

**Minutes of Gosfield Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Playing Field Pavilion at 7.15pm.**

**These are draft minutes and yet to be agreed by Gosfield Parish Council.**

**Present: Cllrs: Many Adams. Tricia Edwards. Isla Gill. Carol Hough. Thea Maragkakis. Maggie Pawsey. Tony Strudwick. Bob Waters. County Councillor Joanne Beavis (and Clerk to the Parish Council) along with 21 members of the public.**

32/18	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Laurence Carter due to work commitments.	
33/18	Cllr. Strudwick declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning item: 18/00295/LBC – Social Club, The Street.	
34/18	A resident asked if the King’s Head Public House could be put on to the Buildings of Community Asset list held and maintained by Braintree District Council.	
35/18	<p>Mark Bloomfield reported that he had been in touch with the owners of the King’s Head Public House (Enterprise Inns) who said that they were not putting the King’s Head Public House on to the market. He reported that the last time that the pub was valued in 2016 the pub was valued at approximately £675,000.00 He said that it was a grade two listed building. Mark said that he would be pleased to lead on any research or a bid to buy the pub for the village if the opportunity arose but he did not believe anything would happen until Christmas 2018 as the present managers were still paying rent to Enterprise Inns.</p> <p>A resident was concerned about information data being shared by the Parish Council when such items as planning application were applied for by the public. Cllr. Strudwick explained that the Parish Council was a public body as were other tiers of Local Government and the process had to be open and transparent.</p> <p>Cllr. Jo Beavis (Essex County Council) reported that she had met with residents of the parish including some parish councillors regarding highways issues. She reported that she would write a piece for the Grapevine Magazine to update parishioners.</p>	
36/18	a) The minute number 18/19 was amended to remove the final sentence which took away unnecessary information. The word TPO was replaced by the words planning application in the final sentence of the newly amended paragraph. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Parish Council and signed.	
37/18	b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.	

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38/18	<p>PLANNING UPDATES. THE UPDATES FOR THIS ITEM WILL BE FOUND AT <b>APPENDIX A 19/3/2018.</b></p> <p>The Parish Council made the following comments on planning applications to Braintree District Council.</p> <p>Planning no: 18/00263/FUL. Gosfield Eaves. Erection of a 1 bedroom gate-house. The Parish Council agreed to object to the planning application on the grounds that it was outside of the village envelope and was not in-keeping with Braintree District Council planning policy. This was unanimously agreed and carried.</p> <p>Planning no: 18/00324/FUL. Church View House, Church Road. The Parish Council agreed “no comment” on this application and this was unanimously agreed and carried.</p> <p>Planning no: 18/00295/LBC. The Gosfield Social Club, The Street. The Chairman advised the Parish Council that this planning application had been withdrawn.</p>	
39/18	<p>It was agreed by the Parish Council that the trees behind number 6 De Vere Place would be closely monitored with regards to good growth by the Gosfield Nature Reserve Warden. It was noted that £500 had been previously received by Frank Ladkin (building developers) for the maintenance of both oak trees following disruption of the trees when the De Vere Place development was under construction.</p> <p>It was further noted that the hedge behind number 6 De Vere Place had been cut back. The Gosfield Nature Reserve Warden urged the Parish Council to write to the owner of 6 De Vere Place requesting that no further pruning took place as the Gosfield Nature Warden wished to layer the hedge and pruning would make this difficult.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed and carried by the Parish Council that no further tree works would be carried out by the owner of 6 De Vere place at this time in line with the recommendations from the Nature Reserve Warden.</p>	
40/18	<p>The Clerk confirmed that the new Parish Council Website was almost complete with only a few areas requiring changes. It was hoped that the new Parish Council Website details could be reported in the May edition of Grapevine magazine so that all residents were able to access it for the minutes, agendas and finance reports.</p>	
41/18	<p>The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to fill in the Braintree District Councillor Grant application to apply for funds for a new map case on the Village green. This decision was unanimously agreed and carried. If the application was successful the Clerk agreed to bring back further details</p>	

in order that the map case could be ordered.

- 42/18 The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Details would be circulated in the usual way.
- 43/18 The Parish Council Chairman deferred the item on incoming and outgoing correspondence to the personnel committee on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
- 44/18 The Parish Council agreed that it would apply to place the King's Head Public House on the Braintree District Council list of Community Assets.
- 45/18 There were no reports from outside bodies, training courses, Village Representative, Parish Council committees and advisory groups.
- 46/18 The Clerk duly circulated the Parish Council correspondence.
- 47/18 A resident asked regarding the proposed date to resurface the Playing Field car park. Cllr. Gill reported "as soon as the weather was more clement".

Signed.....  
Cllr. Bob Waters. Chairman of Gosfield Parish Council.

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