUpSV2dkaFdsZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 9901 5086 Passcode: 246972

Easter Day 11 a.m. Easter Communion with hymns, on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86233130196?pwd=dFIGY1d3cjVoYml6NG1yeWpXYIRiQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 3313 0196 Passcode: 706914

GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES, continued

GROUPS, SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES:

Toddler Group	Emma	07872-916917	
Gosfield Players	Jules Wilkinson	07958-903932	
Gosfield Rainbows and Guides	Stacey Creak	07814-233219	
Gosfield Brownies and Guides	Gill Hillman-Crouch	01787-478097	Or: 07801-265603
Gosfield Cubs and Scouts	Steve Sudbury	07885-467712	stephensudburygardens@gmail.com
Gosfield Women's Institute	Michelle Hine	01787-469359	Tuesday, 2nd week, 2 pm
Gosfield Senior Circle	Joan Cornell	01787-478235	Tidings Hill
Gosfield Twinning Association	Bridget Waterer		bridget@gosfieldtwinning.co.uk
Gosfield Horticultural Society	Rebecca Westover	01787-477331	
Gosfield in Bloom	Mandy Adams	01787-273494	mandyladams@icloud.com
Gosfield Fete Committee	Chris Flint	01787-474573	
Gosfield. Playing Field	Isla Gill	01787-473398	isla.gill@hotmail.com
Maurice Rowson Hall	Amanda Degnan	01787-274992	rowsonhall@gmail.com
Rowson Perpetual Fund	David Jarvis	01787-474562	davjar33@gmail.com
ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH:			
Priest -Reverend	Rose Braisby	01245-361927	revrosebraisby@btinternet.com
PCC Secretary	Judy Paterson	01787-472514	
Church Wardens	Bob Waters	01787-473836	
	Dave Patmore	01787-474047	
Bell Ringing - Tower Captain	Laurence Carter	01787-472225	laurencejcarter@gmail.com

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Gosfield & Greenstead Green Ward

ANNUAL REPORT to PARISHES in the **GOSFIELD & GREENSTEAD GREEN WARD** by DISTRICT COUNCILLOR **PETER SCHWIER**

It has been around one year ago that we last met face to face, and it has been a year like no other in the memories of most members and residents reading this.

Some of us have learned new IT skills to allow to continue the best we can. Some of us have even learned how to mute and unmute our Zoom meetings.

Over the last year over 10,400 residents in the Braintree District contracted Covid-19 and regrettably over 360 related deaths were registered. I am sure I speak for all of us in expressing our condolences to the family and friends of those who have died or been seriously ill.

The District Council itself has faced many unique challenges.

Facilities for staff to work from home have had to be provided, arrangements for Council businesses to continue together with those of Parish Councils and voluntary bodies, have had to be put into place to hold formal decision making remotely. This has highlighted very clearly some of the deficiencies in internet connectivity in parts of our district.

The Covid expenditure to the Council has cost in excess of £3.55m with some £2.24m from loss of income. This includes other less obvious expenditure such as the need to financially support our leisure provider which operates on a not for profit basis and have had no income to maintain the swimming pools and other leisure facilities in a safe and sustainable manner in order to prevent them from closing down.

Officers and Members have aimed to keep Parish Councils and local businesses informed about the incidence and spread of the disease and what financial support is available for those financially affected. The Council has invited, administered, and distributed government grants to around 7,200 local businesses with a total expenditure currently awarded at £39,838,458.00.

Council staff have had to learn new skills to carry out work in addition to their usual duties.

- EHOs have been seconded to operate the finer details of the test and trace initiative.
- Economic Development and Revenue & Benefits Teams have been responsible for distributing government grants to individuals and businesses affected by the pandemic.
- Council Officers and Members have aimed to keep parishes informed about the very latest developments in the incidence of Covid, and the vaccination rollout and details of any financial aid that might be available to those affected financially due the lockdown.

GOSFIELD VILLAGE ENTITIES

SCHOOLS:

Gosfield Primary School	Jo Morgan (Head Teacher)	01787-472266	admin@gosfield-pri.essex.sch.uk
St. Margaret's School	Carolyn Moss (Headteacher)	01787-472134	admin@stmargaretsprep.com
Gosfield School	Guy Martyn (Principal)	01787-474040	enquires@gosfieldschool.org.uk

SPORTS CLUBS:

Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club	Paul M Nicklin	01787-478269	paul.nicklin39@gmail.com
Gosfield Lake Golf Club	Tony O'Shea	01787-474747	gosfieldlakegc@btconnect.com
Gosfield Juniors Football	Mark Wiskin	07930-990013	
Gosfield United Football Club	Simon Fraser (Chairman)	01206-211470	
Gosfield Tennis Club	Sheila Goldsmith (Secretary)	01787-478519	
Gosfield Lake	Linda Turp (Office Manager)	01787-4785043	turps@gosfieldlake.co.uk

PUB, CLUB and EVENTS HIRE:

The Kings Head	Emma and Matt	01787-474016	info@kingsheadgosfield.com
The Social Club	Steve and Becky	01787-476235	
The Apple Tree	Maxine and Keith	01787-477715	enquiries@theappletreegosfield.co.uk
Courtyard Brewery	Tanya and Marc	07710-230662	

GOSFIELD SUPPORT:

Community Agent	Chivonne Claydon	07540-720603	
Neighbourhood Watch Group	Louise Smith	07962-268376	

GOSFIELD POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO):

PCSO 70714	John Thorne	07812-068636	John.Thorne@essex.police.uk
PSCO 70955	Jo Cooper	07812-068697	Joanne.Cooper@essex.pnn.police.uk
Special Constable	Harrison Green		

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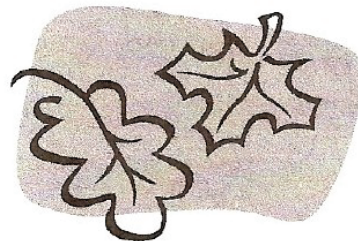
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Despite these considerable financial and staffing pressures, the Council has continued to develop its environmentally friendly initiatives. We have established and earmarked reserves of £500,000 to take forward our 'green' priorities. We have maintained the popular Councillor Community Grant scheme for 2021/22. New expenditure also includes a new artificial grass pitch at the Halstead leisure centre at a cost £750,000, and £100,000 for children's play areas. We aim to support the future of the District by creating new jobs and making financial investments. Work on the creation of a three storey £14m Enterprise Centre on the new Horizon 120 Business Park and Innovation Park at Great Notley has started. This will provide a state-of-the-art energy efficient complex with shared meeting rooms, flexible workspaces, conference and training facilities and offices for smaller businesses to grow into. The Business Park also boasts the first all solar-powered electric vehicle-charging centre in the UK, to supplement the 16 new dual electric vehicle charging points being installed across the District.

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Additional funding has also been made available to improve the Town Centres of our three major towns.

The Planning Inspectorate finally approved part 1 of the Local Plan, and at the same time confirmed that the number of houses we have to provide for in the Plan period 2013-2033 is 14,320, or 716 per year. Disappointingly, Part 2 of the Plan is not due to be examined by the Inspectorate until July 2021.

The financial commitments and our ambitions towards maintaining service standards have been set against a background of prudent financial management. We are not intending to increase car-parking charges to help support our town centres as life gradually returns to normal, and unlike many other local authorities across the country, we did not increase our share of the Council Tax for 2021/22.

I have been immensely proud of the numerous voluntary organisations across our Parishes who have supported the vulnerable by delivering medicines, food, and other basics during the lockdowns.

The Covid epidemic has affected people in a variety of different ways and as we come out of the lockdown, there will be lasting problems of social isolation, loneliness, emotional instability, and health. The Council supported by our communities will continue to do whatever we can to help ease these problems.



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Gosfield in Bloom 2021

We have all suffered during the last year from the effects of the pandemic - lockdowns, social distancing and face masks.

Gosfield in Bloom was no exception to these effects, but we carried on as best we could with both summer 2020 and winter 2020 planting. Although we did not go ahead with our more adventurous planting plans in 2020, we still wanted to brighten the village and so you hopefully all noticed the colourful beds, planters and hanging baskets that were put in place. Luckily our plants were not subject to the same covid restrictions as the rest of us and so we were able to plant them, following safety guidelines.

Because of the difficult times that everyone was experiencing we decided not to appeal for donations last year but managed to fund the planting from existing funds and our very well supported "pop-up cafes". We are, like everyone else, staying optimistic for 2021 and we hope we can appeal to your generosity in donating whatever you can afford to help with this year's planting plans.

WAYS TO DONATE & HELP:

1. To secure a new displayed sponsorship plaque, a donation of £100
2. To maintain the sponsorship plaque in place from the second year onwards £50
3. Donations of any sum will be gratefully received and acknowledged
4. Volunteers to come and join our friendly group in the maintenance, weeding and watering will be welcomed with open arms.

Contact us:

Donations can be made payable to Gosfield in Bloom, 32 Highlands, Gosfield, CO9 1PH (Jan Ames), or 01787-273494 (Mandy Adams)

HELP US KEEP GOSFIELD GORGEOUS: from the "GOSFIELD BLOOMERS"

Gosfield (Mobile) Library

Nuns Meadow, Saturday,

9:45 am to 10:15 am:

10th April
01st May
22nd May
12th June

Halstead Library

(Not open public holidays)

Monday	9am to 5pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9am to 6pm
Friday	9am to 5pm
Saturday	9am to 5pm
Sunday	Closed

Census 2021

A census has taken place in England every ten years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941 – a register of people in the country was taken). A census gathers information about our society so that appropriate services can be put in place for everyone to enjoy now and in the future. The census is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) which operates completely independently of government and of any private sector interests.

Fans of TV programmes such as "Who Do You Think You Are" will know the value of historic census data to family historians and genealogists, but data from the census impacts our lives every day, often without us even realising it.

Did you know that water companies use census data to anticipate peak water demand ? Or that the NHS uses census data to plan a wide range of services such as hospitals and GP surgeries, mobile chiropodists and home support ? Everything from schools to care home places are planned using census data to make sure that the needs of all age groups are met.

Many aspects of our lives are impacted by the census, so it is vital that everyone participates to ensure the best possible understanding of the structure and needs of our society. By taking part, you can make sure that your community is represented and gets its share of public and other funding to ensure the provision of services now and in the future.

The next census official census date was Sunday 21st March, 2021. It will be the first time that everyone will be able to complete the census online. You should have received a letter with your unique access code in order that you could complete the census. Guidance was available in a range of languages and accessible formats, and the paper option will still be available if needed.

All information submitted for the census is stored securely and anonymised. No personal data is ever sold, nor is it shared with any other government department. However, information from the census is released after 100 years when your descendants may be tracing their own family history !

Please make sure that you have supported your community by participating in Census 2021. For more information go to: <https://census.gov.uk>, or on social media @Census 2021.

GOSFIELD SENIOR CIRCLE PROGRAMME

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New Members Offer

Many people cannot wait for March 29th when we can take healthy exercise on the golf course and rid ourselves of the COVID blues.

Gosfield Lake is home to the 18 hole Lakes Course and also home to the picturesque 9 hole Meadows course both accepting new members for April 2021.

We are especially focused on promoting our Meadows course which has been recently refurbished with a view to attracting newcomers to golf and people looking to get out, promote their health and make new friends. We would love to see families (who will be offered preferential rates) join the course and become a part of the future of the club.

The Meadows course was the concept of Sir Henry Cotton, a 3 time Open Champion and famed course designer. His vision for the Meadows course was to introduce new golfers to the game by providing a scenic, less challenging introduction to the sport.

Gosfield Lake G.C. is looking to recruit members of all ages and standards. We have payment options to suit your needs.

When your round is completed we have a friendly clubhouse, where you can enjoy a relaxing drink and good food. We offer service in two restaurants and two bars including the historic Sir Henry Cotton bar.

Come and enjoy the wonderful views of Gosfield Hall and the peaceful Essex Countryside from the Old Manor House patio.

We invite you to call Tony, Kate or Sally on 01787 474747 to arrange a visit and discuss your options over a friendly drink.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT

Membership 01787 474747 Clubhouse 01787 474400 Pro-Shop 01787 474488

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Message from Georgie:

UPDATE

SCARECROW TRAIL

In consultation with the stake holders, has been postponed to 2022

Due to COVID-19 LEGACY

in aid of the new Gosfield Community

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Lessons have also been suspended !



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LITTER-PICKING GOOD:

Gosfield Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to 'Gosfield in Bloom' and their helpers for their litter pick on Sunday 21st February. Eighteen volunteers, including Tony our village litter picker and a young teenager working towards his Duke of Edinburgh award, spent two hours collecting rubbish in the village. In total they collected sixteen bags of general rubbish, eight bags of recycling and four bags of glass bottles which were recycled.



Their next litter pick will be on Sunday 11th April meeting at 10.30am at the shop. All help welcome. Many thanks for helping to keep the village looking great, Bob Waters.

Land at the Top of Meadway

You may not be aware that a piece of land at the top of Meadway has been given to the village as Community Land. It comprises roughly half the field with the other half being an estate of 35 houses. The land will be the subject of an agreement between the developers and Braintree District Council and will eventually be handed over to the Parish Council for management. The Parish Council does have a role to play (although limited) in the discussions, so if anyone has any suggestions, please contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Bob Waters



Scouts



1st Gosfield

Every week, for over 100 years, Scouts give almost half a million people aged 6-25 the opportunity to learn the skills they need in life. Allowing them to make new friends, challenge themselves and try new things. At 1st Gosfield Scout Group we would love to offer these opportunities to more young people in our area.

Due to the complexities of COVID-19, the Scout Group (Cubs and Scouts) have not been allowed to meet for Face 2 Face Scouting. We are excited, however, following detailed preparations, to return to face-2-face Scouting, meeting outside, observing socially distancing. With this in mind, and once all risk assessments have been completed, we will be looking to start recruiting again, starting a list of interested young people.

Scouting is available to all young people, should this interest you or your children, here are a few frequently asked questions:

1) How old do I have to be ?:

The starting age for Beavers is 6, children can join Cubs from the age of 8 and Scouts from 10. Explorer Scouting starts at 14 and runs until they are 18 (Explorer Scouts is a District Unit and not Gosfield). At present we do not have a Beaver Colony due to leader shortage, we would need more adult leaders to start this.

2) How much does membership cost ?:

The cost for membership of the 1st Gosfield Scout Group is £35 per term. Subscription would be monthly by direct debits. If you're concerned about the cost, do speak to the leader in confidence; there may be assistance available.

3) How often do you meet ?:

Each section meets weekly on a Wednesday providing a wide range of exciting and interesting activities. The meetings take place both inside and outdoors (subject to current restrictions) giving our young people a variety of life experiences. Events and camps are run throughout the year to consolidate skills developed during weekly meetings.

4) How will my child benefit from Scouting ?:

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5) What activities can I expect to do ?:

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Make new friends: at your Cub or Scout meetings you will have a chance to meet up with your mates, have a laugh and do lots of exciting activities. You'll meet adventurous people just like you who want to do something a little different.

Have fun: Chief Scout Bear Grylls says life is about grabbing opportunities. We agree ! Above everything else, Scouting is all about enjoying yourself, whatever you're doing – and there'll always be plenty to do !

Get outdoors: as a Scout, you get to explore the big outdoors and travel to new places and try new things. Sounds better than being stuck in the house with nothing to do, right ?

Learn exciting things: Not many people know about the stars at night, how to sail a dinghy or make a sausage stew on a campfire, but you soon will! Scouting helps you learn lots of new and amazing skills – and you get to earn badges and rewards along the way.

If you would like more information of to register interest for your child please contact Steve Sudbury (Group Scout Leader) on 07885-467712, or email at stephensudburygardens@gmail.com.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (BUILDING):

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 19/01993/FUL granted 04/12/2020 for: Proposed extension to the Playing Field Pavilion for the use of a Community Shop and alterations to roof. Variation would allow to extend the depth of the extension to the west elevation by 1m, alterations to fenestration and internal layout changes. Playing Field Church Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 21/00712/VAR.

Erection of 19 dwellings with associated access, parking, garaging, landscaping and amenity space, Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 21/00726/FUL.

Consideration Permitted Development Rights Enquiry, 15 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TJ, Ref. No: 21/00698/PD

Consideration Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development -Erection of building for the storage of hay & equipment, Land At Gosfield Road Wethersfield Essex, Ref. No: 21/00670/AGR.

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition/s 4, 5, 6 and 7 of approved application 19/00998/OUT, Land At Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR, Ref. No: 21/00650/DAC.

Proposed Replacement Two Storey Dwelling & Cartlodge, 69 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG, Ref. No: 21/00616/FUL.

Application for approval of details as reserved by condition 6 of approved application 18/01586/OUT, Land Adjacent Silverlink Cottage Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ, Ref. No: 21/00630/DAC.

Consideration Construction of 4 no. new dwellings, new access from Gosfield Road and associated development. 17 Gosfield Road Braintree Essex CM7 5NZ, Ref. No: 21/00615/FUL.

Erection of single storey rear extension, installation of a porch and render to part of the front elevation and a brick built storage building to the side. 19 New Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PT, Ref. No: 21/00571/HH.

Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development-Erection of a polytunnel, Land East Off Danes Vale Gosfield Road Wethersfield Essex, Ref. No: 21/00528/AGR.

Consideration Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 1 No. 3 bedroom & 2 No. 4 bedroom dwellings and new access. 53 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG Ref. No: 21/00513/FUL.

Proposed loft conversion and first floor rear extension, with new front dormer, 17 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG, Ref. No: 21/00466/HH.

Conversion of existing double garage with extension to form dependant person's accommodation. Whitehouse Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL, Ref. No: 21/00003/HH.

Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) pursuant to outline planning application ref: 19/00998/OUT - Erection of 5no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club, Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR, Ref. No: 20/02244/REM.

Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed grain store, Harmas Farm Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SH, Ref. No: 20/02221/PLD.

Consideration Construction of agricultural shed (12m x 8m) for general storage within arable field. Glen Cottage Park Lane Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU, Ref. No: 20/02160/FUL.

Application for approval of reserved matters (access, layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) of outline planning consent 19/01931/OUT - Erection of 2 No. dwellings.

Land Adjacent White Ash House Braintree Road Gosfield Essex, Ref. No: 20/01898/REM 27

GOSFIELD CARPET BOWLS CLUB:

At last, there is a glimmer of hope that we may be able to meet again on normal club nights to play carpet bowls again. The latest information contained in the Covid road map states that indoor sports activities may commence, but not before Monday 17th May. This date may well change again should infection levels increase, but at least it is a line in the sand to look forward to.

When we do re-commence we cannot expect to pick up the reins again where we left off all those months ago in 2020. It is anticipated that the County Summer and Winter leagues will be postponed this year together with the range of individual competitions usually held at County and UK levels. This is only to be expected given that no player will have played for at least 12 months. We all need to play regularly in order to maintain levels of skill and general fitness.

However, this is a remarkably good time for new members to join clubs and to learn the art and skills of playing this enjoyable and competitive sport. All club members, irrespective of their past experience and playing ability, will need to practice and begin again to re-learn the skills. New members need not feel ill at ease in learning from the beginning as all members will be in the same position. All will be welcome to come for an introduction to the sport when we re-open. Please note that membership is open to all with no restrictions on age or gender.

Should there be no change to the latest road map restrictions, the club will meet on Monday 17th, May, in the Rowson Hall at 8-00pm. As it will be the first club night for some time we will hold a short meeting to discuss the rules and regulations in line with the Governments restrictions. This will be followed by a short session of playing Carpet Bowls. So this will be an ideal time to meet the membership and to begin to appreciate the social and competitive elements of the sport of Carpet Bowls. In 'typical' times, the club meets on a Monday and Wednesday evening each week throughout the year

In the meantime if you would like further information then please contact Paul Nicklin, Manager, Gosfield Carpet Bowls Club.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:

The Pump House Surgery, Earls Colne was designated the Covid-19 Vaccination Centre for the north of the Braintree District. The programme is being led by Essex NHS and is being supported by 400 volunteers from the Earls Colne area. I have been delighted to meet and thank many of the volunteers supporting this service. Essex County Council is working with Essex NHS Services to make the case for another Centre in the north of our district as the Vaccination Programme is rolled out.

In March, I attended, via Zoom, the Essex County Council Budget meeting and voted in support of the Budget 2021/22. I believe that the Budget was a 'steady as you go' budget to meet the challenges of the current Pandemic climate. We agreed a Council Tax freeze and a 1.5% Adult Social Care increase to support the most vulnerable residents in Essex. An extra £2.5M went to flood prevention, £1M on the environment (specifically to reduce waste), £500,000.00 for summer clubs, £2M for post-Covid business support, £1M for children's mental health, £1.5M for education and £0.5M to support key workers to grow community resilience.

The Braintree Local Highways Panel received an extra £0.4M for the next three years (year on year). This will make a tremendous difference to delivering many of the local highway improvement projects and is something that I have lobbied for, over the past 4 years. I have put forward the following Gosfield Highways Improvement Schemes: A new salt bin at The Limes (at the junction with The Street). A '20 is Plenty' speed calming scheme at Gosfield Primary School. A new hard standing for the Halstead Road bus-shelter. 3 new wooden bus-shelters at the area of Gosfield School (Cut Hedge). I have also put forward schemes for speed-calming in Hedingham Road and Braintree Road, the schemes will be subject to a highways traffic survey in both locations from this April. On general highway maintenance and improvements I have processed all of the village potholes for repair (most of which have been filled – if fitting the 50mm Essex pothole criteria). I am currently working with Essex County Highways to make sure that the road surface water-drains are jetted and repaired, following a wet winter. I have also received confirmation that the Hedingham Road footpath will be cleared from vegetation following agreement with traffic management.

Planning number: 17/01066/OUT – 20/00653/REM - 35 homes at Hedingham Road. I have written an objection to Braintree District Council on highway grounds. I believe that an alternative plan should be found to stop any construction traffic from using Meadway as an exit from the development site. I am concerned about the disruption and potential danger any construction lorry could cause to local residents, schoolchildren and frequent users of Hall Drive.

The Coronavirus restrictions are set to ease. Soon you can meet six or two households outdoors. Although we still need to keep safe and take precautions, we know how long-awaited these moments are.

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PARISH COUNCIL WORKING BODIES:

Group / Committee:	Councillors:
Nature Reserve	Hough, Moutard
Playing Field	Hough, Pawsey
Allotment Officer	Waters
Footpath	Beavis, Hough
Finance	Waters, Edwards, Bloomfield, Moutard, Cowie
Appeals	Cowie, Colyer
Children's Play Area	Hough, Pawsey, Colyer
Planning	Moutard, Waters, Beavis, Pawsey
Grapevine Editor	Alan Summerland
Tree Warden	Hough
Personnel Committee	Waters, Edwards, Bloomfield
Information, minutes and agendas:	www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield

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Essex Association of Local Councils	Beavis
Braintree Association of Local Councils	Beavis
Coffee Rooms Trust	Waters
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Rowson Perpetual Memorial Fund	Pawsey, Hough, Colyer

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SAINT MARGARETS PREPARATORY SCHOOL:



This year St Margaret's Prep School is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Once the stables and coach house to Gosfield Hall, St Margaret's was founded in 1946 by Mrs. Peggy Lowe for her two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. We would love to hear from any 'Old Maggies' Alumni with stories, memories and pictures from across the years. Please send them to lynda.barrow@stmargaretsprep.com.

Also, visit our website to keep up to date with the celebrations and stories: www.stmargaretsprep.com.

DATES TO NOTE (still Covid-19 dependent):

Gosfield Horticultural Society Show,	TBC
Primary School Car Show	TBC
Gosfield Open Gardens	Sunday, 29 th August (bank holiday)
Gosfield Fete	TBC

Over the past year we have seen exceptional kindness as communities have pulled together to support one another. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Gosfield who have supported on the front-line, either in the work-place, at home, or in the community. This resilience has meant that the village has grown stronger during this past year with many support networks and contacts set to last for the foreseeable future.

Joanne Beavis – County Councillor for the Halstead Division, including Gosfield.

Contact and follow me at:

Tel: 07771-984365

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GOSFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

After a year of isolation, the police have given us authority to restart the Gosfield Speedwatch activities once again, commencing from 29th March (unless things change).

So the teams will be back out in the village interests of monitoring traffic through our village. It would appear that drivers have taken advantage of the lockdown to increase their speed and this has been noticed by some villagers and mentioned to us. We may need two clip boards on the first couple of 'watches' to note the number of offenders, judging by the volume and speed of vehicles, but whatever it takes.

My continued thanks to those that consider the activity important enough to take part. As always more volunteers would make for more teams, and more 'watches'. If you would care to take part, contact David on 01787-472291 for more information. It is not an onerous activity and usually lasts for about 45 minutes each session and as often as people can spare. Speedwatch can be carried out any time during day light hours so you could easily find a slot for your session.

Best regards, David.



Gosfield Grapevine Community Group

UPDATE

GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



As we come out of 'lockdown' we can really ramp up the activity !!
We have rescheduled the public 'Drop-In' Events for:

Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7 - 9pm
Saturday 26th June 2021 at 10am – 12noon
Monday 28th June 2021 at 2.30 - 4.30pm

IN THE PAVILION

We will still be using our Covid-19 risk assessment to make these events as safe as possible.

We can't wait to hear your views!!!

During 'lockdown', we have been working on areas of the Neighbourhood Plan that need little 'face-to-face' contact including; analysing Census data & discussing how local businesses contribute to our community. We will report on all the areas we're working on in due course.

We are also very pleased to announce the launch of our new dedicated website giving you a one-stop shop for all information relating to Gosfield's Neighbourhood Plan.

www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Check it out, get in touch, add to the discussions – It's your plan!

SCARECROW TRAIL

It is with great regret that I have decided that the SCARECROW TRAIL will be POSTPONED again until September 2022. I raise money to cover costs mostly from local Businesses by Advertisements, Donations & Sponsorship and I will not feel at all comfortable going to ask for money long before they are back up on their feet again.

As the Community Shop is the only Village Fund that I have not contributed to over the years I have tried to think of a Fund Raising idea in the meantime and a 'GOSFIELD VILLAGE GARAGE SALE WEEKEND' in September (4th and 5th) comes to mind.

Would any Villagers be interested in my organising such an event with a DONATION FROM SALES to get paid to the Shop Committee direct. It will be a good and fun way of clearing out all the things we do not want any more and making a bit of money for Yourselves and the Shop.

If you would be interested in taking part please write your name and telephone number on a list in the Shop so that I can get some idea of the response to such an event.



GOSFIELD GRAPEVINE COMMUNITY NETWORK

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GOSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Also, we're on Facebook and we will be able to let you know what events are coming soon and keep everyone updated as we progress. It's a great way for you all to tell us what you think and join in with the discussions.

If you want to see what we've done so far, all agendas & minutes from meetings have been posted on the Gosfield Parish Council website as well.

Thank you to all those who have put themselves forward to get involved. And for anyone else who hasn't been in touch yet, please contact Mark Bloomfield (mark.bloomfield@gosfieldparishcouncil.org) or come along (virtually) to the next Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting on 6th April or 4th May or 1st June.

Gosfield Parish Council has formally applied for the designation of Gosfield Parish to become a Neighbourhood Designated Area which now means that you can see all of our statutory progress on the Braintree District Council website. It also means that we can draw on funding from BDC to engage with expert consultants and help raise awareness & encourage even more engagement with the community.

Check out the map (courtesy of Braintree District Council) on pages 20 and 21 – the thick dark line indicates the Parish Boundary and what has been designated as the Neighbourhood Area for our plan. The slightly thinner black line that encompasses the more residential area in the village represents the 'Village Envelope' which is particularly significant when considering development.

Don't worry – everyone will be able to tell us what you think about planning matters, development of the village and how we can continue making the village 'great'.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon !!!

Mark Bloomfield:
(Chairman – Gosfield Neighbourhood Plan Committee)

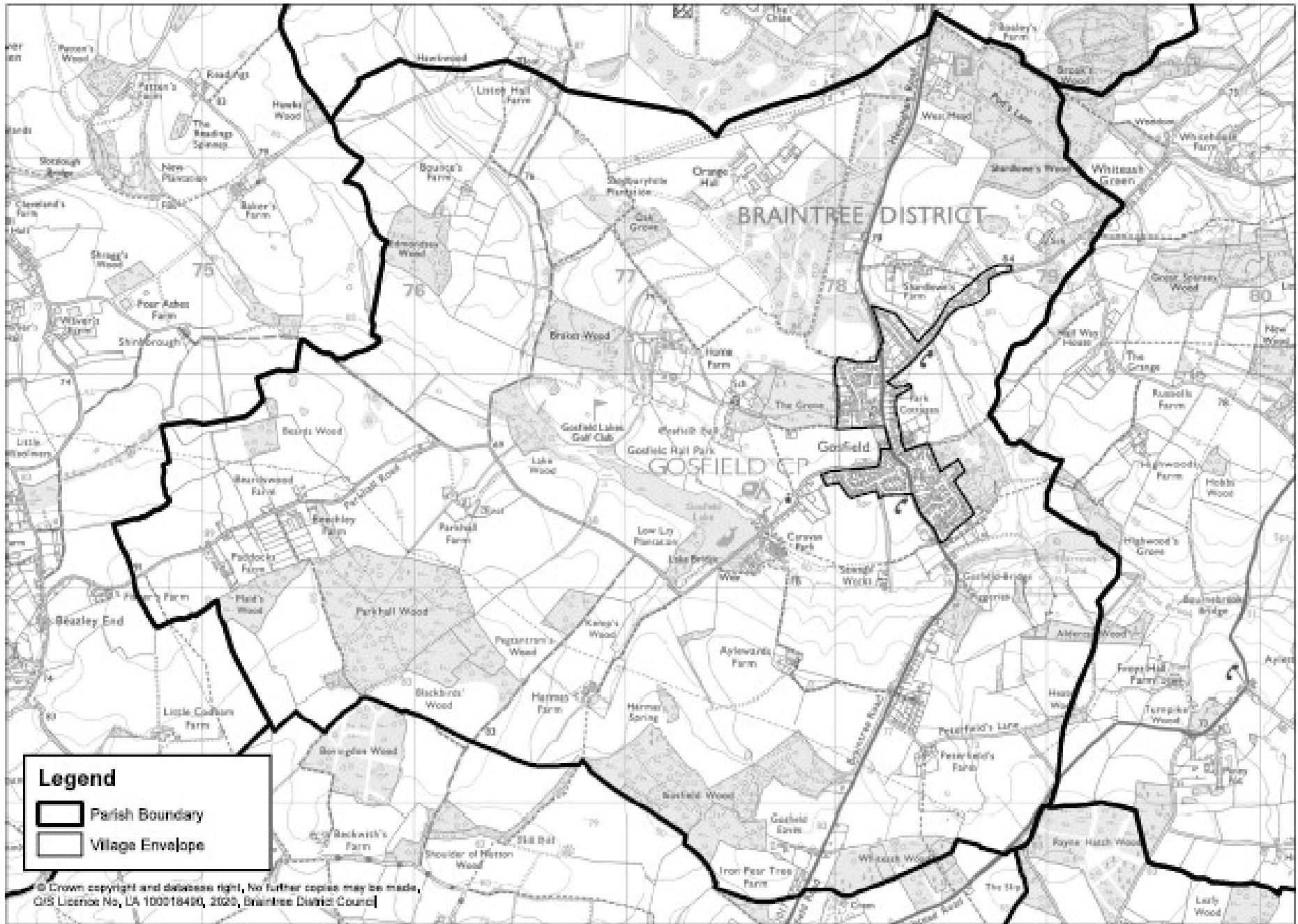


FIGURE: GOSFIELD PARISH BOUNDARY AND VILLAGE ENVELOPE