

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

HELD ON

MONDAY 14th December 2020

(Due to the Coronavirus and Government advice this virtual meeting was held by Microsoft Teams)
Item 20/219 on the agenda - The Press and Public were invited to e-mail, contact/send comments to the
Parish Clerk

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Mark Bloomfield

Cllr Joanne Colyer

Cllr Sara Moutard

Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Peter Schwier

Two members of the public

20/217 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Chairman welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Hough and Cllr Pawsey due to technical issues (not able to attend virtual meetings). Cllr Beavis due to illness and Cllr Cowie due to work commitments.

20/218 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. Received from Cllr Colyer regarding item 20/224 item 5, Cllr Waters and Cllr Moutard regarding 20/222 item 17/01066/OUT.

20/219 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A presentation was made by Scott Properties a small local company – providing retirement homes for independent living an official application will be made to BDC February/March hopefully to be on site early 2022 – concerns raised that it is near the sewage treatment works, outside the village envelope, access route, pre-discussions to take place and Highways have been consulted.

20/220 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

Report by Cllr Schwier as follows: Section 1 Local Plan inspector agreed on the figures 716 homes per year. Section 2 a public consultation will be held in Feb/April and last for 6/8 days, hopefully a decision will be made and a local plan in place by September. Two prosecutions have taken place a fine of £1,224.00 including costs for depositing litter from a vehicle. E-commerce sites for 10 local Business in the area have been set up. E-Scooter trials in Braintree with ECC will be monitored in great detail (safety to residents) etc.

20/221 Minutes.

The minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 16th November 2020, were approved.
Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Colyer, all in favour, resolution passed.

20/222 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates. Application for the extension onto the pavilion has been granted.

Item 2. Planning applications and TPO.

Outline Permission Ref 17/01066/OUT Land To The West Of Hedingham Road, Gosfield. S106 Schedule 3 Clause 2 S106 agreement is between the developers and BDC, however the Parish Council would have liked to have been consulted, the land management report does not include much detail and S106 funding can only be used for land management.

Ref: 20/01806/HH

Description: Proposed two storey side extension

Location: 59 Greenfields Gosfield Essex CO9 1TR

No objection

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

Ref: 20/00500/REM Description: Application for approval of Reserved Matters (appearance and landscaping) of outline planning consent 17/00119/OUT - Demolition of existing buildings and hardstanding and construction of 8 no. new dwellings together with new vehicular access onto New Road and associated development

Location: Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 18th January 2021

No objection

However, the Oak Tree T2 on the diagram should be preserved and not removed. Access route, pathways, drainage should be down the track and not down New road, access to the site needs to be carefully considered and the impact on New Road.

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

Ref: 20/01844/FUL

Description: Replacement dwelling.

Location: Beardwood Farm Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ

No objection

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

Ref: 20/01961/HH

Description: Proposed loft conversion and first floor rear extension, with new front dormer

Location: 17 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG

No objection

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

Ref: 20/01898/REM

Description: Application for approval of reserved matters (access, layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) of outline planning consent 19/01931/OUT - Erection of 2 No. dwellings.

Location: Land Adjacent White Ash House Braintree Road Gosfield Essex

No objection

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

No official application to BDC yet - Proposed Independent-Living Retirement Community, Land west of The Street, Gosfield (Information only – no vote at present)

Nice idea – not sure of the location and implications of the area, more development on top of what is already coming, for the elderly it will be quite a way out of the village not within walking distance of the community shop.

Ref: 20/00415/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area- Fell an Ash tree

Location: 18 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP

No objection

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

20/202 Financial Matters.

Item 1. Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting Council Meeting 14 December 2020						
Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
For approval and payment						
HandyKing	09/12/2020	55.00		55.00		Replace bulb in pavilion gents toilet
Garden Machinery Services	02/12/2020	2599.00	433.17	14.19	2151.64	Grasscutter (insurance claim)
Paul Clark Printing	02/12/2020	339.00		339.00		Grapevine magazine
HandyKing	30/11/2020	98.00		98.00		HaHa cleaning, tube in gents toilet/toilet seat in Ladies toilet
Viaan Enterprise Ltd	29/11/2020	12.49	2.08	10.41		100 PPE gloves
Viking Direct	19/11/2020	106.70		106.70		NP - Stationery/filing cabinet
Viking Direct	19/11/2020	133.48		133.48		NP - Postage
GoDaddy	30/11/2020	15.40		15.40		NP - domain name rental 2 years
GoDaddy	30/11/2020	172.66		172.66		NP - Website package
SurveyMonkey	30/11/2020	384.00		384.00		NP - Unlimited surveys for 12 months
GoDaddy	30/11/2020	71.71		71.71		NP - 2 email addresses for 2 years
Timpson	10/12/2020	34.00	5.67	28.33		NP - pavilion keys
Tesco	28/11/2020	8.46	1.41	7.05		Cleaning materials
Total		4029.90	442.33	1435.93	2151.64	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 16.11.20 to 13.12.20						
e-on		148.13	0.61	12.11	135.41	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1049.05	0.00	1049.05		Payroll costs incl pension
		1197.18	0.61	1061.16	135.41	
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Payments		5227.08	442.94	2497.09	2287.05	

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

20/224 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Highways Issues this remains the same and ongoing.

Item 2. Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request has been validated ready to go to the Local Highways Panel.

Item 3. Previous minute no. 20/135 – Salt bin at the end of the Limes – ongoing.

Item 4. Special Constables – on going.

Item 5. The Gosfield Community Shop – a quote for grant applications and fund-raising purposes only in the region of £75,000.00 has been received.

Item 6. Plans for extension onto the Pavilion into BDC Planning –A meeting to be set up with shop volunteers to discuss the interior design so that building regulations can be applied for and a schedule of works/specification to be drawn up.

Item 7. Fund Raising – To put forward any ideas to Cllr Bloomfield as fund raising can now commence to start early January.

Item 8. Local Plan – see item 20/220.

Item 9. E-mail Address – Cllr Beavis still to install and use dedicated e-mail address.

Item 10. Playing Field Fencing work to commence in January.

Item 11. Christmas Tree, the social club had already made plans for decoration so no tree was required this will be available if required for 2021.

Item 12. Neighbourhood Plan – Draft minutes have been circulated and published. Business survey sent out to every registered business 8 replies have been received so far. New website in editing phase will be available from January www.gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.co.uk new e-mail address admin@gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.com and tonystrudwick@gosfieldneighbourhoodplan.com have been set up, questionnaires to be sent out in January. Cllr Waters confirmed to Cllr Bloomfield that the money allocated had mostly been spent Cllr Bloomfield agreed.

20/225 Council Documents.

The Parish Council adopted the General Data Protection Policy.

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

20/226 Data Protection.

The Parish Council agreed to subscribing to the Information Commissioner Office at an annual cost of £40.00 which covers data protection.

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

20/227 Speed Watch.

Cllr Moutard proposed to purchase another speed camera the Parish Council to consider contributing half (maximum £500.00) and an application to the Rowson Fund for the other half.

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

20/228 MUGA (Multi Use Games Area).

No further information to install a multi-use games area to the left of the pavilion. This item therefore to be removed from the next agenda.

20/229 Playing Field Management Committee.

No report from Cllr Bloomfield. Meeting to be set up in January with the Playing Field Management Committee and the Parish Council.

20/212 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. Westover Woodlands will be applying for a TPO application to Braintree District Council to cut an area of coppice/ minor pruning to trees on the northern edge of the car park in the GNR, in accordance with the approved management plan. Clerk to confirm who empties the litter bin in the car park of the GNR and report it to BDC. Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC) to set up again in the future.

20/230 Items for next agenda.

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item, LGA 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified therefore the council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

A quote to repair and paint the old village sign.

20/232 Date of Next Meeting.

Virtual Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th January 2020 (7.15pm) via Microsoft Teams.

20/233 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 20/234 and 20/235 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 Edwards, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour, resolution passed.

20/234 Suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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

20/235 Car Park.

Update on the Car Park, Soakaway - £1623 plus VAT 19m run, past the shop to the grassed area at the entrance to the playing field. 1 foot deep using a perforated pipe. Apparently, a trench is better than a soakaway, this would form part 1 of the car park upgrade and could be incorporated when the new extension is built. Cllr Bloomfield expressed concern that the Parish Council has only received one quote, however, it was explained the contractor was the best one for the job which could commence in January as the car park is in a very bad condition and requires urgent attention. It was agreed to accept the quote.

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

Meeting Closed at 8.44pm