

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Jo Beavis
Cllr Mark Bloomfield
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Schwier

Four members of the public

22/038 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Tricia Edwards and Cllr Joanne Colyer (due to illness) and Cllr Siddall (due to work commitments).

22/039 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. None.

22/040 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was discussed and various organisations getting together over the Jubilee weekend holding events £150.00 was requested for printing flyers etc, and also permission to use the playing field, this item to be on the next agenda. A tree is being donated and Gosfield in Bloom to plant – site to be confirmed by Parish Council (item to be on next agenda).

A member of the public raised concerns as to why the public were not being made aware of the names of the contractors and figures of the tenders, the Chairman explained that it could compromise the shops attempt to get new quotes if the figures were released then potential contractors would have a starting figure. The Chairman released a range of figures.

22/041 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

Cllr Schwier reported on the following: BDC have launched a new website, locate Braintree full of information etc. Business news letters have been sent out regarding admin for Covid 19. In Essex covid rate is up by 82% in the area. Bulbs and whips have been distributed to Parish Councils throughout Essex, very well received and may continue next year. Halstead Town Centre is due to be improved, new cycle way, street furniture, pedestrianisation, litter bins and street lights. The Annual spring clean project called one bag make a difference is due to take place 25th March-10th April.

22/042 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2022, these were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

22/023 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 22/00524/LBC

Description: Rebuilding of boundary wall on a like-for-like basis.

Location: The Kings Head PH The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP

No Objection

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

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 25th April 2022

Ref: 22/00452/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 19/01 - T3 Will need a few branches trimmed during building of house which has been granted full planning permission. The roots are safe this is just trimming. Full planning permission was granted which we applied for with tree reports for the area.

Location: 10 The Cedars Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1U

No Objection

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

Ref: 22/00611/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 3 Ash trees and a Sycamore and Remove lowest lateral branch over the road from another Ash tree (see plan for location)

Location: St Margarets Preparatory School Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SE

No Objection

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

Ref: 22/00683/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 23/82 - Sycamore tree is 15 metres tall and would like to take 2-3 metres off the top and then bring in the sides by 1 and a half to 2 metres to shape it

Location: 7 De Vere Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1FJ

As this item had only just been received power was delegated to the Chairman and Tree Officer to make a decision and send comments to BDC.

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

22/045 Financial Matters.**Item 1. Approve accounts for payment**

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 21 March 2022						
Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
For approval and payment						
Scribe	27.1.22	345.60	57.60	288.00		Annual subscription
HandyKing	21.2.22	40.00		40.00		Paving slab near old water pump/litter bin repairs/remove sign
A & J Lighting	2.3.22	514.80	85.80	429.00		Streetlight repair no 73
HandyKing	25.2.22	50.00		50.00		Clear HaHa ditch/clear broken bow
HandyKing	10.2.22	220.00		220.00		Clear leaves/turf/seed in children's playground
Westover Woodlands	12.3.22	505.00		505.00		Path clearing/bin emptying etc
Wave	9.3.22	241.23		241.23		Pavilion water
Mrs D Jacob	28.2.22	42.51		42.51		Clerks expenses
Langthorns Plantery	5.2.22	68.00	11.33	56.67		Beech tree
B & Q	25.2.22	4.50	0.75	3.75		Tree tie
Gardener Suppliers	6.2.22	29.90	4.98	24.92		Tree watering irrigation bag
Total		2061.54	160.46	1901.08	0.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 18.1.22 to 21.2.22						
e-on		385.43	3.33	16.67	365.43	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs incl PAYE		1131.62		1131.62		
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Total Payments		3578.59	163.79	3049.37	365.43	

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

22/046 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Architects, Edward Parsley– Awaiting final invoices for obtaining quotes.

Item 2. Fund Raising for the pavilion extension – A meeting has taken place regarding future fund raising.

To approve the use of the pavilion sinking fund money £12,000.00 as a Parish Council contribution towards the new public toilets, item to be on the next agenda.

Item 3. Special Constables – ongoing.

Item 4. Local Plan – ongoing.

Item 5. Previous Minute No. 21/118 Playing Field Management Committee- A meeting had taken place and the constitution has been agreed by the Playing Field Management committee, to be discuss and approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting. The tractor shed keys are to be replaced.

Item 6. Previous Minute No. 21/186 A copper beech tree has been planted at the top of the Playing Field.

Item 7. Previous Minute No.21/192 Footpath Map – ongoing.

Item 8. Previous Minute No. 21/161 Lighting the Beacon – The Vice-Chairman of BDC would like to be in attendance – this is all in hand we have received £200.00 from BDC towards a small memento for children participating.

Item 9. Previous Minute No. 21/197 Speed Camera ex-demo at a cost of £1800.00 has been ordered to now apply for the locality budget of £1,000.00 and £500.00 received from the Rowson Trust and balance of £300.00 from the Parish Council.

Item 10. (Previous minute no. 21/133) Highways Priority list of highway improvements for Gosfield was issued by Cllr Beavis who will now contact Cllr Siddall and place an item informing residents in the Grapevine.

Item 11. Previous Minute No. 21/111 Gosfield Nature Reserve Risk Assessment. Cllr Bloomfield to draft a risk assessment with Westover Woodlands for comment and to all Councillors prior to the next meeting.

Item 12. Previous Minute No. 22/029 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, to discuss and consider legal costs item deferred until next meeting.

Item 13. Previous minute No. 22/031 Planters along the main entrance to the carpark – Gosfield in Bloom are going to relocate some planters.

22/047 Neighbourhood Plan.

Item 1. Yes, Gosfield Parish Council agreed to continue to work towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Item 2. Due to the resignation of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman of the Committee will call the next meeting, to confirm that Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Waters, Cllr Moutard and Cllr Beavis are still on the committee along with two members of the public. The committee will elect a new Chairman at its next meeting, 50-60% response from the survey data questionnaire, speeding through the village and amenities not being used were the main issues raised.

Thanks expressed to Cllr Bloomfield for all his work and involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan.

22/048 The Post Office.

The Greenstead Green postmistress is hopefully starting next week at the Maurice Rowson Hall on a temporary basis whilst the new postmaster is being trained, will provide the same services.

22/049 The junction of The Limes and The Street.

To discuss tree blown down and cleared, but a lot of debris still remaining, blocked drain and large pothole.

Blocked drain and pothole to be reported to Highways.

22/050 Village Pump & Well.

It was discussed and considered making good the village pump and well, Cllr Waters is meeting a well restorer to obtain a cost as the Parish Council would like to see it restored, to contact Eastlight as the well is on their land. (Item to be on the next agenda).

22/051 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.

22/052 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

Councillors requested further information, to see the tenders and figures etc in order to discuss and consider the following items – an extraordinary meeting to be called.

22/053 To Exclude the Press and Public.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

‘That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 22/054 and item 22/055 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business subject to the public bodies admission to meetings Act 1960 Section 1 Sub-section 2.n

22/054 Tenders received for building an extension onto the pavilion.

To note the quotes were far in excess of what was expected.

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 25th April 2022

22/055 "Shop licence – Heads of Terms".

To discuss and agree in principle.

22/056 Date of Next Meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting 25th April 2022 (date changed due to Easter Holidays).

Meeting Closed at 8.59pm