

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022  
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 Maggie Pawsey  
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Five members of the public

**22/018 Welcome and Apologies for Absence.** The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Beavis and Cllr Bloomfield (due to work commitments).

**22/019 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 and Cllr Edwards regarding item 22/025 item 1.

**22/020 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**

A spokesman for the Wethersfield Air Base Scrutiny Committee outlined the issues with the planning proposal for a new prison on Wethersfield Air base, one of seven new prisons to be built in the UK. This would include 4,000 people, staff and inmates, 3,000 vehicle movements a day and will take 10 years to complete the build. This is a substantial development for the area and the site is too remote. However, this would bring employment to the local area. GNR after Friday's storm there has been no significant damage, coppicing work to be undertaken shortly. The oak tree near 6 De Vere Place has been completely stripped all around. The application for works to trees near 5 De Vere Place will be reapplied for. Thanks expressed to Stephen Westover.

A member of the public aired his concerns regarding the Parish Council lack of funds and possibly getting into long term debt regarding the building the extension onto the pavilion. The Queens Platinum Jubilee was discussed and the social club will be organising an event.

**22/021 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.**

Not present.

**22/022 Minutes.**

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, these were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Edwards, Cllr Hough, Cllr Cowie, Cllr Colyer and Cllr Moutard in favour, Cllr Waters abstained, resolution passed.

**22/023 Planning Matters.**

**Item 1. Planning updates.** Oaklands – has gone to appeal.

**Item 2. New Planning Applications.**

**Ref: 22/00069/FUL**

Description: Demolition of existing barn and construction of 1 No. dwelling house.

Location: Meadow Hall Barn Parkhall Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SQ.

No Objection

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

**Ref 21/03748/FUL**

Description: Erection of a storage building and the erection of an office to facilitate the use of the land by a scaffolding company.

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**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

Location: Land West Of Former Oil Depot Heddingham Road Gosfield Essex  
 No Objection  
 Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour, resolution passed.

**22/024 Financial Matters.**

**Item 1.** Approve accounts for payment

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 21 February 2022						
Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
<b>For approval and payment</b>						
Tesco	9.2.22	12.78	2.13	10.65		
BDC	2.2.22	248.00	41.33		206.67	
HandyKing	10.2.22	50.00		50.00		
Paul Clark Printing	27.1.22	369.00		369.00		
A & J Lighting	24.1.22	162.00	27.00	135.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>841.78</b>	<b>70.46</b>	<b>564.65</b>	<b>206.67</b>	
<b>Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6</b>						
<b>Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 18.1.22 to 21.2.22</b>						
e-on		258.06	3.33	16.67	238.06	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs incl PAYE		1277.32		1277.32		
<b>Previously Approved payments paid during the month</b>						
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>2377.16</b>	<b>73.79</b>	<b>1858.64</b>	<b>444.73</b>	

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

It was noted that a letter from BDC has been received to confirm that no surplus grant will be available for the financial year 2022/2023.

**22/025 Matters Arising from previous minutes.**

**Item 1.** Architects, Building Regulations regarding the extension, Edward Parsley quotation for stage 4 – update. It was discussed and agreed to go forward with the Post tender and on-site construction at a cost of approximately £2,800.00.

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

**Item 2.** Special Constables – on going.

**Item 3.** Fund Raising for the pavilion extension – Cllr Colyer and Cllr Waters will be holding a meeting this week to discuss and consider various funding options, the CBS share scheme has been launched.

**Item 4.** Local Plan – ongoing.

**Item 5.** Neighbourhood Plan – Deferred until next meeting.

**Item 6.** Previous Minute No. 21/118 Playing Field Management Committee- no meeting held, deferred until next meeting.

**Item 7.** Previous Minute No. 21/186 Purchase of copper beech tree to be planted at the top of the Playing Field – Cllr Waters to collect the tree and Stephen Westover will plant it, also with a tree gaiter (self-watering system)

**Item 8.** Previous Minute No.21/192 Footpath Map – ongoing.

**Item 9.** Previous Minute No. 21/161 Lighting the Beacon – The Vice-Chairman of BDC would be lighting the beacon, Cllr Edwards ran through the draft timescale.

**Item 10.** Previous Minute No. 21/197 Speed Camera update by Cllr Moutard, Essex County Council have provided the extra funding, letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr Siddall, so this item can now go ahead and be purchased.

**Item 11.** (Previous minute no. 21/133) Highways Priority list of highway improvements for Gosfield issued by Cllr Beavis, deferred until next meeting.

**Item 12.** Previous Minute No. 21/111 Gosfield Nature Reserve Risk Assessment. Cllr Bloomfield to draft a risk assessment to be sent to Westover Woodlands for comment and to all Councillors prior to this meeting – ongoing.

**22/026 The Post Office.**

The situation ongoing, hoping to find a replacement.

**22/027 Wethersfield Air Base Scrutiny Committee.**

Gosfield Parish Council are in support of the Wethersfield Air Base Scrutiny Committee and their objections.

Possible financial support to be placed in the 2023/24 budget.

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

**22/028 Fete committee.**

Permission was granted to close the playing field for the fete on 2nd July.

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

**22/029 Land Request.**

The Parish Council to consider purchasing woodland known as The Lodge Plantation, Gosfield parcel of land for inclusion into the Nature Reserve.

The Parish Council are not in a financial position to be able to purchase any land, however, if the land was granted to the village, they would take ownership.

**22/030 Play Area.**

**Item 1.** To discuss rota for play area inspection. A rota to be arranged.

**Item 2.** A quote of £220.00 was accepted to clear leaves and reseed grass areas near the picnic benches and to supply and lay turf near the yellow gate entrance.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Colyer, Cllr Waters, Cllr Hough, Cllr Cowie and Cllr Moutard in favour, Cllr Edwards abstained, resolution passed.

**22/031 Areas each side of main gate into car park.**

Parking on the grass areas outside the main gate into the car park was discussed, Cllr Waters to enquire to see if Gosfield in Bloom could place some planters along both sides of the entrance to the carpark.

**22/032 Top end of Playing field along Hall Drive.**

A temporary solution would not be cost effective or viable as the fencing is badly damaged. No funding available.

**22/033 Annual Parish Assembly 2022.**

It was confirmed to set the date for the Annual Parish Assembly to be held 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

**22/034 Grapevine.**

The next addition of the grapevine is the 100<sup>th</sup> (late March) To consider if the Parish Council want a theme or to do anything special.

No ideas came forward so just an acknowledgement to be placed in the next edition by Cllr Waters.

**22/035 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.

**22/036** To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

The Steet light outside number 73 Highlands has been requested to be turned on, as this is near a junction the Parish Council will arrange for it to be.

Cllr Moutard updated that the site manager of the Meadway development will inspect the car park to see what they can do to help improve it.

**22/037 Date of Next Meeting.**

Next Parish Council Meeting 21st March 2022.

Meeting Closed at 8.56pm

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**Chairman of the Parish Council**

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