

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM.

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggi Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Together with 4 members of the public.

20/017 Welcome and Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Beavis and Cllr Schwier (Due to work commitments) Cllr Bloomfield (Due to Pantomime commitments).

20/018 Declarations of interest – Received and accepted from Cllr Colyer regarding item 20/010 item 9 and Cllr Edwards regarding item 20/035.

20/019 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:

That the green box installed by Gigaclear is in the sight line turning right out of the junction at Greenfields, Clerk to contact Gigaclear.

The footpath bridge over the ditch to the Gosfield Nature Reserve which is concrete needs inspecting and possibly replacing. Cllr Waters, Cllr Hough, Cllr Moutard and Cllr Edwards are due to walk around the GNR and will inspect.

20/020 County and District Councillors to address the members.

Not present.

20/021 Minutes

Parish Council Meeting minutes held 17th January 2020 approved and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Cowie, all in favour resolution passed.

20/022 Planning Matters.

Ref: 19/01804/OUT

Description: Outline planning permission with all matters reserved apart from access for a new residential development comprising of up to 23 dwellings alongside associated works.

Location: Former Oil Depot Land West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PN

the above application will be considered by the Planning Committee on 18 February 2019 at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree at 7.15pm. Cllr Waters confirmed he will be attending the meeting.

Item 2. New Planning applications

Ref: 20/00118/FUL

Location. Silverlink Cottage Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ

Description. Removal of existing outbuilding and erection of 1 No. detached dwelling and garage.

Objection

Outside the village envelope.

Not within keeping of the rural area and not within keeping of the existing street scene.

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

Ref: 20/00144/FUL

Location: Gosfield Place Lodge, The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Description: Replacement single storey front extension & proposed basement. Replacement/Conversion of existing 5 No. out buildings to 4 No. holiday lodges. Insulated render to main dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to garden use in connection with the existing dwelling.

Objection

Outside of the village envelope.

Objection to the size and design of the lodges.

No extra parking facilities have been allocated.

Dangerous access.

No objection to the main dwelling or change of use to agricultural land to garden use.

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

20/023 Financial Matters.

Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 17 February 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						
Post Office	15/01/2020	36.60		36.60		Stamps for Grapevine
HandyKing	07/02/2020	60.00		60.00		Litter bin install & Clean Ha Ha
Matthew D Jarvis	01/02/2020	985.00		609.00	376.00	Repairs to playing field driveway
A & J Lighting	13/02/2020	162.42	27.07	135.35		Light no 2, Halstead Road
Paul Clark Printing	29/01/2020	330.00		330.00		Grapevine printing
Breeze Office Solutions	14/02/2020	127.42	21.24	106.18		Ink cartridge/copy paper
Total		1701.44	48.31	1277.13	376.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 21.1.2020 to 17.2.2020						
e-on		261.20	3.33	16.67	241.20	Pavilion electricity
Payroll Costs inc PAYE & Pensions		1065.14		1065.14		Monthly Salaries & Employment costs
		1326.34	3.33	1081.81	241.20	
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Shopfitting Supplies	28/01/2020	498.00	83.00	0.00	415.00	Newspaper stand
		498.00	83.00	0.00	415.00	
Total Payments		3525.78	134.64	2358.94	1032.20	

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

20/024 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Car Park – Some holes have been filled, still waiting work to commence.

Item 2. Playing field driveway bump – Work completed.

Item 3. Highways Issues update by Cllr Beavis – To be on next agenda.

Item 4. Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request passed onto Highways – update by Cllr Beavis this is currently on the LHP list and in the validation process, to be on the next agenda.

Item 5. Special Constables – No recruits have come forward to continue to advertise.

Item 6. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group - No response to the article placed in the Grapevine to try to encourage involvement from the community. This item to remain ongoing, Neighbourhood plan working group to set a date and meeting with RCCE speaker.

Item 7. VE Day -75 years anniversary on 8th May 2020 – no response to item in the Grapevine, Cllr Moutard suggested a picnic in the playing field, the Social Club are happy to participate if approached, this item to be on the next agenda.

Item 8. Fund Raising – No update, to be on the next agenda.

Item 9. The Gosfield Community Shop – The AGM has been held, stock take carried out and continuing to do well.

Item 10. Emergency Plan – Approved Clerk to send a copy to BDC. Cllr Moutard to place an item in the Grapevine so that members of the public/vulnerable people are made aware that the Parish Council have an emergency plan. Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Cowie, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 11. Plans for extension onto the Pavilion into BDC Planning – ongoing

Item 12. Previous Minute number 19/215 item 1 Twinning Association Donation – still waiting a donation from the Twinning Association.

Item 13. Local Pan – no update.

Item 14. CCTV – Previous minute number 20/012 – This item to be taken off the agenda as it will be incorporated with the pavilion extension.

Item 15. Tea Cup Spinner - all funding has been approved, Clerk to place order to purchase the new piece of equipment. Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour resolution passed.

Item 16. Hedges down the track to the GNR – Local farmer has agreed to cut them by April 2020.

Item 17. Website – to confirm that the new website has been set up and all information transferred to it. The new website address is www.e-voice.org.uk/gosfield if however you still use www.essexinfo.net/gosfield you will automatically be diverted to the new site.

20/025 Allotment Rent.

No increase at the moment allotment rents remain at 20p sqm mtr. It was suggested that this item should be discussed at the next budget meeting in January 2021, proposed by Cllr Moutard, seconded by Cllr Colyer, Cllr Waters, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Pawsey and Cllr Cowie in favour, Cllr Hough against. Resolution passed, not to increase rent.

20/026 EALC.

Joy Darby retirement in March Councillors can make their own donation if they wish.

20/027 Village of the Year 2020.

Yes, it was agreed that Gosfield Parish Council would like to submit an application form. Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Waters, all in favour resolution passed.

20/028 Green Waste.

Climate Emergency and Gosfield declaring as a Green Village, Cllr Beavis to be the Green Champion of Gosfield. To be put to the Neighbourhood Plan working group. This item deferred to be on the next agenda.

20/029 Training.

It was agreed for the Clerk to attend a training Risk Assessment Course at the EALC at a cost of £130.00 invoice to be split by 3 Parish Councils. Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Moutard, all in favour resolution passed.

20/030 Lobby MP.

To Lobby our MP about the planning system and to ensure that rural villages have good access to services and community infrastructure. Speculative developments are putting a huge strain on our already exhausted community infrastructure. Speed on rural roads is also a huge issue... people are choosing the rural roads to keep away from the congested town.

Also, to ask why it is a policy for BDC to only allocate S106 funding to Open Spaces, when other District and Borough Councils allow Parish Council's to spend S106 funding on any items required for the community.

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 16th March 2020

20/031 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. Cllr Moutard reported that a couple of trees had come down in the GNR and had been cleared. Cllr Edwards confirmed she had attended the planning briefing and will send notes around. Cllr Waters attended the Encampment briefing and will send notes around.

20/032 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.

20/033 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, 20/235, 20/236 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.

20/034 Gosfield Nature Reserve.

To consider and discuss the 5-year plan/project contract for the GNR with Westover Woodlands. As Westover Woodlands were not present at this meeting to discuss this plan this item deferred until the March meeting. Cllr Waters, Cllr Moutard, Cllr Hough and Cllr Edwards to arrange a date and time to walk around the GNR with Stephen Westover.

20/035 Contract.

The contract from the payroll provider was considered and noted that a 3% increase will take place as from April 2020. Chairman signed the contract.

Proposed to accept by Cllr Moutard, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Edwards abstained, all in favour, resolution passed.

20/036 Handyman.

It was noted that the Handyman would like to be self-employed, in future he will send in an invoice for requested work carried out.

20/037 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th March 2020 (7.15pm) In the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm.