

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024
AT PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Waters (Vice-Chairman)
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)

Three members of the public
County Cllr Siddall

24/040 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Colyer (due to personal reasons) and District Cllr Schwier (due to work commitments).

24/041 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.

24/042 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public spoke about item 24/046 explaining about the number of leaves that fall onto his driveway each year from the playing field.

24/043 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

County Cllr Siddall reported that changes are being made to the structure of the LHP focusing on smaller schemes, more funding for road repairs and pavements being considered. The audit committee has now caught up and now up to date. Climate change programmes are up for two awards.

24/044 Minutes.

Item 1. To confirm receipt of the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 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 19th February 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record.

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

24/045 Special Motion

Vote to suspend Standing Order 7 (a) as follows: -

7. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

a) A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 3 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 7. To revisit item - previous minute number 24/032 Wire Netting.

Proposed by Cllr T. Edwards, seconded by Cllr Waters, Cllr Farrelly, Cllr Willis, Cllr Hough, Cllr Pawsey and Cllr R. Edwards in favour Cllr Strudwick against, resolution passed.

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Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 15th April 2024

24/046 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 could set a precedent for the future, this area would be monitored and reviewed in the autumn.

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

24/047 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates. No updates.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 24/00411/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area. Removal of 8 No. conifer trees

Location: 1 The Limes Gosfield Essex CO9 1UA

No objection

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

Ref: 24/00474/VAR & 19/00998/OUT

Description: Variation of Condition 5 (Approved Plans) of approved application 19/00998/OUT granted 22.05.2020 for Erection of 5no. Dwellings with access and car park for Tennis Club. Variation would allow the revised site access details.

Location: Land Adjacent Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex

No objection

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

Ref: 24/00473/VAR & 20/02244/REM

Description: Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of approved application 20/02244/REM granted 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 the revised site access details.

Location: Land Adjacent Tennis Club Braintree Road Gosfield Essex

No objection

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

Ref: 24/00261/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: English Oak - Crown reduction - 2meters to be cut off the branches that are closest to the house and then thereafter 1.5 meters for the rest of the tree.

Location: Ryton The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TP

No objection

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

Ref: 24/00425/HH

Description: Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Conversion of existing loft into habitable space including formation of dormers on front and rear roof slopes.

Location: 3 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PQ

No objection

Proposed by Cllr Strudwick, seconded by Cllr Willis, all in favour resolution passed.

Ref: 24/00506/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO -Reference: 1/77 - A1

Horse Chestnut (T1) Fell to a stump

Oak (T2) Fell to a stump

Oak (T3) Fell to a stump

Location: 1A Gosfield Airfield Heddingham Road Gosfield Essex CO91SA

Objection

The trees are in a good condition – no reason given for them to be cut down.

If BDC are minded to allow it then replacement trees will be required to be planted in the same location.

Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Farrelly, voted in favour of the

objection, Cllr Strudwick and Cllr Willis against, Cllr R. Edwards and Cllr Waters abstained; resolution passed.

24/048 Financial Matters.

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

The fencing invoice was discussed and it was noted that an existing bow top fence panel had been used.

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

VAT reclaim had been received from HMRC for 1st April 2023 to 29th February 2024 £5,785.00 and a refund from Wave.

24/049 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.

Item 3. Fencing boundary around the Playing field - Previous minute 24/038 Along the Top (Hall Drive) and left-hand side from the top (Hall Drive) down to the Play area. A fund-raising Golf Day to be organised and held in September.

Item 4. Car Park – Previous minute No. 24/039 Cllr Willis updated that we are still waiting for the bore holes to be carried out.

24/050 Playing Field Management Committee.

Previous Minute No. 21/118 To consider and approve the revised agreement. A draft agreement was discussed and it was agreed to amend item D to read Annual and not quarterly. The Playing Field Management Committee are happy to proceed forward, both parties will be able to terminate the agreement if required. Item to be on the next agenda for signature.

24/051 Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting had taken place Cllr John Willis (Chairman) confirmed that the plan was progressing and a draft would be available by the end of April. Awaiting information regarding a new grant. Item to be on the next agenda.

23/052 The Kings Head.

To discuss and consider registering the Kings Head Pub as a community asset. Further information required item to be on the next agenda.

24/053 Trees in the Nature Reserve.

The trees, particularly the oaks, growing by the footpath from Greenways into the reserve. These trees were reduced in height perhaps 20-25 years ago, and it would now be reasonable to repeat the process. The regrowth is becoming heavier, and will eventually become unstable unless timely action is taken. With the permission requested to apply to BDC for consent, and then obtain prices for the work, to be implemented next winter, hopefully before Christmas 2024.

Permission granted for this to go ahead.

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

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

24/054 Shared ownership housing at Edmund Green.

It was agreed that applications to on the waiting list would be advertised annually
The Chairman had been in contact with the Housing Developer/BDC and relevant authorities to ensure that the correct procedure is now being followed in connection with the original S106 agreement.

24/055 New Road/Elizabeth Place.

Problem with Street Light on right hand side, in wrong location this was being investigated by Essex County Council Highways.

24/056 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

Wethersfield Asylum centre. Cllr Strudwick gave an update on this item, the Home office are no longer going ahead with the prisons. Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee is ongoing and updates in the press.

24/057 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.

24/058 Date of Next Meeting.

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

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting 25th March 2024 (7.00pm).

Next Parish Council Meeting 15th April 2024 (7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Gosfield Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
207 Toilet Sundries	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	135	Toilet products	Tesco Stores Ltd	S	14.74	2.95	17.69
208 Village General Maintenance	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	136	HaHa Ditch	HandyKing	Z	25.00		25.00
209 Village General Maintenance	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	136	Relief litterpicker	HandyKing	Z	35.00		35.00
210 Neighbourhood Plan	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	137	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	15.00		15.00
211 GNR General maintenance	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	138	GNR work	Westover Woodlands	Z	440.00		440.00
212 Water Costs	26/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	139	Allotment water	Anglian Water Business (W	Z	12.82		12.82
213 Stationery & Office Supplies	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	140	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mis D	X	12.95		12.95
213 Telephone & Broadband	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	140	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mis D	X	8.71		8.71
213 Telephone & Broadband	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	140	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mis D	X	6.34		6.34
213 Car Mileage Allowance	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	140	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mis D	X	22.95		22.95
214 Meeting Costs	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	141	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	11.25		11.25
215 Village General Maintenance	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	142	HaHa Ditch	HandyKing	Z	40.00		40.00
216 Pavilion Electricity	19/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	143	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
216 Pavilion Electricity	19/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	143	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	X	363.78		363.78
217 Pavilion & Playing Field Gener	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	144	Playing field fencing	Jacksons Fencing	S	723.48	144.70	868.18
218 Pavilion & Playing Field Gener	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	145	Playing field fencing	Jarvis M	Z	75.00		75.00
219 Software Licences	20/03/2024		Barclays Current Acc	146	Subscription	Starboard Systems Ltd	S	345.60	69.12	414.72
Total								2,177.62	221.77	2,399.39

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

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