

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM.

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mark Bloomfield
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggi Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Together with 10 members of the public.

19/224 Welcome and Apologies for absence – Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Beavis.

19/225 Declarations of interest – Received and accepted from Cllr Colyer regarding item 19/230 item 12.

19/226 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest. Members of the public raised the following items:

TPO on the trees in The Limes, enforcement regarding Oak Grove soil movements update requested.
Gosfield Nature Reserve is not a suitable place for the bee seed bombs, the seeds/plants listed are suitable for arable land not suitable soil as the reserve has a specific habitat. Gosfield in Bloom have planted wild seeds in the village. Due to the recent vandalism CCTV cameras in the car park or locking the gate should be considered, Chairman explained CCTV cameras would be very expensive, locking the gate someone would need to be responsible for this and what would happen if cars were locked in, also the shop takes early deliveries so easy access is required. To contact the local Police for more presence in the village and to improve visual awareness.

19/227 County and District Councillors to address the members.

District Councillor Peter Schwier reported that Part 1 of the local plan will go out to public consultation on 14th January 9.30am-4.30pm at the Football stadium in Colchester. The budget for 2020-2021 is progressing well. Customer survey feedback is ongoing. A new corporate director will be appointed in the new year.

19/228 Minutes

Parish Council Meeting minutes held 21st October 2019, Cllr Moutard required amendment to item 19/214 to give more clarity. Approved and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour resolution passed.

19/229 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning Updates.

Ref: 18/02075/FUL

Going to Planning Committee on 19th November, at Causeway House
Codham Park Equestrian Codham Little Park Drive Wethersfield Essex CM7 5JQ
Extension and alteration to existing equestrian centre, involving the retention of the equestrian warm-up area and extended land for car parking, the proposed erection of an ancillary single-storey food and drink kiosk and the extension of the operating period for the use for 'Competitive Events' to between 1st March and 30th November.

(For information only).

Ref: 18/00279/Out The appeal will be determined at an informal hearing which will take place on 12th November regarding Shardlowes Farm, Hedingham Road Gosfield Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved

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except access, for the demolition of commercial buildings, erection of up to 135 dwellings including 54 affordable dwellings. Chairman gave an update, he went to the meeting no members of the public present and a site meeting was carried out by BDC, no feedback as yet.

(For information only).

Item 2. New Planning applications

Ref: 19/01311/FUL adjacent to 53 Halstead Road, Gosfield

Erection of a single detached dwelling house

Objection

Overdevelopment due to the height of the proposed dwelling, very little difference only slightly lower. The nearest and adjacent properties are small chalet bungalows, not in keeping with the street scene and rural area.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Edwards, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Bloomfield, Cllr Moutard, Cllr Cowie and Cllr Hough in favour, Cllr Waters abstained, resolution passed.

Ref: 19/01931/OUT

Land Adjacent White Ash House Braintree Road Gosfield

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2no. dwellings.

Objection

Outside the village envelope. Not in a sustainable location. Access onto a busy main Road.

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

Ref: 19/02002/HH

1 De Vere Place, Gosfield

Erection of single-story rear extension.

No Objection

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

Ref: 19/01993/FUL

Sports Pavilion Church Road Gosfield Essex

Proposed extension to the Playing Field Pavilion for the use of a Community Shop and alterations to roof.

(For information only)

19/230 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

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Item 1. Car Park – The top been scrapped off to try and make it level – to purchase more hardcore to fill holes, all agreed.

Item 2. Pot Holes reported to Highways – In the Street, and Church Road – No update as Cllr Beavis not present. Cllr Moutard requested urgent further update.

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

Item 4. Special Constables – on going.

Item 5. Mobile Phone Mast – update by Cllr Cowie due to the lack of response to survey this item will no longer be considered.

Item 6. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – only 4 people attended the meeting in October, to arrange another meeting in the new year, to invite RCCE representative, more support and volunteers required.

Item 7. Street Lights Working Group meeting, will take place on Tuesday 26th November, item to be on next agenda.

Item 8. Play Equipment and skateboard ramp repairs – All complete.

Item 9. Building on Parish Council Land – Enforcement has been made by BDC and building removed back to the boundary.

Item 10. VE Day -75 years anniversary on 8th May 2020 – support and volunteers required item to be placed in the Grapevine.

Item 11. Fund Raising – No update from Cllr Bloomfield.

Item 12. The Gosfield Community Shop – Meeting held with the ex-chairman of Toppesfield Parish Council to seek advice. The community benefit company to be set up in January, fund raising to start in the new year.

Thanks expressed to the Committee and volunteers.

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Item 13. Bin near the skate ramp – proposed that the new bin be installed outside the village shop near the door. Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Hough, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 14. Emergency Plan – Cllr Moutard to update and send to all Cllrs a week before the December Parish Council meeting ready to be approved in December.

Item 15. Plans for extension onto the Pavilion into BDC Planning – awaiting response from BDC. A Letter received from Sport England confirming their agreement to the extension.

Item 16. Playfield driveway bump – Contractor confirmed work will not be carried out until the Spring of 2020.

Item 17. Previous Minute number 19/215 item 1 Twinning Association Donation – awaiting confirmation.

Item 18. Previous Minute Number 19/211 item 13 Christmas Tree – The Social Club will install and decorate the Christmas tree. Switching on of lights date/time etc to be confirmed.

Item 19. Previous Minute Number 19/218 Response from Councillors – Chairman reminded Councillors to respond to e-mails

19/231 Community Grant.

Previous Minute number 19/191 and 19/192 for the £400.00 community grant, to purchase a Perspex newspaper stand for the Village Shop.

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

19/232 Chairman’s Board in Village Hall.

To send a letter to the Village Hall Management Committee to ask them to consider that the Chairman’s Board remains in the village hall.

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

19/233 Financial Matters.

Awaiting confirmation to the letter sent to the Twinning Association asking for a donation of £250.00 towards the village sign.

£500.00 transfer to the Pavilion sinking fund, to be carried out in January 2020.

Approved accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 18 November 2019						
Supplier	Invoice Date	Total Payable	VAT Input Tax Recoverable	Net Cost to GPC	Grant/ Amount Recoverable	Brief Description of Supply
For approval and payment						
Maurice Rowson Hall	31/10/2019	13.00	0.00	13.00		Room hire for neighbourhood plan public meeting
MD Landscapes	31/10/2019	270.00	45.00	225.00		Grass cutting all areas + play area & skate park
A & J Lighting	04/11/2019	1017.54	169.59	847.95		2 streetlight repairs, nos 9 and 64
Playquip	05/11/2019	1194.90	199.15	995.75		Skate park repairs
Playquip	05/11/2019	5677.51	946.25	4731.26		New nets, chain protector, black wet pour, 2 flat swing seats
A & J Lighting	12/11/2019	101.40	16.90	84.50		Street light repair no 14
Tesco	26/10/2019	27.32	4.55	22.77		Cleaning products
David Self Tree Surgery	06/11/2019	280.00	0.00	280.00		Deadwood trees, remove growth from lime tree in play area, remove split limb from oak tree over zip wire
Total		8581.67	1381.44	7200.23	0.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 22.10.19 to 18.11.19						
e-on		268.55	3.33	16.67	248.55	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1010.38	0.00	1010.38		Payroll costs incl pension
		1278.93	3.33	1027.05	248.55	
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
EALC		120.00	20.00	100.00		S Moutard Adv Councillor Training Day 2-approved during meeting
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British Legion		55.50	0.00	55.50		3 poppy wreaths
		535.50	80.00	455.50	0.00	
Total Payments		10396.10	1464.77	8682.78	248.55	

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

19/234 Playing Field.

Playing field fencing between car park and the field, and security was discussed. It was agreed to pay half with the Playing Field Committee to install concrete posts, painted white with reflectors.

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

19/235 Local Plan. Local Plan.

Consider support of Part 2 Local Plan sooner and revisit Garden Communities later in line with the Government Inspector’s Option 1, stops speculative developers which could impact Gosfield.

To note that the date has passed to comment - This item deferred – to be on the next agenda.

19/236 Community Litter Pick.

It was agreed that as Gosfield Parish Council employ a litter picker and no areas are of concern, that a community litter pick was not required at present.

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

19/237 Tree covering street Light outside primary school.

To consider sending a letter to the school asking for the tree to be cut back.

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

19/238 Item 1. To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. Cllr Moutard reported on the recent Cllr Training days attended.

Item 2. War Memorial - The Gosfield War Memorial dedication ceremony in St Catherine’s Church was well attended. Letter of thanks to be sent on behalf of the village, to the War Memorial Committee.

19/239 Items for next agenda.

Open Spaces Action Plan

QR Code for War Memorial to discuss annual payment

19/240 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 19/241 an 19/242 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.

Resolution to exclude members of the press and public.

Proposed by Cllr Waters seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour resolution passed

19/241

Contract of employment discussed, to appoint a handyman on a 3-month trial.

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

19/242 Website

Quotes were considered and it was agreed to appoint Pale September to be the new website provider.

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

19/243 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th December 2019 (7.15pm) in the Pavilion.

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm.