

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2019 AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mandy Adams
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Thea Maragkakis
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Together with 10 members of the public.

19/019 Welcome and Apologies for absence – The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies received and accepted from Cllr Pawsey (due to illness) and Cllr Laurence Carter (due to family commitments).

19/020 Declarations of interest – None.

19/021 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. Members of the public raised concerns regarding the following:

GNR Tree work by Mercer Tree Services Ltd to be carried out on Monday 11th February will take approx. 2/3 days. Working party has taken place to clear and tidy up. Street Lights in The Limes opposite number 4 is on and should be off and number 16 is not working and should on. The Limes planning application should have been determined by BDC on the 8th February, no update on their website – Clerk to contact BDC to see what decision has been made (see under planning updates). A member of the public asked as to what measures are the Parish Council putting in place regarding the Community Shop. Pedestrians concerned coming into the entrance to the shop – no pedestrian pavement, also could the corner kerbs on the driveway be extended. A member of the public gave an update regarding the War memorial the stone masons provided a cardboard template to size, position etc, the plinth and flag stones to remain, cost £8,000.00 or less, no planning permission required. Grants available for restoration only.

19/022 County and District Councillors to address the members.

County Cllr Beavis not present, apologies received and accepted from Cllr John O'Reilly-Cicconi.

19/023 Minutes.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 21st January 2019 approved and signed by the Chairman
Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Maragkakis, Cllr Waters and Cllr Edwards in favour, Cllr Adams abstained, resolution passed.

19/024 Policies and Procedures.

Adopted Financial Regulations as per advised by EALC signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Adams, all in favour, resolution passed.

19/025 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Shardlowes Farm Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex Ref 18/00279/OUT – The Chairman commented that this was recommended for refusal.

Item 2. Planning applications and TPO.

Ref: 19/00132/HH & 19/00133/LBC

4 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1ST

Proposed new link extension, new garage and associated works

No Objection

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

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7 The Limes Gosfield Essex CO9 1UA

Tree Works

No Objection

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

19/026 Matters Arising from Minutes dated 21st January 2019.

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Item 1. Car Park – Update (Previous item number 18/86b, 19/010) drainage advice taken, gradient required and a soakaway, tarmac can be used, going out to tender, to be on next agenda.

Item 2. Village Sign (Previous item number 18/183, 19/010) on order, to be on next agenda.

Item 3. Mobile Camera - update from Cllr Adams (Previous item Number 18/125, 19/010). This camera is not available to Parish Councils or Speed watch at the moment, if and when it is it will be £9,000.00 to purchase, plus 1 weeks training.

Item 4. Sparrows – (Previous item number 18/131, 19/010) work has been completed.

Item 5. Tree Survey (Previous item number 18/184, 19/010) – ongoing – to be on next agenda.

Item 6. Surface Water Issue/into the GNR. (Previous Item number 18/199 and 18/223, 19/010) Alternative methods being looked into – ongoing – to be on next agenda.

Item 7. Public Toilets (Previous item number 18/205, 19/010) new taps have been fitted and work to urinals, although they do not comply, Chairman to contact the plumber. Ongoing – to be on the next agenda.

Item 8. Open Spaces Plan 2019. Possible purchase of land. (Previous item numbers 18/224, 19/010 – forms completed and sent to BDC.

Item 9. Hedge at bottom of Meadway – (previous item number 19/010)- Chairman has contact residents and they have agreed to cut back the hedge. – on going – to be on next agenda.

Item 10. Special Constables (Previous item 18/204) Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to have a meeting with Les Hawkins on 13th March to obtain further information. Ongoing – to be on next agenda.

Item 11. Village of the Year Competition 2019 –Forms have been completed and sent.

Item 12. The new e-mail address for the Grapevine Newsletter is grapevine@gosfieldparishcouncil.org and volunteers are still required.

19/011 Financial Matters.

1) Approved accounts for payment.

Bank payment 118	B Natusch	£45.37	Handyman's salary
Bank payment 119	F Martin	£203.58	Toilet cleaner's salary
Bank payment 120	A Snowdon	£125.40	Litter picker's salary
Bank payment 121	D Jacob	£499.49	Clerk's salary
Bank payment 122	F Martin	£45.40	Toilet seat silicon/3 locks/new mop
Bank payment 123	A & J Lighting	£78.00	No 62 (includes credit of £96.00)
Bank payment 124	Crystal Water Plumbing	£490.76	Wash basin taps, urinal flush + labour
Bank payment 125	Stamps	£36.50	For 2 issues of the Grapevine
Bank payment 126	Paul Clark Printing	£364.00	Grapevine printing
Bank payment 127	MD Landscapes	£120.00	Hedge near allotments
Direct debit	E-on	£372.62	Pavilion electricity
Direct debit	B & CE Holdings	£5.61	Pension scheme
Card payment	Microsoft	£51.42	Grapevine email
Total payments = £2008.50 + direct debits			

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

19/028 The Gosfield Fete.

Permission to use the playingfield on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July, was granted by the Parish Council.

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

19/029 Edmund Green Housing.

It was noted that the Parish Council have a responsibility for the Edmund Green Housing list, BDC have been informed of new contact details for the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council.

19/030 Skateboard Ramp.

It was discussed repairs/maintenance to ramp, a survey was carried out a few years ago, to try and find the report and contact the company to come out again. To be on next agenda.

19/031 Electricity charges for the pavilion.

Split of electricity charges for the pavilion, electricity charges are increasing it was therefore proposed for the Parish Council to pay a set maximum amount of £20.00 per month.

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

19/032 Training.

It was agreed to send the Clerk on a Risk Assessment Course at the EALC in June 2019 (Cost £110.00 invoice to be split between 3 Parish Councils).

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

19/033 Road traffic cones.

Traffic cones opposite No. 3 The Limes. To note that the Clerk has contacted Highways regarding this issue reference number Ref: No. 2604216.

19/034 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

War Memorial (Previous item numbers 18/180, 19/013) update (see under Public Participation Session item number 19/021).

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended a pre planning meeting, with Jo Beavis at BDC regarding the Community Shop. BDC said that they were disappointed that nothing has been done in three years. This will be enforced, they are willing to give a little time for plans and proof of funding to be submitted by 31st March. As this is a historic park and gardens, it was suggested that the shop would have to be relocated onto the side of the pavilion. Take out the toilets extend to the right-hand side of the pavilion for the shop, to relocate the toilets to the back and to relocate the clock tower and extend the roof. Plans and quotes required along with evidence of fund raising in place to be submitted to BDC by 31st March 2019, Parish Council approval also required.

19/035 Items for next agenda.

The Community Shop, to discuss and look at plans.

19/036 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th March 2019 (7.15pm)

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm