

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 19th MAY 2025
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.22PM

Present:

Cllr Tricia Edwards (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Waters (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Colyer
Cllr Richard Edwards also (RFO)
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Cllr Tony Strudwick
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)

Two members of the public
County Cllr Chris Siddall
District Councillor Peter Schwier

25/084 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. The Chairman welcomed everyone, apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Willis (due to illness).

25/085 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.

Declarations made by Cllr T. Edwards, relating to item 25/090 Ref: 25/01059/TPOCON and Cllr R. Edwards and Cllr Strudwick relating to 25/090 25/01059/TPOCON and Ref: 25/01061/TPOCON.

25/086 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public discussed item 25/097 the allotments and a polycarbonate greenhouse. The original size agreed would be too small for all the allotment tenants to be able to use, so that is why it is being considered and discussed again, various options were discussed Cllr R. Edwards explained that the S106 funding could only be used for certain items, Clerk to arrange a meeting with the allotment holders and the newly appointed allotments officers (Cllr Strudwick and Cllr R. Edwards).

25/087 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

District Cllr Schwier reported that the waste consultation results are now going to be put forward to a cabinet meeting. Local Plan Sub-Committee meetings will be held, you only need to register your attendance if you wish to speak and make a presentation, members of the public are welcome to attend and listen.

County Cllr Siddall reported that he had received an e-mail back from the public rights of way officer relating to footpaths 15 and 22 with an apology regarding the tone of his original e-mail.

Government Reform – Mayor of Essex will be voted in next year.

25/088 Minutes.

Item 1. To confirm receipt of draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th April 2025.

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

Item 2. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th April 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Hough, seconded by Cllr Pawsey, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Waters, Cllr Strudwick and Cllr R. Edwards in favour, Cllr Colyer abstained as not present at the meeting resolution passed.

25/089 Co-option.

Item 1. To consider applicants and to co-opt candidate.

Item 2. Co-opted candidate to sign acceptance of office.

Item 3. Consent form to receive the Council Summons and agenda electronically.

Item 4. Declaration of Interests form to be completed and sent direct to BDC within 28 days.

No candidates to consider, an advert is on the noticeboard and website to place an item in the Grapevine, item to be on the next agenda.

25/090 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates. Local Plan sub-committee meeting, call for sites will be discussed on 19th June start at 7.15pm at Braintree District Council.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: EN0110021- Hedgehog Grove Solar Farm

Location: On land to the south of the A120 between Bannister Green and Bartholomew Green, in the county of Essex.

Description: Type of application: Generating Stations

Name of applicant: Hedgehog Grove Solar Farm Ltd

A solar farm generating station with a targeted export capacity of 98 MW, consisting of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and mounting structures, biodiversity enhancement, highway works for vehicular access, ancillary works (such as boundary treatments, security equipment and surface water management), and associated grid connection infrastructure including underground cabling to connect the development to the Braintree 132kV substation.

No Objection

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

Ref: 25/00980/TPO

Location: Orchard Cottage Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 65/00 - Ash tree to be felled.

No Objection

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

Ref: 25/00979/TPOCON & PP-13982414

Location: Thornlea Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PJ

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

Eucalyptus to be reduced to previous points which is roughly 4m

Red Oak to be reduced to previous points which is roughly 2-3m

No Objection

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

Ref: 25/01039/TPO

Location: Land At Wendell Crescent Gosfield Halstead Essex

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

Preservation Order 11/78 T3, T4, T5- Three mature oak trees.

T001 - Remove deadwood where this is at risk of falling on the path.

T002 - Remove deadwood where this is at risk of falling on the path.

T003 - Remove deadwood where this is at risk of falling on the path. Reduce the long limb extending out to the north by 6m to the growth points above the knee rail fence.

No Objection – Parish Council support this application

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

Ref: 25/01044/TPO

Location: 1A Gosfield Airfield Heddingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SA

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 03/2014. Removal of the following trees:-

T12 Horse Chestnut, T14 Field Maple, T15 & T16 Oak.

Planting of 2 No. Field Maple, 2 No. Wild Cherry, 3 No. Oak.

No Objection

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

Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Strudwick and Cllr R. Edwards left the meeting.

Ref: 25/01059/TPOCON

Location: Parklands House The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TJ

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: G1 - Mixed Hedge Ash and Holly - remove to ground level, leaving a 1 -2 foot stump G2 - Mixed Hedge, mainly blackthorn - prune face back to fence line.

No Objection.

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

Cllr T. Edwards returned to the meeting.

Ref: 25/01061/TPOCON

Location: Parklands House The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TJ

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area: H3 - Mixed hedge, reduce to previous pruning points and trim and tidy sides.

No Objection. Support application to prune hard back to fence line.

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

Cllr Strudwick and Cllr R. Edwards returned to the meeting.

Ref: 25/01034/PLD

Location: 1 Elizabeth Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1UU

Description: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development -

Use of the land for siting a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling.

(Due to the type of application this is for information only).

Ref: 25/01137/PLD

Location: 1 Highlands Gosfield Essex CO9 1PH

Description: Application for a Proposed Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed single storey side extension and porch.

(Due to the type of application this is for information only).

25/091 Financial Matters.

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

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

25/092 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Previous Minute No. 24/268 woodland known as The Lodge Plantation, Gosfield parcel of land for inclusion into the Nature Reserve, update by Cllr R. Edwards that he is going to contact the family.

Item 2. Previous minute No. 24/268 Complaint letter to Clarion and BDC regarding affordable housing – update re Edmund Green. Is still on the market at a reduced price.

Item 3. Previous minute No. 24/129 Open Space land at the top of Meadway – access gate to knee high fencing (BDC) public rights of way concerns regarding footpath 11, replacement of trees and to discuss the transfer of land. Ongoing no update.

Item 4. Highways – White Lines. White lines on the edge of the road near the kerb from the Kings head pub down to the Limes. Reported to Highways ref numbers 373559, 3731561 and 2946334 – update by Cllr Siddall is that this is currently being looked into, Cllr Siddall to chase up – on going to be on the next agenda.

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Signed.....
Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 16th June 2025

Item 5. Highways – Blocked gully/drains. Ref: 3766624, and 35321973 What three words: puffed.rival.nurtures - update by Cllr Siddall is that this is being investigated with a camera as a possible drain collapse.

Item 6. Car Park – Thanks expressed to the Perpetual Rowson Trust who have granted £30,000.00 and to the Community Shop who have granted £20,000.00 still waiting to hear from the National Lottery and BDC regarding the S106 funding.

Item 7. Skate Ramp previous minute 24/279 – The Crowdfunding page is now ready to go live, it was discussed and agreed that the Parish Council will not be offering rewards, Cllr R. Edwards to send the Clerk a link for a video. A poster was approved which will have a link and QR code, to be placed on the noticeboard, on the website and in the Grapevine magazine, to try to make everyone aware that we need to raise funds in order for the project to go ahead.

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

Item 8. Gosfield Nature Reserve previous minute no. 24/277- 5 Year Plan, item in the Grapevine and on website awaiting comments from members of the public – The school Children will be sending in letters - ongoing.

Item 9. Public Footpaths 15 and 22 – It was noted that the footpaths have already been re-directed, Parish Council to continue to object due to health & safety reasons, to find out the legal implications including any costs involved.

Item 10. Fairy trail in Gosfield Nature Reserve – update by Cllr Strudwick was that he has received a positive response relating to this. The GNR entrance from Kings Head Field footpath will need to be cleared and cut back at least 2mtrs wide to enable pushchairs etc to enter.

Item 11. Previous minute No. 24/146 The Beacon – The new Beacon has been installed therefore to remove item from future agendas.

Item 12. VE Day Events –All the events were very well attended, the Parish Council expressed thanks to all the organisers and volunteers, Cllr R. Edwards presented the accounts relating to these events, a donation of £911.13 will be made to the Essex Air Ambulance and £911.13 to the UK Armed Forces Combat Stress Charity, to remove item from future agendas.

Item 13. Neighbourhood Plan – Previous minute no. 25/048 waiting to receive comments back from BDC.

25/093 Street Lights.

Previous minute No. 24/251, 24/270, 25/012 and 25/030

To discuss and consider replacing the street lights with LED at a cost of £359.00 each – ongoing to be on the next agenda.

25/094 Street Light.

DM-89-37 Gosfield Tennis Club - A1017 Braintree Road, Gosfield - ECC-24-035

The Parish Council are happy with the upgraded Luminaire; it was noted that this is one of the lights which is not turned on.

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

25/095 RoSPA.

To discuss and consider the RoSPA report if received. Report not received item to be on the next agenda.

25/096 Special Motion – To revisit.

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

7. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

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. Allotments.

Allotment S106 Funding (Previous minute No. 24/130, 24/188, 24/278)

It was agreed to purchase a Polycarbonate greenhouse (applying for and using all the S106 funding available £1,175.47) the installation and gravel base costs to be put into the 2025/26 budget.

And

Bench for pétanque court/pitch Previous minute number 25/065 item 2.

A request has been received for a bench adjacent to the pétanque court. It was felt that the proposed bench was not in keeping with the other benches on the playing field and it was suggested that two benches without

backs, brown recycled material, would be acceptable. The benches should be installed on a concrete base and fixed down.

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

25/097 Allotments. Previous minute number 24/278.

It was re-discussed and considered not to purchase a polycarbonate greenhouse. The newly appointed allotment officers to hold an allotment meeting with the tenants to obtain further ideas/suggestions. Item to be on the next agenda.

25/098 Bench for pétanque court/pitch. Previous minute number 25/065 item 2.

It was re-discussed and considered the request for permission to install a bench with a back near the pétanque court/pitch.

Cllr Pawsey proposed the wooden bench, no seconder.

The brown recycled material bench would be acceptable; the bench should be fixed down.

Proposed by Cllr Hough, second by Cllr Strudwick, Cllr T. Edwards, Cllr Hough, Cllr Waters in favour, Cllr R. Edwards abstained.

25/099 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups.

Cllr Strudwick reported that the Wethersfield meeting was tonight, the village hall meeting is tomorrow night.

Cllr T. Edwards reported that lots of vehicles zoom into the car park very fast, the shop has requested a sign, "Slow beware of pedestrians" A3 size was agreed.

25/100 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.

Wethersfield Scrutiny Committee grant £250.00

25/101 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th June 2025 (7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 8.42pm

Gosfield Parish Council
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

19 May 2025 (2025-2026)

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
23 VE Day May 2025	19/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	23	Insurance VE Day	CAS Ltd	X	84.00		84.00
25 VE Day May 2025	19/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	24	VE Day Expenses	B & M Retail Ltd	Z	22.33		22.33
26 VE Day May 2025	19/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	25	VE Day Expenses	Lidl	Z	24.22		24.22
26 VE Day May 2025	19/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	25	VE Day Expenses	Lidl	S	6.06	1.21	7.27
27 VE Day May 2025	19/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	26	VE Day Expenses	Gosfield Community Shop	I	28.80		28.80
28 Pavilion & Playing Field Gener	21/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	27	New beacon for playing field	Barry Deal	Z	500.00		500.00
29 VE Day May 2025	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	28	VE Day Expenses	Maurice Rowson Hall	Z	23.75		23.75
30 Toilet Sundries	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	29	Toilet products	Tesco Stores Ltd	S	4.58	0.92	5.50
31 Telephone & Broadband	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	30	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	9.04		9.04
31 Telephone & Broadband	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	30	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	6.34		6.34
31 Stationery & Office Supplies	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	30	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	7.74		7.74
31 Car Mileage Allowance	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	30	Clerk's expenses	Jacob Mrs D	X	32.85		32.85
32 Pavilion Electricity	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	31	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	X	387.48		387.48
32 Pavilion Electricity	20/05/2025		Barclays Current Acc	31	Pavilion electricity	E-ON UK plc	L	28.57	1.43	30.00
Total								1,165.76	3.56	1,169.32

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