

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM.

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Beavis
Cllr Mark Bloomfield (Left the meeting at 8.15pm after item 20/010 item 13)
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggi Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Together with 8 members of the public.

20/001 Welcome and Apologies for absence – No apologies for absence received.

20/002 Declarations of interest – Received and accepted from Cllr Colyer regarding item 20/010 item 9.

20/003 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:

The Open Gardens event for 2020 will now be held on 21st June, please note date has changed.
The carpark when will work commence as it is in a very bad state - Chairman replied that we are still awaiting a start date and it was very bad due to the amount of rain we have had recently.

20/004 County and District Councillors to address the members.

Report from Cllr Beavis - Essex County Council will be putting up council tax, attended a Climate Emergency meeting and there is a lot of encouragement to plant trees over the future years, the river in Halstead town is to be tidied up by the environment agency. Report from Cllr Schwier - that BDC are encouraging more recycling and are on target for domestic waste, however business waste facilities need to be improved. BDC are concerned regarding fly tipping in rural areas a scheme is in place BDC are offering battery powered cameras £250.00 each to Parish Councils to try to discourage this.

Broad Road, Braintree planning was discussed possibly one thousand new dwellings concerns raised on the impact on the local community and infrastructure.

20/005 Minutes

Parish Council Meeting minutes held 16th December 2019 approved and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Beavis abstained as not present at the meeting, Cllr Waters, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Moutard, Cllr Hough, Cllr Cowie all in favour resolution passed.

20/006 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning Updates.

Item 2. New Planning applications

Ref: 19/02292/HH

Description: Conversion of garage into habitable room and single storey rear infill extension with flat roof

Location: 7 Braintree Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PR

No objection

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

20/007 Precept/Budget for 2020/2021.

As required by section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, Parish Councillors are obliged to leave discussions where they have a disclosable pecuniary Interest. To participate in the setting of a precept for the Council, the councillors will require a dispensation, and for this purpose, Gosfield Parish Council resolves to delegate to the Clerk the power to grant a dispensation from exclusion to all Councillors for the purpose of considering and setting the precept.

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

20/008 Budget/Precept 2020/2021.

Item 1. The budget. The Responsible Financial Officer explained in detail each item on the budget, the budget was set at £35,494.00

Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Cowie, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Beavis and Cllr Moutard in favour, Cllr Hough objected (thought £3,000.00 was too much to be allocated to possible play area maintenance/repairs), resolution passed.

Item 2. The precept. The Precept was discussed in detail and it was agreed to increase the precept from last year. The Precept figure was set at £35,494.00. The Parish element of band D tax rate would be £61.56 compared to £58.88 last year an increase of 4.55%

Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Waters, Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Beavis, Cllr Cowie, Cllr Colyer and Cllr Moutard in favour, Cllr Hough objected, resolution passed

The forms for the Precept duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

The Chairman praised and thanked the Responsible Financial Officer, Richard Edwards, for all of his hard work and effort in carrying out the budget/precept process.

20/009 Financial Matters.

Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 20 January 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						
Selco	30/12/2019	572.35	95.39	238.48	238.48	Posts/paint for playing field
Amazon	30/12/2019	39.31	6.56	16.37	16.38	Reflectors for posts on playing field
Darkins Supply Store	30/12/2019	17.98	3.00	7.49	7.49	Stixall glue for reflectors
A & J Lighting	08/01/2020	697.38	116.23	581.15		Nos 31,51,77,39,48,42 Streetlight repairs
St Annes Haulage	08/01/2019	52.50	8.75	21.88	21.87	Ballast and cement for posts on playing field
e-on	01/01/2020	501.53	23.88	477.65		Streetlight electricity
Zurich	29/12/2019	495.00		495.00		Nature Reserve insurance
Microsoft	02/01/2020	109.44	18.24	91.20		E mail boxes Grapevine / Parish Clerk Annual Cost
Phil's Garden Services	17/01/2020	772.00		386.00	386.00	Labour re posts on playing field
Tesco	17/01/2020	14.89	2.48	12.41		Cleaning products
Wave	09/12/2019	135.22		33.81	101.41	Pavilion water
Wave	08/12/2019	11.77		11.77		Allotments water
EALC	16/01/2020	78.00	13.00	65.00		Cllr Edwards Planning Briefing
EALC	16/01/2020	78.00	13.00	65.00		Cllr Moutard Planning Briefing
Total		3575.37	300.53	2503.21	771.63	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 17.12.2019 to 20.01.2020						
e-on		247.73	3.33	16.67	227.73	Pavilion electricity
Payroll Costs inc PAYE & Pensions		1445.48		1445.48		
		1693.21	3.33	1462.15	227.73	
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Plunkett Foundation	20/01/2020	240.00	40.00	200.00		Plunkett Foundation Membershp to 31.12.20
		240.00	40.00	200.00	0.00	
Total Payments		5508.58	343.86	4165.36	999.36	

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

20/010 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 currently in progress should be completed by the end of the week

Item 3. Highways Issues update by Cllr Beavis – Nothing to report the potholes, manholes and pavement issues have reference numbers and can be viewed on the ECC Highways website.

The pavement outside the old shop in Church Road is not a priority for Highways.

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.

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

Item 6. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – This item to remain ongoing, set up a meeting date with RCCE speaker, there needs to be more than 4 people present in order for them to come out Cllr Beavis and Cllr Waters to issue flyers and to place article in the Grapevine to try to encourage involvement from the community.

Item 7. VE Day -75 years anniversary on 8th May 2020 – no response to item in the Grapevine to re advertise.

Item 8. Fund Raising – update by Cllr Bloomfield - awaiting to know how much needs to be raised for the pavilion, will not know this until contractors have quoted.

Item 9. The Gosfield Community Shop – continuing to do well so would like to increase the loan repayment, a very useful volunteers meeting was held they now have six extra volunteers. Now joined the Plunkett Foundation.

Item 10. Emergency Plan – Cllr Moutard updated that equipment would need to be purchased, (high-vis jackets and rechargeable torches).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, this plan to be updated and to put on the next agenda.

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. Previous Minute Number 19/232 Chairman's Board in the Village Hall to remain. The old wooden war memorial which has now been beautifully restored to remain for now in storage in the village hall until a suitable place can be found for it in the future.

Item 14. Previous Minute Number 19/226 Oak Grove Enforcement – Cllr Moutard confirmed that she had looked around the site where works to level the field had been ongoing, she confirmed that it was not Oak Grove and there was no enforcement issue. The works had now been completed.

Item 15. Previous Minute Number 19/149 Removal of Payphone, even though the Parish Council voted and agreed for the payphone to remain it was Braintree District Council decision to have it removed.

20/011 Play Equipment.

Now we have received £2,000.00 CIF funding, it was agreed to approach the Maurice Rowson Hall for a donation towards the tea cup spinner.

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

20/012 CCTV.

To consider and discuss security cameras for the carpark.

Further information and investigation required item to be on the next agenda.

20/013 Local Plan.

Consider support of Part 2 Local Plan sooner and revisit Garden Communities later in line with the Government Inspector's Option 1, stops speculative developers which could impact Gosfield.

No vote taken as this item is now going to be looked at by an Independent Inspector awaiting his report early in the summer.

20/014 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

The village hall has been redecorated.

Cllr Waters and Cllr Hough have inspected the GNR 7 benches require cleaning and oiling the picnic bench requires the handyman to repair it. The railings taken down to remove a fallen tree need to be put back in place. Tuttons stream the railing needs to be put back.

Hedges down the track from Halstead road to the GNR carpark require to be cut back, Cllr Waters to contact the local farmer.

Cllr Waters has booked to attend an Encampment Briefing to be held free of charge by the EALC at Dunmow.

20/015 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.

Green Waste to become more environmentally friendly (proposal to be sent to the Clerk) by Cllr Beavis

Accounts for the war memorial received

Donation to Joy Darby

Cllr Waters also asked if anyone knew where we could obtain little metal/plastic signs for the streetlights and benches.

20/016 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th February 2020 (7.15pm) In the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.