

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023

HELD IN THE BERNARD BROOKS COMMITTEE ROOM, IN THE MAURICE ROWSON HALL,
CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD, AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Waters
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggi Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Four members of the public and Cllr Siddall present.

23/022 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Bloomfield and Cllr Schwier (due to work commitments).

23/023 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 Cllr Edwards Cllr Colyer and Cllr Waters relating to agenda item 23/029 item 4 the community shop, also, from Cllr Waters relating to agenda item 23/027 Item 2. Ref 22/03227/HH and Cllr Hough relating to agenda item 23/027 Item 2. Ref: 23/00252/HH.

23/024 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public raised concerns about the Limes development there are no landscape plans laying out the open space areas, no provision for access from the Limes and no provision to stop vehicles parking on the open space areas. After checking with land registry, the developers do not own the land it is registered to Eastlight, the public should have right of way over it please can the Parish Council contact Eastlight to reinstall a gateway, it was agreed to do so.

23/025 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

Cllr Siddall reported that ECC have set their budget and there will be a 3.5% increase. 1.5% on council tax and 2% towards adult social care there will no longer be a Highway Ranger team that carried out low maintenance issues such as sign cleaning and verge clearing. Hedges (see item 23/029 Item 5) was discussed as a member of the public would like to know why he had to cut his hedge but others have not, a list was passed to Cllr Siddall of those that have not cut back their hedges at the last meeting, all of which have a separate reference number, clerk to resend e-mail list along with the list of potholes for Cllr Siddall to follow up and update at the next meeting. The Bournebrook Hill highway repair work will be carried out later this month, potholes in the village have been reported and these were discussed. He will chase up the locality grant funding which we may be able to put towards car park resurfacing.

Cllr Schwier not present, but thanks expressed for the Councillors Community Grant of £1,850.00 funding received towards resurfacing of the pavilion car park.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 20th March 2023

23/026 Minutes.

To confirm receipt of the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2023. They were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Colyer, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

23/027 Planning

Item 1. Planning updates.

Ref: 23/00079/PDEM

Location: 10 New Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PT

Description: Application for prior notification of proposed demolition - Demolition of existing bungalow. Permission granted by Braintree District Council.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Cllr Waters left the meeting.

Ref: 23/00074/VAR

Description: Variation of condition 1 'Approved Plans' of permission20/02244/REM granted on 02/09/2021 for:

Reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) pursuant to outline planning application ref: 19/00998/OUT- Erection of 5no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club. Variation would allow: House type B and C to become 4-bedroom properties.

Location: Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR

No objection

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

Cllr Waters returned to the meeting.

Ref: 22/03227/HH

Location: Bournebrook

Description: Erection of 1.5 storey rear extension, 2no. roof lights and 2no. side roof dormer. Permission granted by Braintree District Council.

Ref: 23/00010/NEWDEV

Location: Land rear of 10 New Road, Gosfield, Essex

Description: Proposed new Street Name - Plots 1-8, Elizabeth Place, Gosfield, Essex

No objection

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

Ref: 23/00270/VAR

Location: Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex

Description: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of permission20/00500/REM granted 05/05/2021 for: 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. Variation would allow for amendments to Plots 01 & 04: Addition of rear dormer and internal alterations.

No objection

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

Ref: 23/00334/VAR

Description: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of approved application 20/00500/REM granted 05.05.2021 for: 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.

Variation would allow for: Addition of PV solar panels to southfacing roof slopes of approved house types.

Location: Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex

No objection

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

Cllr Hough left the meeting.

Ref: 23/00252/HH

Location: 37 Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR

Description: Erection of two-storey rear extension.

No objection

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

Cllr Hough returned to the meeting.

23/028 Financial Matters.

Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 20 February 2023						
Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
For approval and payment						
A & J Lighting	19.01.23	514.80	85.8	429.00		Street Light repairs - between Church/Lake
HandyKing	19.01.23	36.00		36.00		Ha Ha ditch clearance
HandyKing	01.12.22	138.00		138.00		Covering Allotment plot 6
Mrs D. Jacob	31.01.23	79.63		79.63		Clerks expenses
Paul Clark Printing Ltd	04.02.23	428.00		428.00		Grapevine printing
Tracy Clarke Tree Consultancy	17.02.23	2136.00	356	1780.00		Tree report
The Maurice Rowson Hall	20.02.23	8.00		8.00		Hire of the Bernard Brooks Room
Total		3340.43	441.80	2898.63	0.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 16.01.23 to 20.02.23						
e-on	01.02.23	553.10	3.33	16.67	533.10	Electric 1 Jan-31 Jan
Payroll costs	18.01.23	1282.60		1282.60		Payroll costs
		1835.70	3.33	1299.27	533.10	
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Payments		5176.13	445.13	4197.90	533.10	

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

23/029 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Previous Minute No. 21/118 Playing Field Management Committee No Playing Field Management Committee meeting has been held to discuss this – ongoing, to be on the next agenda.

Item 2. Previous Minute No.21/192 Footpath Map – update by Cllr Waters that we now have a draft footpath map from BDC, to be issued to all Councillors for any amendments. Ongoing to be on the next agenda.

Item 3. Previous Minute No. 22/029 woodland known as The Lodge Plantation, Gosfield parcel of land for inclusion into the Nature Reserve, update and to discuss a possible path. At the present time documents are with Land Registry to register the land in the family name, before it can be handed over to the Parish – on going, to be on the next agenda.

Item 4. Community Shop – update by Cllr Colyer building work is continuing to progress. The Community Benefit Society have now instructed a solicitor to act on their behalf as requested by the National Lottery Fund, both sets of solicitors to liaise with each other regarding the lease.

Item 5. Previous minute no. 22/162 The Street/Hedingham Road Hedges overhanging pavement – List to be e-mailed again to Cllr Siddall (see item 23/005 above) on going to be on the next agenda.

Item 6. Previous minute no. 22/208 Village pump – Eastlight will be carrying out maintenance work by the end of March 2023.

Item 7. Previous minute no. 22/221 Old village sign – to consider quote for repair and to consider applying for grants. Clerk and Cllr Waters still seeking grants, ongoing to be on the next agenda.

23/030 Neighbourhood Plan.

Update by Cllr Moutard, confirmed that a grant application had been approved and must be spent by March 2023.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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23/031 Speed Camera.

It was agreed that the Unipar SL700 Laser should be sent to Unipar Services Ltd for the annual calibration of the speed camera at a cost of £223.00 Plus VAT and carriage at £38.00 plus VAT. Money to be taken from reserves. Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, all in favour resolution passed.

23/032 Tree Report.

Recommendations were noted in the tree report, to go out to tender for the work on the trees, item to be on the next agenda.

23/033 Kings Coronation event May 2023.

Item 1. Permission was granted for the use of the Playing field on Sunday 7th May of the weekend of the Kings coronation.

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

Item 2. It was agreed to spend £200.00 from the budget, to purchase a tree and a plaque to commemorate the Kings Coronation.

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

Item 3. It was confirmed that an application for a grant from the National lottery awards for all had been sent, in the meantime The Rowson Trust has kindly granted £3,048.00 for the event. If we do get selected for the National lottery award then the money would be returned to The Rowson Trust.

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

Thanks expressed to trustees of The Rowson Trust.

23/034 Allotment Rent 2023.

It was discussed and agreed to increase the allotment rent, from .20p to 30p per sq.mtr. A minimum of 3 months' notice of any rent increase will be given by The Gosfield Parish Council to The Tenant to take effect from the 30th September 2023.

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

23/035 Playing field Drainage and Car Park.

Item 1. Playing field drainage to discuss report. Various options of drainage were discussed, the drainage area and car park to be measured out and further information required, item to be on the next agenda.

Item 2. Car Park update – It was agreed to apply for a grant for £40,000.00 from the Halstead Community fund. Proposed by Cllr Colyer seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

23/036 Parish Council Elections May 2023.

The nominations period opens on 27th March and closes at **4pm on 4th April**. Full details and nomination forms will be available on the Braintree District Council website nearer the time.

23/037 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

23/038 New 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.

Any new items to be sent to the Clerk.

23/039 Date of Next Meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting 20th March 2023 (7.15pm) in the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 8.06pm.