

Minutes of Gosfield Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th June 2016 at The Pavilion, Playing Field, Church Road, Gosfield at 7.15pm.

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

Present.

Cllr. Mandy Adams. Arrived 7:50pm

Cllr. Tricia Edwards - Vice Chairwoman.

Cllr. Isla Gill.

Cllr. Carol Hough.

Cllr. Thea Maragkakis.

Cllr. Maggie Pawsey.

Cllr. Tony Strudwick.

Cllr. Bob Waters – Chairman.

Amanda Degnan – Relief Clerk.

Cllr. John O'Reilly-Cicconi.

Together with 7 members of the public.

18/83 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Laurence Carter. County Cllr. Jo Beavis.

18/84 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Gill declared an NPI in Planning Application 18/00938/PLD.

18/85 Public Statements and Questions. The Nature Reserve Warden read out a prepared statement. This was regarding the Oak trees at the rear of 6 De Vere Place which have been severely pruned in contrary to the Parish Council's decision to withhold permission for this work as minuted on the 19th March (Minute 39/18). He would like this matter placed on the next agenda to discuss how this action had occurred.

He and his daughter also wished it to be minuted that it had been implemented contrary to our recommendation. The statement was then handed to the Relief Clerk. **Action: Trees to the rear of 6 De Vere Close to be placed on the next Agenda. Clerk**

A resident complained about rubbish left in the Spinney by Highways and BT after completed works. **Action: Clerk.**

Report from the County Councillor None

District Councillor. Cllr. O'Reilly-Ciccone explained, regarding the rubbish, it was the contractor, employed by ECC, who the problem was with and not ECC themselves. There being no further questions Cllr. O'Reilly-Ciccone left the meeting at 7.25pm.

18/86 a) Approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The following amendments were made:

AGM – Clerk cannot be the Allotment Liaison Officer on the agenda for tonight. AGM Minutes approval: Proposed Cllr. Pawsey, Seconded Cllr. Edwards. Approved. Ordinary minutes – 18/78 Sentence starting ‘Cllr. Strudwick will speak...’ to be removed. Hadn’t agreed to do. Agreed. 18/77 Sentence starting ‘Councillors should receive a form...’ to be removed. Not sure what this referred to. Agreed. 18/72 Amendments from the previous minutes needed to be shown as follows 18/44 dates were corrected to 2017 and 2017/18, 18/46 ‘Must’ was changed to ‘could’. Agreed. Ordinary Minutes approval: Proposed Cllr. Pawsey, seconded Cllr. Strudwick. Approved.

b) Matters arising from the minutes. An email has been sent regarding the carpark. Village sign: Cllr. Gill explained that someone wants more details regarding the funding for the sign. She thanked Cllr. Strudwick for finding the minutes from 2010 which refer to the money raised from a series of Art Festivals which Gosfield used to run. This money, left over in the accounts, is to be used for the new village sign.

18/87 a) Approve the accounts for payment. Proposed Cllr. Maragakis, seconded Cllr. Edwards. Approved. Cllr. Strudwick abstained **b) Approve the petty cash payments.** There was only one item of petty cash which was for stamps for the Grapevine. Proposed Cllr. Edwards, seconded Cllr. Gill. Agreed. Cllr. Strudwick abstained.

18/88 Braintree District Council planning updates. * Limes. Nothing to note. * **Meadway.** This site is for sale on Rightmove.

18/89 Braintree District Council planning applications.

Planning number: 18/00938/PLD. 14 Highlands. Rear dormer and Velux windows to the front. **This application is for information only with no comments required.** Cllr. Gill declared an NPI. Noted.

Cllr. Pawsey referred to a report by the Inspector regarding the 3 Garden Villages. In which they appear to want them refused. There was a brief discussion on this and it was noted that BDC are no closer to their 5-year supply which is leading to a lot of pressure on towns and villages.

18/90 GOSFIELD IN BLOOM. Cllr. Waters congratulated Gosfield in bloom on the marvellous job they had done. The Parish Council now needed to give further approval.

a). Approve the locations for planting. Cllr. Gill explained that although approval had been given in February (Minute 18/24) by the Parish Council for planting of borders and tubs on Parish Council land. It has since been discovered that a licence and permission is also needed from ECC Highways. She read out a list of some of the sites including the triangle at The Kings Head, and Russells Road. Proposal: to agree for those sites listed in the application to be approved. Proposed Cllr. Strudwick, seconded Cllr. Pawsey. Agreed. Cllr. Hough abstained.

b). Approve the type of planters to be used. It was noted that the tyres are for evidence of reuse of materials.

c). Approve the licence documentation to be sent to Essex County Council Highways. Proposed Cllr. Waters, seconded Cllr. Maragakis. Agreed.

18/91 Appoint a Parish Councillor as the Allotment Liaison Officer. Cllr. Adams. Proposed Cllr. Waters, Seconded Cllr. Gill. Agreed. Cllr. Adams is now the Allotment Liaison Officer.

18/92 Agree to close the Playing Field. 6 – 8th July for the purpose of the fete and Triathlon. Proposed Cllr. Strudwick, seconded Cllr. Gill. Agreed.

18/93 To consider the RoSPA Report following the recent visit to the Playing Field. It was noted that the safety surfaces were now considered a problem. Their replacement will need to be budgeted for next year. The rocking horses are now a concern not sure why. Apart from those concerns the report was very good. A meeting of the Children's Play Area sub-committee was arranged for the 23rd July in the Pavilion at 7pm to further discuss the report. Cllr. Adams gave her apologies as she will be unable to attend.

It was also noted that the fence at the rear of the play area needs to be repaired. Cllr. Hough raised the issue of the two gates. Cllr. Strudwick reported that these are booked in for Saturday 14th July.

18/94 To agree the arrangements for the Village of The Year judging. Cllr. Gill reported that Gosfield had made the final. A team of people is needed to meet the judges. The team will cover all aspects of the community and will be a mix of ages. The team will consist of Becky Westover, Bob Waters, Rev. Rose, Mandy Adams, Thea Maragkakis, and Isla Gill. They will have one hour to showcase the village and have use of the judges' minibus if they wish. It was decided to use the minibus. Judging to take place on the 28th June at 11.30. meet by the Pavilion. Cllr. Gill will send an email to everyone involved. **Action: Cllr. Gill.**

18/95 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, Parish Council Committees and Advisory Groups. Cllr. Waters reported back from the Personnel Committee. The current clerk is now leaving at the end of July which was earlier than expected. A prospectus has been drawn up which outlines the job, and the hours have been reduced as the role of RFO is now done by Cllr. Edwards. They will be meeting with Joy Darby from EALC who will give advice on the pay scale. It has been advertised in the Grapevine and on the EALC website. Interviews will take place in July with the new Clerk starting in August with some help from the current Clerk.

18/96 Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

18/97 Any other business (Chairman). Public statements and future agenda items. Cllr. Waters will provide a report regarding the Oak trees at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr. Waters.**

Cllr. Maragkakis had sent an email round to the other councillors with ideas on what could be done in the village. Cllr. Waters thought it was very positive and asked Cllr. Maragkakis to choose 3 or 4 ideas which will be placed on the agenda to be discussed in more detail and provide Parish Council support for them. Cllr. Maragkakis will send her choices to Cllr. Waters

and Edwards. Cllr Edwards to provide Cllrs. Hough and Pawsey with copies of the email.

Action: Cllr. Maragakis, Cllr. Edwards.

Police presence on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr. Gill reported that Rev Rose had already responded.

Cllr. Edwards reported that the SID had been reported to the Parish Council Insurers who want a copy of the original order for the SID, photos, Police number and other details. The quote for replacement is the same cost as the original order.

Cllr. Strudwick brought up the cost of the grass cutting for the Playing Field and who should pay for the work done by the Golf Club while the grass cutter machine was away for repairs.

There was a discussion and it was decided to place this item on the next agenda. **Action:**

Payment of the grass cutting bill for the Playing Field to be placed on the next agenda.

Clerk.

There being no further business to attend to the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

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Signed by the Chairman, Gosfield Parish Council

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