

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON

MONDAY 18th MAY 2020

(Due to the Coronavirus and Government advice
this virtual meeting was held by Microsoft Teams)

Item 20/093 on the agenda - The Press and Public were invited to e-mail, contact/send comments to the
Parish Clerk)

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Jo Beavis

Cllr Mark Bloomfield

Cllr Joanne Colyer

Cllr Sam Cowie

Cllr Sara Moutard

Cllr Maggie Pawsey

Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Peter Schwier

No members of the public.

Government Regulation 6 (c) removes the requirement for a Parish Council to hold an annual meeting in May 2020

Government regulation 4 (2) carries the current appointment of Chairman on until the Annual Meeting in May 2021

20/091 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Chairman welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Hough.

20/092 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.

Received from Cllr Moutard and Cllr Waters regarding item 20/096 ref. 20/00653/REM and from Cllr Colyer regarding item 20/099 item 8.

20/093 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present.

20/094 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

District Councillor, Cllr Schwier reported on the following: -

Regeneration build of Manor Street, Braintree is continuing and virtually on track project time wise.

Horizon 120 -Ground has been broken and significant earthwork/infrastructure work has started and on track.

GridServe (abuts Horizon 120) ultrafast EV charging station recommences site work shortly with an expectation to open this summer.

BDC has continued to provide good front line services during Corvid 19. Garden Waste collections resuming, initially, on a monthly basis. Over 47,000 postcards sent to all residents across district, with information in local papers and all social media.

Still awaiting (imminent) letter from Planning inspectors regarding 'Local Plan'

BDC Budget will be affected by various circumstances and effects of Corvid 19

BDC Communications team has been excellent at distributing timely, detailed information across all Town/Parish Councils, communities and businesses, district wide, using all media.

BDC has distributed £25.4 M (to date) to 2182 Braintree District businesses.

County Councillor, Cllr Beavis reported as follows: -

This is a new world that we are living in and not likely to change anytime soon so we will all need to adjust. A Corona Virus action group has been set up supporting the local area and United in Kind. Recycling centres are now open again. Social distancing likely to be in place for some time. Highways continuing to carry out maintenance road improvements. A group has been put together to monitor children in care currently there are 1,055 in Essex some being placed with social workers at the moment. Cadbury kindly donated chocolate to care homes and children in Essex. Mental Health and social isolation an ongoing issue and trying to identify anyone in need. Schools to be phased back as from 1st June.

20/095 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2020.

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

20/096 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

20/00144/FUL Gosfield Place Lodge, The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Replacement single storey front extension & proposed basement. Replacement/Conversion of existing 5 No outbuildings to 4 No. holiday lodges. Insulated render to main dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to garden use in connection with the existing dwelling. - Granted –

Ref: 19/01311/FUL 53 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG

Construction of new detached dwelling, site vehicular access alterations and associated development. – Granted -

Item 2. Planning applications and TPO.

Ref: 20/00653/REM

Location: Land to The West Of Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex

Description: Application for approval of reserved matters (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping) of outline planning consent

17/01066/OUT for the erection of 35 dwellings.

No Objection – but to ensure that the Community Land will be made available for the use for the whole village.

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

Ref: 20/00638/HH

Location: Honeywoods, Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PL

Description: Erection of single storey flat roof rear extension and erection of 1st floor extension over existing single storey balcony area, pitched roof.

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/00709/HH

Location: 9 De Vere Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1FJ

Description: Erection of side extension and alteration to garage roof.

No Objection

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

20/097 Accounts 2019/2020.

This item deferred until the next meeting, to be on the June agenda.

20/098 Financial Matters.

Item 1. To discuss the invoice received from Ernest Doe.

It was confirmed and agreed that the Gosfield Playing Field Management Committee would be paying half of this invoice and the Parish Council to pay £404.76 half). This would be a one off and that an effective maintenance programme would need to be put in place by the Playing Field Management Committee for the future.

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

Item 2. Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 18 May 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						
MD Landscapes Ltd	20/05/2019	826.80	137.80	689.00		Grass cutting all areas+play area & skate park + verges Hall Drive
Ernest Doe	23/04/2020	971.43	161.90	404.76	404.77	Grass cutting machine service
Total		1798.23	299.70	1093.76	404.77	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 15.4.19 to 20.5.19						
e-on	03/05/2020	195.18	3.33	16.67	175.18	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1061.36	0.00	1061.36		
Wave	02/05/2019	15.81		15.81	0.00	Allotments
Wave	14/05/2019	6.58		1.65	4.93	Playing Field and pavilion
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Enduramaxx Ltd	28/04/2020	780.00	130.00		650.00	Bowser
Total Payments		3857.16	433.03	2189.25	1234.88	

Cllr Edwards confirmed that the agreed arrangement was that Gosfield in Bloom would be making a donation for the water bowser.

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

20/099 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Car Park – no update.

Item 2. Highways Issues update by Cllr Beavis.

Item 3. Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request passed onto Highways – no update.

Item 4. Special Constables – no update.

Item 5. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group –no update.

Item 6. Plans for extension onto the Pavilion into BDC Planning –Due to the Corona Virus Planning Office closed so no update.

Item 7. Fund Raising – due to the current situation this item on hold by Cllr Bloomfield.

Item 8. The Gosfield Community Shop – The shop is a lifeline to the village at the moment, takings are up and hoping to pay the loan back to the Parish Council by the end of June. Received a good response from the volunteers.

Item 9. Local Pan – no update

Item 10. Previous minute no. 20/070 item 1. To consider to replace the damaged picnic table in the Gosfield Nature Reserve at a total cost of £700.74 Including fixing Bolts and Inc VAT. It was considered that a re-cycled plastic picnic table would be more cost effective in the long run, as it would not need to be maintained so often and would meet safety standards. Proposed by Cllr Moutard, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 11. Previous minute no. 20/070 item 2. Fishing – To consider to allow fishing in the Gosfield Nature Reserve subject to having a fishing licence. It was agreed to allow fishing, subject to installing a deep-water sign and that the licence holder would have to send a copy of their current licence to the Parish Clerk.

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

Item 12. Previous minute no. 20/074 - To consider and discuss the 5-year plan/project contract for the GNR with Westover Woodlands. This item deferred until next meeting, to be on the June agenda.

Item 13. Previous minute no. 20/075 – Clerk confirmed staff appraisals had taken place, to set up a Personnel Committee Virtual meeting to carry out the Clerks appraisal.

20/100 Trees.

To discuss the condition of trees in the play area, playing field and various area. One had recently fallen down which had been dealt with, others inspected, 2 pines in the corner of the playing field are dying, 1 has fungus disease and 3 are in a bad condition and will come down on the 28th May. To go out to tender for the others, branches require pruning etc in the play area possibly the pine might have to be taken down.

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

20/101To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

None.

20/102 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.

None.

20/103 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 15th June 2020 (7.15pm)

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm