

**MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2018
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM**

Present:

Cllr Laurence Carter
Cllr Isla Gill
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Thea Maragkakis
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Cllr Tony Strudwick
Cllr Bob Waters – Chairman
Cllr Joanne Beavis (County Councillor)

Together with 9 members of the public.

18/115 Welcome and Apologies for absence – The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies received and accepted from Cllr Adams and Cllr Edwards.

18/116 Declarations of interest – Received from Cllr Gill agenda item 18/121 ref 18/01255/FUL and 18/01238/FUL and from Cllr Strudwick item 18/122 Financial payment.

18/117 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. A member of the public raised concerns regarding the surface water flooding in Church Road, the drains need to be cleared by Highways and Anglian Water. The Chairman confirmed the haha ditch is regularly cleared of leaves and debris.

A member of the public would like the Parish Council to consider replacing the wooden war memorial with a stone one. Playing field storage of equipment is limited.

A member of the public expressed his concern regarding speeding and lorries and trailers mounting the pavement along the A1107 near the allotments, the road is not designed to take heavy goods vehicles. Could the Parish Council consider the purchase of a mobile SID device.

The drain cover outside the Kings Head pub makes an awful noise.

18/118 County and District Councillors to address the members.

County Cllr Joanne Beavis gave an update regarding speeding through the village and the SID device which is currently out of order. She will go back and see when a speed survey was last carried out within the village. Will report and investigate the drain cover. Is in the process of organising Cluster meetings (2 per year maybe April and October) first meeting to take place on 20th September at 7.30pm in the Maurice Rowson Hall, Parish Council representatives invited. Will keep residents up to date on Hedingham Road planning timescale. CIF funding is available. ECC Education Gosfield Primary School is advertising for a school governor.

18/119 Minutes

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2018, approved and signed by Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Maragkakis, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/120 Matters Arising from Minutes dated 16th July 2018.

Item 1. Car Park – Cllr Waters sent e-mail (Previous Item Number 18/86b) Still awaiting a reply.
Item 2. Chat Board (Previous Item Number 18/112) to be relocated from the play area to the allotments.

Item 3. Map Case (Previous item number 18/114) to purchase a map case, BDC has granted £671.00 and this has been budgeted for. Proposed by Cllr Maragkakis, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 4. Trophy Cabinet/other suggestions (Previous item number 18/114) Cllr Strudwick to obtain quotes etc– to be on next agenda.

Item 5. Tree work in GNR – to consider quotes (Previous Number 18/113) – to wait for permission and to obtain further quotes – to be on October agenda.

18/121 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Item 2. Planning applications.

Ref: 18/00202/TPOCON

Keepers Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SE

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area – cut down to the ground 1 Holly tree.

Objection – Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Hough, resolution passed. Parish Council unclear as to why this needs to be cut down, as it is not dead or diseased.

REF. No: 18/00198/TPOCON

North Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SX

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a conservation area – fell unidentified tree, replant with one standard blossoming tree and fell conifer and replant with standard blossoming tree

No comment - Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Gill, all in favour, resolution passed.

REF. No: 18/00195/TPO

North Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SX

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 11/78-LIME(T13) -re-pollard to manage height of tree back to previous pollard points. Last carried out August 2015.

No comment – Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Carter, all in favour, resolution passed.

REF. No: 18/01255/FUL

Land West of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex

Residential development of 8 new dwellings, associated parking and landscaping to replace existing industrial buildings and hardstanding on land at Hedingham Road, Gosfield, Essex

In support proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Maragkakis

Objection from Cllr Waters and Cllr Strudwick

Abstained from Cllr Carter and Cllr Gill

After discussion it was agreed to submit the following:

No comment from the Parish Council

REF. No: 18/01238/FUL

14 Highlands Gosfield Essex CO9 1PH

Erection of a timber acoustic fence.

The Parish Council did not oppose this application, but would like the hedge to remain on the roadside.

Proposed by Cllr Strudwick, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour, resolution passed.

Clerk to send comments to Braintree District Council.

18/122 Financial Matters.

Cllr Strudwick left the room.

- 1) Approved accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Maragkakis, all in favour, resolution passed.

- 2) Approved petty cash payment.

Proposed Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour, resolution passed.

Cllr Strudwick returned.

18/123 WW1 Commemoration.

It was discussed and agreed to send out a colour brochure, to every household, at a cost of approx. £500.00 to commemorate and to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1.
Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Carter, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/124 Tree Policy.

The Parish Council adopted the tree policy.
Proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Waters, 5 in favour Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Hough, Cllr Strudwick
2 abstained Cllr Gill and Cllr Maragkakis.

18/125 SID

Update, and to consider traffic speed through the village.
Speed Gun it was agreed to purchase new batteries –
Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Gill, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/126 Bottle Bank.

Alternative sites considered land/field along Halstead Road (entrance to GNR) and also the Shopping Village which is located at Petersfield Lane.
Clerk to write to landowners, and ask to be considered for donation or purchase or rent of land.

18/127 Dog Litter Bin.

To consider the purchase of dog litter bin to be sited at the end of Park Lane. Further information required to be on next agenda.

18/128 Post Box.

It was discussed and agreed to purchase a A4 size post box at a cost of approx. £100.00 to be fixed to the Pavilion and registered with Royal Mail.
Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/129 10 The Cedars.

Chairman updated that this was on going work and not a problem.

18/130 New Road.

Chairman updated that the footpath that was overgrown has now been cut back.

18/131 Sparrows.

Chairman updated that the branch over the footpath still needs to be removed, and that the handrail has been reported broken.

18/132 CIF Funding.

Timescales and further information required, this item to be on next agenda.

18/133 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, Parish Council Committees and Advisory Groups.

Safety surfaces in play area, quotes required for matting etc. to be on next agenda. Confirmed that the gates are fine.

18/134 Correspondence received.

None.

18/135 Items for next agenda.

Gosfield in Bloom (new projects, areas etc, themes, colour, structural, shrubs and perennials for winter planting draught garden, rose garden).
Quotes for safety surfaces in play area.
Quotes for a trophy cabinet.
Policies and procedures to be updated.

18/136 To exclude the press and public.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960
'That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 18/137 and 18/138 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business subject to the public bodies admission to meetings Act 1960 Section 1 Sub-section 2.
Resolution to exclude members of the press and public.
Proposed Cllr Waters, seconded Cllr Pawsey, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/137 Gosfield Nature Reserve Contract.

The contract was renewed, and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/138 Parish Clerk.

Contract of employment was agreed and signed.
Proposed by Cllr. Strudwick, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

18/139 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th September 2018 (7.15pm)

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm.