

DRAFT - MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 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 Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Sara Moutard
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
County Cllr Chris Siddall
District Cllr Peter Schwier

No members of the public

21/102 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Chairman welcomed everyone. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr Bloomfield (due to work commitments).

21/103 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 Colyer regarding item 21/109 item 1.

21/104 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present.

21/105 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, the High Street project in Braintree is ongoing hoping to create 100 jobs, pedestrianisation to be finished in the autumn. Plans on the way for Halstead High Street including CCTV, free WFI etc the cycling strategy has been approved, electrical scooters trial ongoing to the spring. Hedingham Medical Centre planning application has been submitted hopefully to be completed in March 2023 to serve the local community. BDC have free spring bulbs and trees available to community groups etc.

Cllr Siddall reported that he had attended his first Council meeting in full chamber. Hedges/trees overgrown the pavements in Hedingham Road etc are the land owner's responsibility and the Parish Council should ask them to be cut back, if they don't then Highways will carry out the work and invoice the landowners. Deprivation within different regions of Essex requires levelling up and hopes Everyone Essex will work together to enable this. Covid numbers are high in Essex and going up.

21/106 Minutes.

Item 1. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th September 2021, these were approved as a true and accurate record.

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

21/107 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates – it was noted that 69 Halstead Road had put in an appeal.

Item 2. New Planning Applications.

Ref: 21/02900/FUL

Description: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 No. dwellings with detached double garages.

Location: 53 Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PG

Objection

Over development with the rural local community which currently consists of single storey dwellings the proposed houses are higher than the neighbours.

Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Cowie, Cllr Colyer, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Hough, Cllr Waters, in favour, Cllr Moutard abstained, Cllr Beavis also abstained and confirmed that she will no longer be voting on any future planning applications as she has been appointed onto the BDC Planning Committee - resolution passed.

21/108 Financial Matters.

Item 1. Approve accounts for payment

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 18 October 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						
HandyKing	16.8.21	60.00		60.00		Works to chain link fence childrens play area
Darkins	22.9.21	2.50	0.42	2.08		Latch for pavilion men's toilet
Suregreen	22.9.21	75.00	12.50	62.50		Wooden stakes to mark allotments
Paul Clark Printing	29.9.21	369.00		369.00		720 A5 magazines
Braintree Association of Local Councils	30.9.21	40.00		40.00		BALC annual subscription
Wave	9.9.21	238.46		238.46		Pavilion water
HandyKing	4.10.21	60.00		60.00		Re-tension gate childrens play area/clear HaHa ditch/manhold inspections
Playsafety	5.10.21	36.00	6.00	30.00		Routine play area inspections checklist
MD Landscapes Ltd	1.10.21	657.60	109.60	548.00		Grass cutting x 2 plus allotment hedge
Mrs D Jacob	30.9.21	65.47		65.47		Clerks expenses
Dyno	6.10.21	162.00	27.00	135.00		Unblocked manhole rear of pavilion
Richard Edwards Group	23.9.21	101.70	16.95	84.75		Payroll processing July to September
e-on	2.10.21	525.95	25.05	500.90		Streetlight electricity
Playground Facilities Ltd	15.10.21	5608.48	934.75	4673.73		Rubber mulch to large slide, toddler slide and steps
Tesco	15.10.21	16.47	2.75	13.72		Cleaning materials
Total		8018.63	1135.02	6883.61	0.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 21.9.21 to 18.10.21						
e-on		227.03	3.33	16.67	207.03	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs incl PAYE and pensions		1333.05		1333.05		
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Total Payments		9578.71	1138.35	8233.33	207.03	
					0.00	

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

Item 2. To note conclusion, external auditor report and certificate for 2020-2021 No matters giving cause for concern that relevant legalisation and regulatory requirements have been met.

Thanks expressed to Richard Edwards the Responsible Financial Officer for all his hard work.

21/109 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Architects, Building Regulations regarding the extension – a meeting has taken place, layout etc discussed vaulted ceiling was discussed loss of heat and lighting could be an issue, heating and air-conditioning, public toilets. Shop to obtain quotes for the internal shop fitting. Awaiting revised plans to come back.

Item 2. Special Constables – ongoing.

Item 3. Fund Raising for the pavilion – ongoing.

Item 4. Local Plan – ongoing.

Item 5. Neighbourhood Plan – No update by Cllr Bloomfield as he was not present.

Item 6. Previous Minute No. 21/027 Hedging. Free hedging as been applied for from BDC but this might not be enough to complete the whole area.

Item 7. Previous Minute No. 21/118 Playing Field Management Committee- Constitution agreement - ongoing.

Item 8. Previous Minute No. 21/186 Purchase of copper beech tree to be planted at the top of the Playing Field Cllr Waters to purchase and plant.

Item 9. Previous Minute No. 21/189 To appoint a Councillor as the Passenger Transport Representative – Cllr Beavis was appointed the Passenger Transport Representative proposed by Cllr Colyer, seconded by Cllr Edwards, all in favour, resolution passed.

Item 10. Previous Minute No. 21/190 Road signs – on order with BDC.

Item 11. Benches and Children’s Play area check list check list – It was agreed that Councillors would carry out monthly inspections in the winter months on a rota basis up to February so this item to be on the March agenda, now received an approved RoSPA check list. Councillors to consider attending both the training course and exam next year. Benches to be checked once a month.

Item 12. Previous Minute N. 21/191 item 2 GNR – update by Cllr Waters re nettles and brambles, bridge over footpath still ongoing.

Item 13. Previous Minute No.21/192 Footpath Map –Cllr Pawsey handed Cllr Waters an updated version of the map. Cllr Waters to contact printers to discuss alterations.

Item 14. Previous Minute No. 21/161 Lighting the Beacon – To advertise in the Grapevine if a volunteer could orange this event.

Item 15. Previous Minute No. 21/197 Speed Camera Cllr Moutard explained that they are now looking to purchase a SL700 Laser speed camera for £3,00.00 Plus VAT going to get a valid quote and apply for the Community Grant of £2,000.00 Maurice Rowson Fund £500.00 and Parish Council £500.00.

Item 16. Previous Minute No. 21/198 Trees and drains, BDC have been informed about the dead branches in the Trees at the Limes, the drains in The Street have been cleared.

21/110 Highways. (Previous minute no. 21/133)

A priority list of highway improvements for Gosfield will be issued by Cllr Beavis, to be on the next agenda to be approved by the Parish Council and then to be sent onto Highways.

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. Ongoing to be on the next agenda.

21/112 Public Works Loan.

To consider and discuss information. Awaiting information from the EALC, to be on the next agenda.

21/113 Speed Limits.

To discuss and consider speed limits throughout the village. This was discussed under item 21/110 and will be incorporated onto the priority list.

21/114 Allotments.

Item 1. To discuss and consider the tenancy agreement. Enforcement will need to be tighter and conditions controlled. Before agreeing that any bonfires can take place to check the covenant over the land.

Item 2. T discuss and consider quotes regarding plot 9 and wooden compost bin structure on plot 8, using a one-off bonfire. It was agreed to clear plot 9 and the wooden structure/compost bin from plot 8 at a total cost of £330.00 if it can be agreed to allow a bonfire.

21/115 Royal British Legion.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase 3 poppy wreaths.

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

21/116 GNR boundary and track from Halstead Road.

Item 1. Farmer requested permission for trimming the boundary along the edge of GNR, which needs trimming and clearing. Permission was granted for him the trim the boundary along the edge of the GNR and clear.

Item 2. The track from Halstead Road to the GNR car park, to be discussed at a later date.

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

21/117 Gosfield In Bloom.

Gosfield in Bloom would like to try and re-position the muck spreader which is currently at the entrance to Transporters - but unfortunately, it’s not working well in that area. They have a few suggestions as follows:

1. The pull in area on Halstead Road next to Georgie Roy's property on the grass bank so as not to block the farmer's field
2. By the bus stop on the grass bank in the dip on Halstead Road (but this is under trees so may not work)
3. The grass bank on church road before the entrance to the playing field.

Once a new position is agreed we will then need to reapply to Highways for a license (along with a few other areas we want to put beds/new planters to cover a 5–10-year plan).

The Parish council agreed to option 3 above and for them to reapply to Highways for a license for any other areas if required.

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

21/118 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. None.

21/119 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.

Improving the water quality at the GNR to allow fishing.

21/120 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 15th November 2021 (at 7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 9:25 pm