

# **GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 AT 7.15PM  
AT THE PAVILION**

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**Present:** Cllr. T. Edwards, Cllr. J. Colyer, Cllr C. Hough, Cllr. S. Moutard, Cllr M. Pawsey  
Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

**Also Present:** Sixteen members of public present including invited guest speakers  
Cllr Chris Siddall and Cllr Peter Schwier

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**Item 23/0001 Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2022.**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022, already confirmed, approved/signed see minute number 22/124 Item 3.

**Item 23/0002**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022-2023**

It has again been a busy year for the Parish Council.

Apart from the normal month to month items, the Parish Clerk and I sent letters to those residents in the village whose bushes and trees were overhanging the pavements and causing an obstruction. We subsequently checked that this work had been carried out and advised Essex County Council of any problems. ECC are now in the process of communicating with those residents to resolve the matter. We have also spoken to the two developers in the village and they have both cleared the paths by their sites back to the edge of the pavements. The Parish Council also did the same by the allotments in The Street. I would like to thank County Councillor Chris Siddall for his help in this matter.

Chris is also helping us in our attempt to make the speed limit by the school in The Street 20 mph but unfortunately this will take some time.

During the year Steve Sudbury and his team organised the village events for the Jubilee and thanks go to all of them. The Parish Council planted a tree for the Jubilee. Steve and his team are now busy planning the events for the Kings Coronation and we will again be planting a tree. Please see details of the Coronation events in The Grapevine magazine due out next week. Whilst mentioning village volunteers, we have been looking at a thank you certificate for all our volunteers as per the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday. It is absolutely amazing that we have nearly 300 volunteers in the village – thank you so much to each and every one.

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

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

We recently commissioned a tree survey in the nature reserve and the playing field. We received very good reports but there are six trees in the nature reserve which require attention and three small trees in the spinney which are dead and require removal. Works will be carried out within the required timescales.

We had a meeting with Eastlight regarding the dilapidated village water pump in front of The Cedars and East light have agreed to repair this, hopefully very shortly now.

We are in the process of having the old village sign renovated and this will be erected probably somewhere on the perimeter of the playing field car park.

It's many years since the Gosfield footpath map has been designed and Bob and Diane have been busy working on this and visiting Braintree District Council who are helping design and print the map.

Again, Chris Siddall has provided the funds for the village sign renovations and the village map.

I must also thank our District Councillor Peter Schwier for his support during the year which has been tremendous and very welcome. Peter has been particularly supportive of the shop and has given a grant of £1800 towards the car park improvements.

Several landowners have approached us regarding the public footpaths on their land. Please keep to the footpaths – it may not be safe not to do so! Please also pick up your dog poo and either take it home or put it in the bins provided

This year, all parish councillors must resign and we will be having elections in early May. Please do think about becoming a parish councillor. We need nine councillors and I know several councillors will not be re-standing. Please ask if you are not sure whether it's for you and we will confirm it is!

I would like to thank all the parish councillors who have served during the year for their help.

Finally, and by no means least, I would like to finish by thanking our staff – Fiona, our toilet cleaner, Christine, our litter picker and especially Diane Jacob our parish clerk for all her help and advice during the year.

As to 2023/24, our top priority is the car park followed closely by the fencing around the playing field.

Gosfield Parish Council expressed thanks to all the local groups, organisations and volunteers in the village.

**Item 23/0003 Cllrs Reports.**

Cllr Moutard – read reports and gave updates on the following: -  
Wethersfield Airfield Scrutiny Committee, Village Hall Management Committee, Speed Watch.

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

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Item 23/0004**

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**

- Cllr Siddall – Essex County Council
- Cllr Schwier – Braintree District Council
- Gosfield Community Shop
- Open Gardens
- Gosfield In Bloom
- Church
- Rowson Trust
- Maurice Rowson Village Hall
- Social Club
- Village Circle
- Gosfield Nature Reserve – Report read out by Chairman
- Gosfield Scouts, Cubs and Beavers
- Gosfield Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers
- Carpet Bowls Club
- Bell Ringers
- Playing field Management Committee
- Village Fete Committee
- Neighbourhood Watch

**Item 23/0005**

No questions were raised throughout item 23/0005.

**Item 23/0006**

Date of next meeting to be confirmed

To take place from 1st March to 1st June 2024 inclusive – This to be confirmed and arranged by Gosfield Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

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

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