

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2024
AT THE BERNARD BROOKS COMMITTEE ROOM, IN THE MAURICE ROWSON VILLAGE HALL,
CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Waters (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Colyer
Cllr Richard Edwards also (RFO)
Cllr Tony Farrelly
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Cllr Tony Strudwick
Cllr John Willis
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public
County Cllr Siddall

24/021 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from District Cllr Schwier (due to work commitments).

24/022 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.
No declarations made.

24/023 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No comments made.

24/024 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

County Cllr Siddall reported that the Sloe Hill works appears to have been successful and that the dangerous manhole cover in The Street near the bus shelter had been resolved thanks to Cllr Siddall for his quick response and help with this. He is still working on trying to reduce the speed restrictions down to 40mph from High Garrett into Gosfield. Essex County Council have set their budget up by 4.99% most of which is spent on social care. An innovation panel has been set up to see how Councils can operate and improve.

24/025 Minutes.

Item 1. To confirm receipt of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2024. Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Colyer, all in favour resolution passed

Item 2. To resolve that the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record.

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

24/026 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Site Address: Land North Of 17 Gosfield Road Braintree Essex

Description of Development: Outline planning application with all matters reserved, except access, for the erection of 2No. detached dwellings.

Planning Application Ref: 23/01208/OUT

Appellant's Name: Pymont Homes

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 18th March 2024

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/Z1510/W/23/3327948

Appeal Start Date: 1 February 2024 If you wish to make comments, modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <http://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

The Planning Inspectorate

Team East 1

Room 3B

Temple Quay House

2 The Square

Bristol, BS1 6PN

All representations must be received by 7 March 2024 and sent directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

Gosfield Parish Council Objection comments to this application have already been submitted to Braintree District Council.

Objection

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

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 24/00120/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area:

T1 Yew Tree - Trim and tidy into ball shape

H2 Conifer Hedge -Trim and tidy back to previous points

H3 Hawthorn Shrub - Trim and tidy into ball shape

Location: 13 Greenways Gosfield Essex CO9 1TW

No objection

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

Ref: 24/00167/VAR

Description: Application for removal of Condition 3 (Restriction of use by occupier) of of planning permission 12/00484/FUL -

Erection of single storey stable block and manege to paddock and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use

Location: Sparrows The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

No objection

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Waters, Cllr Studwick against, Cllr R. Edwards abstained, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Willis, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Hough in favour, resolution passed.

Ref: 24/00288/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: Remove silver birch.

Location: Byford Cottage Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL

No objection

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

24/027 Financial Matters.

Accounts for payment were approved, please refer to separate page as below.

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

24/028 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Previous Minute No. 22/029 woodland known as The Lodge Plantation, Gosfield parcel of land for inclusion into the Nature Reserve, nothing further to report.

Item 2. Previous minute No. 23/126 Essex County Council Highways – Proposal for Improved Road Safety in Gosfield – Cllr Willis discussed this with County Cllr Siddall as more information is required.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

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24/029 Playing Field Management Committee.

Previous Minute No. 21/118 To consider and approve the revised agreement. A draft agreement was distributed to all Councillors and the Chairman of the Playing Field Management Committee to be considered and on the next agenda.

23/030 Skate Ramp.

Previous minute No. 23/280 Position of Skate Ramp – to discuss and agree the position of a possible new skate ramp. It was agreed that the new position should be near the zip wire along the left-hand side of the football pitch away from the goal areas.

Proposed by Cllr Willis, seconded by Cllr Colyer, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Waters and Cllr Strudwick in favour
Cllr R. Edwards, Cllr Hough, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Pawsey abstained.

Resolution passed.

24/031 Gosfield In Bloom.

Gosfield In Bloom would like to move the green planters (2) from the entrance to the park to outside the shop. Nothing grows in them under the shade of the oak trees. They would be re-sited between the yellow bollards on the concrete apron in line with Barry Deals crown. Permission was granted for the green planters to be removed and relocated but something would need to replace them in the current location, to try and avoid parking on the grass area.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Farrelly, all in favour resolution passed

24/032 Wire netting.

To consider wire netting at the far entrance along Church Road onto the playing field, as leaves blowing into residents' properties. It was unanimously agreed that no wire netting should be put in place as it would not resolve the issue as leaves blow everywhere.

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

24/033 Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting had taken place Cllr John Willis (Chairman) confirmed that more evidence is required to address individual categories so a new short survey required to be completed by residents as the plan will need to contain the same policies as the BDC local plan. The funding money needs to be spent by April.

23/034 Wethersfield Asylum centre.

To discuss the Home Office is seeking a Special Development Order for Wethersfield, three years permission for the asylum centre. Cllr Strudwick gave an update on this item. Environmental impact assessments required from the Ministry of Defence. The prison application has gone to the appeal committee.

Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee is ongoing and updates in the press.

24/035 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

Cllr Farrelly confirmed that he had attended new Councillor training and found it very informative.

24/036 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.

The Kings Head – To consider to apply for it to become a community asset.

24/037 Date of Next Meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting 18th March 2024 (7.15pm).

Annual Parish Assembly (Village meeting) 25th March 2024 (7.15pm).

24/038 Fencing boundary around the Playing field.

Previous minute no. 23/272 Along the Top (Hall Drive) and left-hand side from the top (Hall Drive) down to the Play area.

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To consider quotes for replacement fencing, the Chairman to meet a firm who specialise in local authority fencing. Funding required for this project – item to be on the next agenda.

24/039 Car Park.

Item 1. To consider scraping back the car park as a temporary measure. This work has already been carried out free of charge by Mr Tutton thanks expressed.

Item 2. To discuss and consider quotes for the drainage and car park surfacing – no quotes to consider at the present.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Gosfield Parish Council
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
184 Neighbourhood Plan	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	126	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	16.00		16.00
185 Streetlight Maintenance	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	127	Streetlight repairs	A & J Lighting Solutions Ltd	S	220.00	44.00	264.00
186 Printing Costs	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	128	Grapevine printing	Paul Clark Printing Ltd	E	497.00		497.00
187 Distribution Costs	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	129	Grapevine printing	Post Office Ltd	Z	85.50		85.50
188 Telephone & Broadband	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	130	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	6.34		6.34
188 Car Mileage Allowance	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	130	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	22.95		22.95
188 Stationery & Office Supplies	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	130	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	12.77		12.77
188 Stationery & Office Supplies	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	130	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	8.33		8.33
188 Telephone & Broadband	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	130	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	8.55		8.55
189 Pavilion Electricity	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	131	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
189 Pavilion Electricity	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	131	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	X	562.79		562.79
190 Neighbourhood Plan	19/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	132	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	15.00		15.00
191 Pavilion & Playing Field Gen	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	133	EICR	Paul Whitehead	Z	355.92		355.92
192 Village General Maintenance	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	134	Haha Ditch	HandyKing	Z	20.00		20.00
193 Hedgecutting & General Mair	21/02/2024		Barclays Current Acco	134	Allotment maintenance	HandyKing	Z	30.00		30.00
Total								1,886.15	49.00	1,935.15

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