

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2024
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Waters (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Colyer
Cllr Richard Edwards also (RFO)
Cllr Tony Farrelly
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Cllr Tony Strudwick
Cllr John Willis
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

District Cllr Peter Schwier

One member of the public

24/155 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, no apologies for absence.

24/156 Declaration of Interests.

To receive any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests, or interests relating to items on the agenda. Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct. A non-pecuniary interest (Para 8.1 of Gosfield Parish Council's code of conduct) was received and accepted from the following:

Pecuniary Interest received from all Parish Councillors as they live in the village.

Cllr J. Colyer ref: GOSF 2157 pecuniary interest
Cllr. T. Strudwick ref: GOSF 2163 and 2164 pecuniary interest
Cllr. C Hough ref: GOSF 2158 and 2159 pecuniary interest
Cllr. R Edwards ref: GOSF 2163, 2164 and 2155 non-pecuniary interest
Cllr T. Edwards ref: GOSF 2163, 2164 and 2155 non-pecuniary interest

24/157 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

One member of the public.

District Cllr Peter Schwier advised that this was a long-term process and Parish Cllrs acknowledge that there was a need for some new housing particularly affordable housing. Cllrs also acknowledge a need for future employment in the village.

24/158 Braintree DC Local Plan Review - Sites submitted Gosfield.

Parish Council's comments on the proposed sites ahead of the Local Plan Sub-committees.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2156	Employment	Gosfield Business Park, The Old Airfield, Gosfield

No objection, support and in favour.

In the future strategic employment would be beneficial in Gosfield.

Proposed by Cllr R. Edwards, seconded by Cllr Strudwick, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Willis, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Hough and Cllr Pawsey in favour, Cllr Waters against, resolution passed.

Cllr Colyer left the meeting and took no part in this item.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2157	Housing	Land South of Church Road, Gosfield, Essex

No objection

Possibly the best site for future development, compact area near the centre of the villages, access concerns, affordable housing required.

Proposed by Cllr Strudwick, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Waters, Cllr Willis, Cllr R. Edwards in favour, Cllr Farrelly, and Cllr Hough against, resolution passed.

Cllr Colyer returned to the meeting.

Cllr Hough left the meeting and took no part in this item.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2158	Housing	Land at Aylewards Farm, Gosfield, Essex

Objection

Too large for the village to support.

Increase of traffic.

Gosfield would no longer be a village as it would join up with High Garrett.

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

Cllr Hough took no part in this item.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2159	Housing	Land West Braintree Road (A1017), Gosfield, Essex

Objection

Access concerns, already a dangerous area, there are better sites.

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

Cllr Hough returned to the meeting.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2160	Employment	Land Adj Old Airfield, Gosfield

No objection, support and in favour.

In the future strategic employment would be beneficial in Gosfield.

Proposed by Cllr Strudwick, seconded by Cllr R. Edwards, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Willis, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Hough and Cllr Pawsey in favour, Cllr Waters against, resolution passed.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2161	Community Facility	Gosfield Airfield

No objection, depending on what the actual application would be.

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

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2162	Housing/Other	Land West of The Street, Gosfield

No objection

Increase in traffic plus access concerns.

Proposed by Cllr Willis, seconded by Cllr Colyer, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Waters and Cllr R. Edward in favour, Cllr Strudwick, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Hough and Cllr Pawsey against, resolution passed.

Cllr T. Edwards and Cllr R. Edward and Cllr Strudwick left the meeting and took no part in this item.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2163	Housing	Land Rear of 13/14 Park Cottages, The Street

No objection – depending on GOSF 2155 going ahead.

At present access concerns and visibility issues, cannot access safely from the main road.

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

Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr R. Edwards and Cllr Strudwick took no part in this item.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2164	Housing	Land Lying to the East of The Street, Gosfield

No objection – depending on GOSF 2155 going ahead.

At present access concerns and visibility issues, cannot access safely from the main road.

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

Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr R. Edwards took no part in this item.

Cllr Strudwick returned to the meeting.

REF	Proposed use	Address
GOSF2155	Specialist Housing and Care Home	Beeches, The Street, Gosfield

No objection

Depending on numbers.

Plot size would need to be reduced to the track leading from Halstead Road to the nature reserve.

Landscaping along Halstead Road area required.

Proposed by Cllr Willis, seconded by Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Waters, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Hough, in favour, Cllr Strudwick and Cllr Pawsey against, resolution passed.

Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr R. Edwards returned to the meeting.

24/159 Braintree District Council are launching the next round of engagement where you can share any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to be considered in the local plan looking forward to 2041. This could include housing, employment, green spaces, transportation, infrastructure, community and education facilities, land you would like to see protected, or any other aspect of the community – in town, surrounding village and rural areas.

Your time to get involved direct to Braintree District Council

By email to: planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk

By post to: planning Policy, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB

24/160 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th August 2024 (7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Call For Sites - Gosfield

