

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 20th MAY 2024
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.36PM

Present:

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

24/095 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from County Cllr Siddall and District Cllr Schwier (due to work commitments).

24/096 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.

24/097 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the track at the Halstead Road entrance down into the Nature Reserve car park is very overgrown, Parish Council to contact the landowner to discuss and get it cut back.
A member of the public spoke about the 80th anniversary of D-day and they are donating a flag to the church so that it can be flown for a few weeks, he is going to tidy up and clean the war memorial. He asked if an event would take place for VE Day which is on 8th May 2025 he volunteered to help organise.
Cllr Farrelly spoke about speeding in Braintree Road near High Garrett and would like an update from County Cllr Chris Siddall as it does not appear to be in the ECC Highways 2024/25 budget.

24/098 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

County Cllr Siddall and District Cllr Schwier not present, regular updates received.

24/099 Minutes.

To resolve that the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 15th April 2024 be signed as a true and accurate record, Chairman signed the minutes.

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

24/100 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates. No updates.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 24/00852/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order TPO - 11/78 - G1 Lime (T1 & T2) Pollard to the previous points. 2.5-3.5 metres reduction

Location: 1 Woodland Way Gosfield Essex CO9 1TH

No Objection

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

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Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 17th June 2024

Ref:24/00669/FUL

Description: New eco-centre and open-air amphitheatre with supporting landscaping and footways.

Location: Gosfield School Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PF

Support application

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

Ref: 24/00909/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree

Preservation Order TPO - Reference: 3/87 - T5; Species: Lime

Lime tree - to be removed due to very large cavity at base of

tree. The tree will be replaced.

Location: Winnipeg Church Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1TL

Support application

Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Colyer, all in favour resolution passed

Ref: 24/00911/VAR

Description: Application for removal of Condition 3 (Restriction of use by occupier)

of planning permission 12/00484/FUL - Erection of single storey stable block and manege to paddock and change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use

Location: Sparrows The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Objection

As per Braintree District Council original decision, due to the following: -

Access

Stabling only to be for horses belonging to owner of Sparrows and not for commercial purposes

Increase in traffic

Possible smell pollution if number of horses is increased

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

Ref: 24/01019/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation area.

Horse Chestnut - Cut down

Location: Gosfield Hall, Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SF

No objection

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

Ref: 24/01018/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation area.

3x Ash trees - reduced by 3m as they are too big where they are

1x Ash tree - cut down as its dying

Location: 5 Ox Yard, The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Gosfield Parish Council delegated power to the tree warden (Cllr Hough) to look at the trees and submit a comment on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

24/101 Financial Matters.

Item 1. Accounts for payment were approved, please refer to separate page as below.

The RFO gave an explanation regarding the invoice for the coronation event figures.

Golf day income to be entered into the accounts and kept separate for the fencing see item 24/102 item 2 below, event not run by the Parish Council, but Cllr T. Edwards and Cllr Hough to organise.

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

Item 2. Approval of Neighbourhood Plan 2023/24 grant income and expenditure and to authorise any payment to Groundworks UK. The RFO gave an update on the current situation of the grant £1,340.00 remaining disclosure to be made nothing to pay out at present.

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

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24/102 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, ongoing in discussions with Solicitors.

Item 2. Previous minute No 24/049 item 3. Fencing boundary around the Playing field. Previous minute no. 23/272 along the top (Hall Drive) and left-hand side from the top (Hall Drive) down to the Play area. To send out specifications for Bow top fencing and to apply for grants and to apply to the Maurice Rowson Trust once cost is known.

Item 3. Previous minute No 24/049 item 4. Car Park - Update by Cllr Willis bore holes have been completed. To send out specification and obtain quotes, so that grants can be applied for. Car park will have to be completed in sections – it was approved for cars to park under the trees when works commence.

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

24/103 Playing Field Management Committee.

Previous Minute No. 21/118 and 24/071 The agreement was approved by both parties.

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

24/104 Tree branches.

A quote of £260.00 to cut back overhanging tree branches, between car park entrance and the tractor shed was approved.

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

24/105 The Kings Head.

Previous Minute No. 24/052 and 24/072 To discuss and consider registering the Kings Head Pub as a community asset. Gosfield Parish Council would like to register their interest in trying to keep a pub in the village.

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

24/106 Information Boards.

To discuss and consider applying for funding to purchase two flat information/map notice boards for the entrance to Gosfield airfield. Further information required, to be on the next agenda.

24/107 Complaint letter.

To discuss consider sending a letter of complaint to Clarion and Braintree District Council regarding the Affordable housing at Edmund Green on how the system is supposed to operate for the benefit of local residents. It was agreed to wait until the whole process has been completed, item to be on the next agenda.

24/108 Braintree District Council - Call for sites –

To discuss and consider community areas to be put forward subject to permission from the landowner. No sites to put forward by Gosfield Parish Council, landowners to put their own sites forward.

24/109 Special Motion – To revisit.

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.

Previous Minute number 24/009 Public Rights of Way Footpaths.

Item 2. It is proposed to divert sections of Footpath 15 & 22 Gosfield to an alternative route

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

24/110 Public Rights of Way – Footpaths No. 15 and 22, Gosfield.

Item 1. It is proposed by ECC to divert sections of Footpath 15 to an alternative route.

Item 2. It is proposed by ECC to divert sections of Footpath 22 to an alternative route if agreed how far away from the river and do we require fencing along the route.

Both items 1 and 2 were discussed in detail.

It was proposed that footpath 15 should be removed from the farmyard due to health and safety reasons and that the Parish Council's proposed alternative route be advised to ECC Public Rights of Way.

In respect of footpath 22, it was proposed that this footpath remain in its current position due to the suggested amendment being too close to the river. Councillors discussed moving the proposed footpath further away from the river but this suggestion was dismissed due to health and safety reasons.

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

24/111 Neighbourhood Plan.

Update by Cllr Willis, that a meeting has taken place, groups to go around the village take obtain residents views and design of the plan ongoing.

The following two items to be put into the action polices section of the plan.

Item 1. The Parish Council confirmed that it supports that the A1017 be redesignated as a 40mph limit from Petersfield Lane to the traffic lights.

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

Item 2. The Parish Council confirmed it supports that Church Road should be redesignated as a 30mph limit from the centre of the village to the corner past the bridge.

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

24/112 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

Cllr Strudwick gave an update on the village hall and on the Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee.

24/113 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.

VE Day 8th May 2025 event working group to be set up.

Open Space land at the top of Meadway – update.

24/114 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 17th June 2024 (7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Gosfield Parish Council
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Vouche Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
16	22/04/2024		Barclays Current Acc	13	Handyman materials	B & Q	S	30.00	6.00	36.00
19	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	14	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	14.00		14.00
20	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	15	Room hire	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	14.00		14.00
22	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	16	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	6.33		6.33
22	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	16	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	9.31		9.31
22	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	16	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	23.40		23.40
23	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	17	Grass cutting	MD Landscapes (Anglia) Lt	S	443.00	88.60	531.60
23	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	17	Grass cutting	MD Landscapes (Anglia) Lt	S	60.00	12.00	72.00
24	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	18	Donation	Wethersfield Parish Council	X	250.00		250.00
25	16/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	19	Membership fee	Essex Playing Fields	X	30.00		30.00
26	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	20	Handyman	Charlie Jarvis	Z	37.50		37.50
26	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	20	Handyman	Charlie Jarvis	Z	22.50		22.50
26	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	20	Handyman	Charlie Jarvis	Z	7.50		7.50
26	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	20	Handyman	Charlie Jarvis	Z	3.75		3.75
26	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	20	Handyman	Charlie Jarvis	Z	45.00		45.00
27	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	21	Streetlight repairs	A & J Lighting Solutions Ltr	S	181.50	36.30	217.80
28	29/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	22	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
28	29/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	22	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	X	407.34		407.34
29	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	23	Toilet products	Tesco Stores Ltd	S	13.07	2.61	15.68
30	22/05/2024		Barclays Current Acc	24	Kings Coronation mugs	Gosfield Community Shop	X	758.79		758.79
Total								2,381.99	150.51	2,532.50