

GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM AT THE PAVILION

Present: Cllr. B. Waters, Cllr. T. Edwards, Cllr. J. Beavis, Cllr. M. Bloomfield,
Cllr J. Colyer, Cllr S. Cowie, Cllr C. Hough, Cllr. S. Moutard,
Cllr M. Pawsey
Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: None

Also Present: Twenty-four members of public present and invited guest speakers

19/0001	CHAIRMAN	MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY. Meeting held on 23 rd May 2018, already confirmed and approved
19/0002	CHAIRMAN	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR GOSFIELD 2018/2019 Cllr. B. Waters read out the Chairman's report - see attached Chairman's Report.
19/0003	COUNCILLORS	REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS. None.
19/0004	ALL MEMBERS	REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS. GUEST SPEAKERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Police ➤ Playingfield Field Committee ➤ Tennis Club ➤ Twinning Association ➤ County and District Councillor ➤ Gosfield In Bloom ➤ Gosfield Carpet Bowls ➤ Nature Reserve <p>This was a very informal meeting, and reports were read out by Guest Speakers/Representatives of the above organisations, outlining their activities, and events throughout the year.</p>
19/0005	ALL MEMBERS	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION Various questions were asked throughout item 19/0004.
19/0006	ALL MEMBERS	Date of next meeting To take place from 1st March to 1st June 2020 inclusive – This to be confirmed and arranged by Gosfield Parish Council. The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Item 19/002

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – 23RD MAY 2019

It has been rather a quiet year on the development front after last year's surge in applications. There was one big application for 135 houses at Shardlowes Farm which we and the District Council rejected. I believe BDC wants to protect the villages as far as possible from over-development. However, they do not yet have a plan in place so it is possible that further plans will be submitted this year.

In the village, we had a successful year, coming 3rd in the competition for the best village in Essex overall and first in the class for the size of village. Some of this was due to the success of Gosfield in Bloom who also won a silver gilt in the Village in Bloom Competition which was quite an achievement for the first time of trying. The judges were most impressed by the hard work put in.

When the final details for the new developments at The Limes and Meadway are complete we are due to get S106 money from BDC. I need to emphasise that this is not money we can spend on what

Signed:.....
Chairperson of the Parish Council

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we want but it is strictly controlled by BDC. They have allocated the money towards Sports and related activities and originally the Parish Council opted for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) but had second thoughts and asked for the money to be re-allocated to the purchase of land (The Spinney or The Grove).

During the course of the year we had 2 resignations from the Parish Council-Isla Gill who is one of the leading figures behind Gosfield in Bloom and Tony Strudwick who did a sterling job as Editor of the Grapevine. They will both be missed. We did not fill the vacancies but waited for this May's elections and I would like to welcome as new Councillors, Jo Beavis, Jo Colyer, Sara Moutard, Mark Bloomfield and Sam Cowie. We also appointed Diane Jacob as our new Clerk. She is a highly experienced and qualified Clerk.

This year one of the biggest points of discussion has been the Village Shop. After the failure to get an extension of planning permission for the existing building, myself, Tricia and Jo Beavis attended a meeting at BDC to find a way forward. BDC were adamant that a separate building on the same site would contravene the rules about buildings in a Historic Park and Gardens and would only accept an extension to the Pavilion and that is the basis on which Jo is planning for the future. The Parish Council is involved because the Pavilion is our property

Also, during the course of the year, a War Memorial Committee was set up to replace the present wooden memorial with a stone one. This has the support of the Council and should be finished in time for the armistice ceremony in November.

A new Village sign has been ordered and should be delivered in the next week or so. A new map case has been installed on the Playing Field. We are still pursuing the resurfacing of the Car Park and hopefully that will be done this year.

Finally, I would like to thank all those volunteers who have given their time and effort to help make this village a beautiful and well-kept place to live.

Bob Waters (Chairman)

Item 19/004

This was a very informal meeting, and reports were read out by Representatives of the following organisations, outlining their activities and events throughout the year.

GUEST SPEAKERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Police
- Playingfield Management Committee
- Tennis Club
- Twinning Association (Report read out by Vice-Chairman)
- County and District Councillor
- Gosfield In Bloom
- Gosfield Carpet Bowls
- Nature Reserve

Item 19/005

Various questions were asked throughout item 19/004.

Item 19/006

Next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

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