

**MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019 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 Joanne Colyer  
Cllr Sam Cowie  
Cllr Carol Hough  
Cllr Sara Moutard  
Cllr Maggi Pawsey  
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)  
Together with 13 members of the public.

**19/133 Welcome and Apologies for absence** –Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Bloomfield (due to illness) and District Cllr Peter Schwier (due to work commitments)

**19/134 Declarations of interest** – Received and accepted from Cllr Waters regarding item 19/139 ref 19/00146/TPO, 19/00998 and 19/145 on the agenda. Received and accepted from Cllr Hough regarding 19/139 ref 19/00998/OUT. Received and accepted from Cllr Colyer 19/145 and 19/148. Received and accepted from Cllr Beavis 19/148, 19/139 ref 19/00153/TPO.

**19/135 Gigaclear.**

Representative from Gigaclear reported and confirmed works are scheduled to be carried out in Gosfield starting in August and will last up to October. Leaflets were left for residents regarding frequently asked questions and frequent updates will be made available. Residents who want to sign up will need to consider the various revised packages on offer.

**19/136 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:

To Gigaclear representative will local organisations be informed in advance of road closure and disruption in good time, will trenches be dug and cable underground. The reply was yes, a contact card given out to members of the public. The hedge is still very overgrown at Halstead Road near the Gosfield School entrance, Chairman to contact resident.

**19/137 County and District Councillors to address the members.**

County Cllr Beavis reported that no Libraries will be closing. Has asked ECC for additional funding for the LHP and will be shortly asking BDC for funding. Voting to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> August regarding the local plan, further meetings and training provided, Halstead are considering a Neighbourhood plan.

**19/138 Minutes.**

Parish Council Meeting minutes held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 approved and signed by the Chairman. With slight amendment to item 19/114 ref 18/01945/LBC should read Gosfield Social Club the word “Mens” to be removed. Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Paswey, all in favour, resolution passed.

**19/139 Planning Matters.**

**Item 1.** Planning updates. 19/00132/HH & 19/00133/LBC - GRANTED

Description: Proposed new link extension, new garage and associated works

Location: 4 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex

**Item 2.** Planning applications and TPO.

Cllr Waters left the room.

**Ref: 19/00998/OUT**

Description: Erection of 5 no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club.

Location: Gosfield Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex

Support the application – subject to the following:

Highways report, Archaeological trial trench report. Highway access issue to be addressed.

Parish Council suggest 30mph to be extended to just beyond the layby after Petersfield Lane.

The Parish Council would like this application put forward to go to the planning committee.

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

Cllr Waters returned to the meeting.

**Ref: 19/01072/FUL**

Description: Construction of an assembly and distribution facility for B8 use.

Location: Land Adjacent Gosfield Laboratory Gosfield Airfield Hedingham

Road Gosfield Essex.

Objection to application.

Conflicting information, more specific information required – anomalies in the supporting statement and plans, concerns regarding increase in traffic particularly heavy-duty vehicles through the village passing the primary school. This area is not designated as an industrial area and we do not wish it to be further expanded other than the existing usages. We believe that Braintree District Council has enough designated industrial sites to fulfil its forthcoming plan.

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

**Ref: 19/00146/TPO7** Meadway Gosfield Essex CO9 1TQ

Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Tree Preservation Order

The Oak tree to remain.

No supporting evidence of disease to the tree, data not conclusive, as the footings to the dwelling could be different.

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

**Ref: 19/00153/TPO** Gosfield Nature Reserve Halstead Road Gosfield

Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Tree Preservation Order

No objection to the ash tree.

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

**Ref: 19/00147/TPO** 2 De Vere Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1FJ

Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Tree Preservation Order

No Objection

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

**Ref: 19/01190/FUL** (revised drawings)

Gosfield Social Club The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TJ

Cllr Bob Water as Chairman confirmed the following could be discussed as the Parish Council previously discussed this application in March with no objection and BDC require comments to be submitted prior to next Parish Council meeting.

Support application.

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

**19/140 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.**

**Item 1.** Car Park – GB Finch are to carry out the work on behalf of Transporters no set date as yet.

**Item 2.** Tree Survey – A few dead branches to be pruned back, and will eventually need thinning out. The Oak in the play area needs further inspection. The hedge to the play area will be cut shortly. The Beech tree is growing. Cllr Waters to draw up a list of works to be completed.

**Item 3.** Pot Hole reported to Highways – In the Street – Cllr Beavis confirmed that this has been reported.

**Item 4.** Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request passed onto Highways – update by Cllr Beavis is that this item is on the LHP scheme and is awaiting funding.

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**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Item 5.** Special Constables – still awaiting recruits.

**Item 6.** Mobile Phone Mast –Cllr Cowie to conduct a village survey to see if one big mast or lots of small ones dotted around the village is preferred, article to be placed in the Grapevine.

**Item 7.** Skateboard Ramp – It was proposed to repair over the winter, and to await S106 funding for a new one. Proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

**Item 8.** BDC - Confirmation of procedure regarding rental properties at Edmund Green – information circulated to Councillors, an article to be placed in the Grapevine explaining the procedure for shared ownership and rental. Proposed by Cllr Moutard, seconded by Cllr Colyer, all in favour, resolution passed.

**Item 9.** Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – Cllrs to attend training at the RCCE and to progress towards a Neighbourhood Plan.

**Item 10.** Street Lights Working Group – to meet in October, a map will be in the next edition of the Grapevine.

### 19/141 Financial Matters.

Approved accounts for payment.

Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverab	Brief Description of Supply
<b>For approval and payment</b>						
Kent Blaxill	18/06/2019	25.31	4.22	21.09		Dulux basecoat for children's play area bench
Signs of the Times Ltd	20/06/2019	7862.40	1310.40	402.00	6150.00	New Village Sign
RCCE	01/07/2019	72.60	12.10	60.50		Membership fee
Richard Edwards Group	21/06/2019	136.08	22.68	113.40		Payroll costs
e-on	01/07/2019	496.08	23.62	472.46		Streetlight electricity
Agrigem Ltd	12/06/2019	26.64	4.44	22.20		Glyphosate for allotments
MD Landscapes	29/06/2019	540.00	90.00	450.00		Grass cutting all areas/playarea/skate park x 2
Phils Garden Services Ltd	08/07/2019	40.00	0.00	40.00		Clear/weed garages near flats
Elmwood Joinery	05/06/2019	24.00	4.00	20.00		Slats for seat in children's play area
UK Electrical	25/06/2019	11.16	1.86	9.30		Lightbulbs (ladies and gents toilet)
MFG Halstead SS	01/07/2019	5.30	0.88	4.42		Fuel for mower
Screwfix	06/07/2019	17.26	2.87	14.39		Coach bolt, washers, nuts - kickboard for horse in children's play area
Tesco	02/07/2019	24.94	4.15	20.79		Cleaning products
<b>Total</b>		<b>9281.77</b>	<b>1481.22</b>	<b>1650.55</b>	<b>6150.00</b>	
<b>Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6</b>						
<b>Payments, which are approved annually,made during the period 18.6.19 to 15.7.19</b>						
e-on	02/07/2019	211.60	3.33	16.67	191.60	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1511.21	0.00	1511.21		
<b>Previously Approved payments paid during the month</b>						
Total Payments		11004.58	1484.55	3178.43	6341.60	

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

It was agreed to have an unveiling ceremony for the Village Sign by Cllr Pawsey, date time to be confirmed. All in favour.

### 19/142 Play Equipment Repairs.

It was agreed to purchase the following:

New Tornado netting - To supply and install the new nets and remove the old nets £1,550.00 plus VAT

Zip Wire - To remove the old damaged chain sleeve and replace with a new rubber reinforced sleeve.

To supply and install a new rubber chain protector £252.06 plus VAT

New junior swing seats - To supply and install two new flat seats £189.89 plus VAT

New kick boards for the rocking horse (Work to be carried out and completed by the handyman)

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

New safety surface around the roundabout - To supply and install 29m<sup>2</sup> of new black wet pour £2,739.31 Plus VAT it was suggested to wait until the next year's budget and have this done at a later date – but it was proposed money to be taken from reserves in order to get the work completed earlier.

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

#### **19/143 Gosfield In Bloom.**

Thanks expressed to Gosfield in Bloom on making the village look nice. Gosfield in Bloom have drawn up a 3-year plan. They wish to add more self-watering containers and to place a sealed container onto the Pavilion so the water can be harvested from various public buildings in the village. The grass cutting around the flower beds etc was discussed. It was agreed that the Gosfield In Bloom team will cut the areas that the contractor is unable to get to. Wild flower seeds to be planted in some areas, subject to Highway approval.

The Parish Council accepted the 3-year plan subject to Highways approval and receipt of the required Licence from Highways.

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

#### **19/144 Goal Posts.**

To consider the purchase of new goal posts.

The Playing field Management Committee agreed that the current senior goal posts are to be replaced. The current goal pose a H&S issue. Gosfield Football club and the junior teams also support the application.

The committee have agreed to contribute £1000 towards the cost of these and are planning to apply to the Maurice Rowson for the remaining net value.

The Parish Council agreed to the purchase of new goal posts subject to the following:

1. Invoice to be addressed to the Parish Council
2. Grant from MR Trust to be paid to the Parish Council
3. Cheque for balance to be received from the PFMC

To ensure that we receive the full amount of the invoice. The goal posts would be added to the asset register.

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

#### **19/145 Grants to the Church.**

Parish Councils do not have the power to give grants to the church and may not rely on the General Power of Competence or the Local Government Act 1972 section 137, as per advised by the EALC, after forwarding this information to Councillors it was agreed not to give grants to the Church.

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

#### **19/146 Drugs in Gosfield.**

The Police have been informed and they are aware of drug concerns and issues in Gosfield, this will be monitored.

#### **19/147 Building on Parish Council Land.**

Chairman updated that the building is not entirely over Parish Council land, to be monitored, no further action at the moment.

#### **19/148 The Community Shop.**

The Architect will be making the plans available to be viewed by the Stakeholders on Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Bernard Brooks room at the village hall. The plans will then be made available for a drop-in afternoon/evening for members of the public to view and submit comments to Cllr Beavis.

**19/149 BT Public Payphone Removal.**

To consider and discuss the possible removal of the BT pay phone, in the Street, Gosfield, comments requested from Principal Planning Policy Officer, Braintree District Council. The payphone is not currently working. The Parish Council agreed that the BT pay phone should remain as the mobile signal in the village is very poor.

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

**19/150 Item 1.** To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. None provided.

**Item 2.** War Memorial – fund raising continues currently at £3,600.00 will be making an application to the Maurice Rowson trust. A concert is to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, Hedingham Singers and strawberry tea. A bespoke metal Poppy can be purchased at a cost of £50.00 each, a limited edition of only 100 you can have it personalised with your name on if required.

**19/151 Items for next agenda.**

Invite District Cllr Peter Schwier to update on the local plan, consultation period and time scale etc, and also S106 funding why do BDC stipulate that it can only be used for open spaces.

Driveway entrance to playing field and to level out the bump.

**19/152 Date of Next Meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (7.15pm) in the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 9.12pm