

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2021
AT THE PAVILION, THE PLAYING FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, GOSFIELD AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Beavis
Cllr Mark Bloomfield
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
District Cllr Peter Schwier

Two members of the public

21/125 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Joanne Colyer and Cllr Chris Siddall (due to work commitments).

21/126 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 Pawsey regarding item 21/130 item 1.

21/127 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public aired his concerns regarding the Parish Council possibly getting into long term debt regarding item 21/133.

21/128 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

Cllr Schwier reported that support grants have been issued to 350 businesses helping to create 130 jobs and are available up until 6th December. On Saturday 20th November 5.30pm BDC are organising a big event Christmas lights switch on and opening of the new pedestrian High Street project in Braintree. BDC have won a playing field award thanks expressed to the operations teams of all their hard work put in to ensure the public gardens/open spaces etc look beautiful. He was asked if it would be possible for BDC to extend the green waste collection dates, his reply was that it encourages residents to turn leaves into good compost and it was very unlikely for this to change due to the costs involved.

21/129 Minutes.

Item 1. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2021, these were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

Item 2. To confirm the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 27th October 2021.

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

21/130 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Ref:21/00726/FUL

Description: Erection of 19 dwellings with associated access, parking, garaging, landscaping and amenity space

Location: Land South Of The Limes Gosfield Essex

BDC have rejected this application as the developer was unable to agree to sign the S106 agreement.

Jo Beavis abstained from taking part in this section of the meeting.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 21/03057/TPOCON

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Birch (T1) Fell and grind stump and Ornamental plum (T2) Crown reduction of 1-2 metres to reduce the crown spread.

Location: Galleon House Edmund Green Gosfield Essex CO9 1UF

No objection but to replant a replacement tree.

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

Ref: 21/03201/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 65/00 - Oak - Leaning towards the house and the customer would like the branches growing towards the house to be reduced by 2-3m. Dead wood and storm damage to be removed.

Location: 8 Chestnut Avenue Gosfield Essex CO9 1TD

No objection

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

Ref: 21/02767/FUL

Description: Construction of a building for general storage within arable field alongside associated works.

Location: Glen Cottage Park Lane Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Objection

An extremely large building which would intrude into the open countryside.

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

Ref: 21/03243/TPO

Description: Notice intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 1/03 - Ash tree in rear garden. To be pollarded by 10meters.

Location: 8 Ox Yard The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TU

Objection

10 metres is too much and it was felt this would be detrimental to the tree.

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

Ref: 21/03301/HH

Description: Insertion of rear dormer window.

Location: 23 Highlands Gosfield Essex CO9 1PH

No objection

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

Ref: 21/03352/HH

Description: Proposed Loft Conversion including the insertion of side facing roof lights, proposed porch and proposed cedar cladding to front elevation.

Location: 1 Edmund Green Gosfield Essex CO9 1UF

No objection

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

Ref: 21/03377/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 23/82 - Crown reduce Oak tree by approx. 1.5- 2 metres of height and spread to suitable growth and reduction points.

Location: 16 Greenways Gosfield Essex CO9 1TW

No objection

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

Cllr Pawsey suggested that a pre-advice planning application should be put forward to BDC, to hold a site meeting with BDC and historical advisers to reconsider keeping the portacabin and lifting the enforcement notice, to try to retain the existing building and thus not incurring such an expense.

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

21/131 Financial Matters.

Item 1. Approve accounts for payment

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 15 November 2021						
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	31.10.21	537.60	89.60	448.00		Grass cutting x 2' play area/skate park x 1
Mrs D Jacob	29.10.21	72.12		72.12		Clerks expenses
Kempz Kottage	9.11.21	330.00		330.00		Works to allotment plots 8 and 9 plus bonfire
HandyKing	10.11.21	25.00		25.00		Clearing HaHa ditch
HandyKing	10.11.21	65.00		65.00		Supply & fit new handdryer in pavilion gents toilet
Royal British Legion	2.11.21	51.00		51.00		3 poppy wreaths
Eraserpest	15.11.21	195.00		97.50	97.50	3 rat control visits to rubbish container at the playing field
Total		1275.72	89.60	1088.62	97.50	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 19.10.21 to 15.11.21						
e-on		285.85	3.33	16.67	265.85	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs incl PAYE		1060.48		1060.48		
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Total Payments		2622.05	92.93	2165.77	363.35	

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

Item 2. Budget – To advise the RFO of any new items to be in the 2022/23 budget by 30th November.

It was noted that funding had received from the Rowson Trust Fund of £2,336.80 for the Play area safety surfaces, Clerk to send letter of thanks.

21/109 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Architects, Building Regulations regarding the extension – meeting taken place and drawings on going.

Item 2. Village shop – Doing very well at the present time, going to set up a bank account this week for the Community Benefit Society.

Item 3. Special Constables – ongoing.

Item 4. Fund Raising for the shop – ongoing, Cllr Bloomfield and Cllr Moutard requested a detailed plan of the funds raised to date, and how much funds would need to be raised (until specification of works and building regulations obtained, which will specify the materials etc it is difficult to produce a cost figure). To implement an ongoing spreadsheet to keep everyone up to date with progress.

Item 5. Local Plan – ongoing at BDC.

Item 6. Neighbourhood Plan – update by Cllr Bloomfield that the residents survey has been sent out and obtained some response back which will take time to collate.

Item 7. Previous Minute No. 21/027 Hedging To consider hedging the playing field. BDC are able to provide some free hedging but not enough, to arrange a volunteer working group to plant them, possibly children, scouts, brownies etc.

Item 8. Previous Minute No. 21/118 Playing Field Management Committee- No meeting held – ongoing.

Item 9. Previous Minute No. 21/186 Purchase of copper beech tree to be planted at the top of the Playing Field - Cllr Waters is in the process of purchasing.

Item 10. Previous Minute No. 21/190 Road signs – now installed, work completed.

Item 11. Previous Minute N. 21/191 item 2 GNR – update by Cllr Waters reported that the nettles and brambles, bridge over footpath have been cleared.

Item 12. Previous Minute No.21/192 Footpath Map – Cllr Waters reported that original art work was required, Cllr Hough, Cllr Pawsey and Cllr Waters to search the Parish Council records in the Maurice Rowson Hall – ongoing.

Item 13. Previous Minute No. 21/161 Lighting the Beacon – still awaiting volunteers to light the beacon – ongoing.

Item 14. Previous Minute No. 21/197 Speed Camera - Cllr Moutard reported that the application has been submitted for the Locality funding.

Item 15. (Previous minute no. 21/133) Highways Priority list of highway improvements for Gosfield issued by Cllr Beavis, item deferred to be on the January agenda.

Item 16. Previous Minute No. 21/111 Gosfield Nature Reserve Risk Assessment. Cllr Bloomfield to draft a risk assessment to be sent to Westover Woodlands for comment and to all Councillors prior to this meeting – item ongoing Cllr Bloomfield to make contact with Westover Woodlands.

Item 17. 21/114 Previous minute No. 21/114 Allotments – work now complete.

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 13th December 2021

21/133 Public Works Loan.

To consider and discuss information.

It was noted that this would have to go out to public consultation.

Events raising funds to pay back the loan would be difficult in future years.

Likely to need significant amount of money to get this built and a more structured approach required.

21/134 GNR.

Item 1. The track from Halstead Road to the GNR car park, the local farmer will undertake work to cut back hedge and fill potholes this year. But, in the future to hold a meeting to consider future maintenance.

Item 2. Improving the water quality at the GNR to allow fishing. Cllr Moutard to contact Stephen Westover and to arrange a water quality test, to find out the cost implications – item to be on the next agenda.

21/135 Large commercial Bins.

To note BDC are providing 2 x 1100 Ltr wheeled bins free of charge for the playing field car park. Thanks to Cllr Edwards for organising this with BDC.

21/136 BDC Action Plan.

To confirm if anything should be added or removed, Cllrs to review the BDC Action Plan and this item to be on the next agenda.

21/137 Gosfield in Bloom.

To consider permission for the planter outside the playing field. The planter needs to be moved to a different location away from the shop sign.

Proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Beavis, Cllr Waters, Cllr Bloomfield Cllr Cowie and Cllr Water in favour, Cllr Pawsey and Cllr Hough do not like the planter and object, resolution passed.

21/138 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. Village Hall due to hold a meeting soon regarding the acoustics in the hall.

Health and Safety issue - could street light number 69 at Meadway be switched on now that the building works are taking place.

Proposed by Cllr Moutard, seconded by Cllr Beavis, Cllr Edward, Cllr Pawsey, Cllr Hough, Cllr Bloomfield and Cllr Cowie in favour, Cllr Waters abstained – resolution passed.

21/139 Christmas Tree 2021.

The Parish Council would like a Christmas tree in the village, Cllr Waters to contact the Social Club to arrange and Parish Council to make a contribution towards a Christmas tree.

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

21/140 Date of Next Meeting.

Due to Christmas holidays the Parish Council meeting will be brought forward to 13th December 2021, so the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on 13th December 2021.

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

21/141 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 21/142 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.n

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

21/142 Personnel Matters.

Litter Picker position.

Due to the resignation of Tony Snowdon, it was agreed to accept the application from Christine Snowdon.

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

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm