

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2019 AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM.

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Beavis
Cllr Mark Bloomfield
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggi Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Together with 13 members of the public.

19/153 Welcome and Apologies for absence – No apologies for absence received.

19/154 Declarations of interest – Received and accepted from Cllr Moutard regarding item 19/158 ref 19/00172/TPOCON, Cllr Colyer item 19/173 and from Cllr Beavis item 19/158, ref 19/01418/HH.

19/155 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. Members of the public raised the following items:

Gigaclear have not yet started work, when will they do so? Chairman replied they had been delayed and no new date has been set yet. Two members of the public spoke regarding 19/158 ref:18/02075/FUL and the impact that this would have on local residents already 150 objections have been made. The data supplied with this application is incorrect only 41 traffic movements has been stated in actual fact 1,101 over 3 days of traffic movements has been counted, implying overdevelopment on this site.

Various advertisements issues were raised regarding the Grapevine. Soil has been moved at Oak Grove over the last 3/4 weeks and destroyed the verges/trees, Clerk to contact BDC Enforcement. The hedge is very overgrown at the allotments, (this item to be discussed under item number 19/164).

19/156 County and District Councillors to address the members.

County Cllr Beavis reported that public consultation period has been set until 5pm on Monday 30th September 2019, regarding the local plan, leaflets/publications will be sent out to every household and views are being well aired, infrastructure, impact locally, Garden Communities will impact on the rural roads.

Cllr David Finch is currently negotiating extra funding for local services, such as Highways.

District Councillor Peter Schwier – wanted to know if the Emergency plan for Gosfield is up to date (this item to be discussed under item number 19/167). Regarding S106 funding it was confirmed that it is Braintree District Council policy stipulates S106 Funding can only be used on Open Spaces. Cllr Beavis stated that this was not working for Gosfield and that his support was required to go back to BDC to see if S106 funding could be spent on other items within the community.

19/157 Minutes.

Parish Council Meeting minutes held on 15th July 2019 approved and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/158 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning Updates.

Ref: 19/00146/TPO7 Meadway Gosfield Essex CO9 1TQ

Braintree have confirmed that the Oak tree is to be removed, and a replacement tree planted.

Ref 19/01190/FUL Social Club, Gosfield

Will be going to the Planning Committee.

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19/00184/VAR The Coach House, Russels Road
Will be going to the Planning Committee.

Item 2. Planning Applications.

Ref: 19/00172/TPOCON

St Margarets Preparatory School Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SE

Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Conservation area.

No Objection, proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Edwards, Cllr Waters, Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Cowie, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Bloomfield, and Cllr Beavis, in favour Cllr Moutard abstained, resolution passed.

Ref: 19/00175/TPOCON

Bournebrook The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Conservation area.

No Objection, proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Beavis, all in favour, resolution passed.

Ref: 19/01311/FUL

53 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG

Construction of new detached dwelling, site vehicular access alterations and associated development.
Objection.

Overdevelopment due to the height of the proposed dwelling, the nearest and adjacent properties are small chalet bungalows, not in keeping with the street scene and rural area.

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

Ref: 19/01305/HH

3 De Vere Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1FJ

Erection of single storey rear extension and replacement roof to existing Conservatory.

No Objection, proposed by Cllr Beavis, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour, resolution passed.

Ref: 19/01418/HH (Cllr Beavis left the meeting)

The Paddock Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ

Erection of a new garage / workshop outbuilding private motor vehicles.

No Objection

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

Ref: 18/02075/FUL

Codham Equestrian Planning Application

Objection, significant increase in traffic, will increase noise and disturbance, the roads between Gosfield and Beazley End have no paving and in places is single track requiring large vehicles and pedestrians to share the same road space. Previously imposed conditions were set out to protect local residents and the environment. The increased number of horse boxes would adversely affect the quality of life for local residents. This application would damage the rural character of Gosfield and the surrounding areas. Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Hough, Cllr Waters, Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Bloomfield and Cllr Moutard in favour, Cllr Cowie abstained, resolution passed.

Cllr Beavis returned to the meeting.

19/159 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

Item 1. Car Park – GB Finch are to carry out the work on behalf of Transporters by the end of September.

Item 2. Tree Survey – A few dead branches to be pruned back, and will need thinning out at a cost of £280.00 work to be carried out, proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Beavis, all in favour, resolution passed. It was noted that the Oak in the play area had been removed as a matter of urgency. Trees would be monitored throughout the winter.

Item 3. Pot Hole reported to Highways – In the Street – Cllr Beavis confirmed that this has been reported.

Item 4. Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request passed onto Highways – update by Cllr Beavis is that this item is on the LHP scheme and is awaiting funding.

Item 5. Special Constables – still awaiting recruits.

Item 6. Mobile Phone Mast –Cllr Cowie to conduct a village survey to see if one big mast or lots of small ones dotted around the village is preferred, article to be placed in the Grapevine.

Item 7. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – Cllrs attended training at the RCCE and to progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan.

Item 8. Street Lights Working Group – to meet in October.

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Item 9. Play Equipment and skateboard ramp repairs – work due to commence this week, clerk to contact contractors to see when work will start.

Item 10. The Chairman confirmed that a letter had been delivered to a resident requesting building work on our land to be taken down, another letter to be sent informing them that if the building is not removed by the end of October then legal action will be taken. Clerk to also contact BDC enforcement.

19/160 Financial Matters.

Approved accounts for payment.

Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
For approval and payment						
David Self Tree Surgery	22/07/2019	180.00		180.00		Take down dying oak tree in play area
BDC	15/07/2019	60.29		60.29		Returning Officer Fee for uncontested Parish Election
HM Land Registry	17/07/2019	6.00		6.00		re playing field
HM Land Registry	17/07/2019	6.00		6.00		re Parkside
Paul Clark Printing	30/07/2019	339.00		339.00		Grapevine printing costs
Post Office	12/07/2019	36.60		36.60		Alan Summerland postage for Grapevine
Harrod Sport	13/08/2019	3380.76	563.46		2817.30	Goal posts
EALC	12/08/2019	108.00	18.00	90.00		Training Day 1 S Moutard
EALC	12/08/2019	108.00	18.00	90.00		Training Day 1 J Beavis
EALC	12/08/2019	108.00	18.00	90.00		Training Day 2 S Moutard
EALC	12/08/2019	108.00	18.00	90.00		Training day 2 J Beavis
Market Mobility	31/07/2019	11.99	2.00	9.99		Grabber for litter picker
MD Landscapes	02/08/2019	540.00	90.00	450.00		Grass cutting all areas+play area x 2
Wickes	03/08/2019	5.30	0.88	4.42		Multi purpose wood filler
Matthew D Jarvis	25/07/2019	246.00		246.00		Labour & materials re village sign
Westover Woodlands	18/08/2019	172.50		172.50		Bins emptying/path clearing GNR
RCCE	16/08/2019	80.00		80.00		4 delegates on NP training session
Tesco	05/08/2019	14.60	2.43	12.17		Cleaning products
Total		4992.64	727.46	1447.88	2817.30	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually,made during the period 16.7.19 to 19.8.19						
e-on	02/08/2019	230.12	3.33	16.67	210.12	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1013.45	0.00	1013.45		
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
CAS Ltd		11.21		11.21		Additional insurance re village sign
Total Payments		6247.42	730.79	2489.21	3027.42	

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

19/161 Driveway to Playing field.

Item 1. To discuss and consider levelling out the bump, and infill with concrete the two sides of the entrance near the road. Chairman to issue a schedule of works and further quotes to be requested – to be on the next agenda.

Item 2. Two posts to be replaced at the Playing Field to stop vehicles onto the playing field, work to be carried out by the Playing Field Management Committee.

19/162 Parish Calendar.

The Parish Calendar for 2019/2020 was adopted.

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

19/163 Highways.

It was confirmed that Gosfield Parish Council would like to join the Highways Devolution pilot scheme.

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

19/164 Hedge near Allotments.

It was agreed for the hedge to be cut along the allotments/Braintree Road side and to add the cost to the rent invoices. Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/165 Scarecrow Weekend.

Permission was granted for the first weekend in September 2020. A communal area to be set aside for people to place scarecrows who live on the outskirts of the village. Parking in the car park at the Pavilion - funds will be split in half between Braintree Mencap and the new Community Shop extension. Proposed by Cllr Beavis, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/166 Bin near Skate ramp.

Further information required and a quote for a new one. To be on the next agenda.

19/167 Council Documents.

To consider to adopt the emergency plan. Cllr Moutard to update the plan further and to submit to BDC by 27th September to be on the next agenda.

19/168 Item 1. To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups – None.

Item 2. War Memorial – The memorial stone is about to be commissioned. Fund raising events held a great success, thanks expressed to the Maruice Rowson Trust and future fund-raising events to be planned.

19/169 Items for next agenda.

Parish Council fund raising.
Oak Grove, soil tipping – update.
Welcome packs for new residents.
Christmas tree on the village green.

19/170 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 19/171 19/172 and 19/173, 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 by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/171 Personnel Issue.

Due to the Handyman resignation it was agreed to advertise the position, in the Grapevine, on the village Facebook page, notice boards.

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

19/172 Gosfield Nature Reserve Contract.

Contract renewed for a year, signed by Chairman, clerk to send copy to the contractor Westover Woodlands.

Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/173 The Community Shop.

Agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on 2nd September at 7.15pm in order to discuss the lease/contract etc, and agenda also to include planning application ref: 19/01426/FUL, Description: Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling Location: 10 The Cedars Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1UD 10.

19/174 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th September 2019 (7.15pm) in the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm