

MINUTES OF GOSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON

MONDAY 21st September 2020

(Due to the Coronavirus and Government advice
this virtual meeting was held by Microsoft Teams)

Item 20/162 on the agenda - The Press and Public were invited to e-mail, contact/send comments to the
Parish Clerk

Present:

Cllr Bob Waters (Chairman)
Cllr Tricia Edwards (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Jo Beavis (Left the meeting after item 20/165)
Cllr Mark Bloomfield
Cllr Joanne Colyer
Cllr Sam Cowie
Cllr Carol Hough
Cllr Maggie Pawsey
Mrs Diane Jacob (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Peter Schwier
No members of the public

20/160 Welcome and Apologies for Absence. Chairman welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Sara Moutard due to technical issues.

20/161 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 20/167 item 7.

20/162 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present.

20/163 County and District Councillors to address the members if present.

County Councillor, Cllr Beavis reported as follows: -Thanked the collaborative working between the Parish Council, Braintree District Council and Essex County Council regarding planning and enforcement issues at 69 Halstead Road.

JB advised that she had also spoken to Essex Police to understand if issues of Anti-Social Behaviour were evidence from the site.

JB advised that the Director of Public Health for Essex, at Essex County Council, was proactively engaging with Central Government to monitor the Essex situation as regards to the Corona Virus Pandemic. She advised that Essex County Council was suffering huge income losses resulting from the Pandemic due to the cost of rising adult social care, children in care and lack of income from parks and open spaces. She was concerned that this could impact on front line services and that she would be proactively be engaging in the budget process, on behalf of local residents, to protect local services.

She advised that each County Councillor had a community budget of £10,000.00 She advised that she had supported the cost of the rocking horse repairs in the Children's Play Area and that the application process was in validation.

She also advised that she would be supporting a new salt bin at the junction of The Limes with The Street, due to an increase in traffic that could result from the new homes development.

She advised that the offices of Essex County Council remained shut and that all Council and Councillor meetings were taking place via Zoom and Teams (virtual meeting platforms).

She advised that each County Councillor was to report their top 50 pot holes. She advised that the pot holes in The Limes, at the junction with The Street. School Park. The pot holes at the end of Hall Drive, at the junction of The Street formed a part of her top 50 list.

She advised that Essex County Council had placed her on the Essex Adoptions and Fostering Panel for Essex, following training, DBS checks and an extensive interview. She advised that Essex County Council had received national recognition for Outstanding Children Services and that 1,050 young people remained in care.

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Signed.....

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date: 19th October 2020

District Councillor, Cllr Schwier gave a report on the following:
BDC Covid 19 rules - Office for public opened 7 Sept. Starting Dementia Friendly activities.
Issued 1st Pavement License with several others in the pipeline. Enforcement has much increased workload -part Covid 19/working from home/noise etc.
3065 businesses in district signed up to receive 'Business Newsletter'
282 Flytips in 1st Q this year - increase of 35% currently 10 Fly Tipping prosecution cases being progressed Fly- tips removed within 24Hrs of being reported.
Community Transport has helped people with prescriptions and shopping requests. Business engagement through our closed Facebook page up 298%

20/164 Minutes.

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th August 2020. Cllr Bloomfield wanted his name changed under previous item 20/156 Clerk apologised for the error, minutes then confirmed and approved.
Proposed by Cllr Pawsey, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour, resolution passed.

20/165 Planning Matters.

Item 1. Planning updates.

Item 2. Planning applications and TPO.

Ref: 20/01331/FUL

Description: Installation of 20m slimline lattice mast to replace the existing 15m monopole mast, accommodating 3 No. O2 antennas and 1 No 0.6m and 1 no. 0.3m transmission dishes. Relocation of existing EE/H3G antennas and transmission dishes onto the new mast. Installation of 3 No. ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary works.

Location: Shardlowes Farm Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/01273/OUT

Description: Erection of two commercial units for offices/workshops

Location: Land Adjacent A.R. Clarke (Builders) Office Gosfield Airfield Hedingham Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1SA

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/00288/TPOCON

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

Fell 1 Ash tree

Location: North Lodge Hall Drive Gosfield Essex CO9 1SX

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/00291/TPO

Description: Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 23/82 - Oak tree to have the side overhanging 15 Edmund green reduced back to the fence which is 1-2m Max because it's too overpowering in the garden.

Location: 12 Park Cottages The Street Gosfield Essex CO9 1TJ

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/00500/REM

Description: Application for approval of Reserved Matters (appearance and landscaping) of outline planning consent 17/00119/OUT - Demolition of existing buildings and hardstanding and construction of 8 no. new dwellings together with new vehicular access onto New Road and associated development

Location: Land Rear Of 10 New Road Gosfield Essex

No Objection

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

Ref: 20/01438/VAR

Description: Variation of Condition 2 Approved Plans of permission 18/01039/FUL

for: New Centre for Performing Arts. Amendment would allow: - Reduction in the footprint of the building.

Location: Gosfield School Halstead Road Gosfield Essex CO9 1PF

Support this application according to Officers recommendations.

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

Ref: 20/00292/TPO

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

Preservation Order 23/82 - Various trees located next to footpath into Gosfield Nature Reserve needs to be reduced back to the customers fence line as its overhanging the customer's garden. The trees will be reduced by 0.5-1m as agreed with (BDC tree officer).

Location: 1 De Vere Place Gosfield Essex CO9 1FJ

No Objection

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

To consider any other applications received.

69 Halstead Road, Gosfield

Complaints received from residents due to developments, thanks expressed to Cllr Beavis and Cllr Schwier and to BDC for their prompt intervention and action.

20/166 Financial Matters.

Item 1. Approve accounts for payment.

Gosfield Parish Council						
Payment Approval & Reporting						
Council Meeting 21 September 2020						
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	30/08/2020	501.60	83.60	418.00		Grass cutting, 2 cuts + 2 x verges Hall Drive
Land Registry	30/08/2020	6.00		6.00		Obtained by Cllr Edwards re 69 Halstead Road
Land Registry	03/09/2020	6.00		6.00		Obtained by Cllr Edwards re 71 Halstead Road
Tesco	30/08/2020	23.55	3.93	19.62		Obtained by Cllr Bloomfield re PPE re Neighbour Plan re Covid 19
Amazon	27/08/2020	14.97		14.97		Obtained by Cllr Bloomfield re PPE re Neighbour Plan re Covid 19
B Thomas	11/09/2020	100.00		100.00		Picnic Table and bench seat repairs Playing Field
A & J Lighting	14/09/2020	220.14	36.69	183.45		Streetlight Repairs re No 18, opposite Greenfields turning
B & Q	26/08/2020	6.00	1.00	5.00		Obtained by Cllr Waters re padlock for children's play area gate
Boots	11/09/2020	14.70	2.45	12.25		Photos obtained by Cllr Waters of benches etc for asset register
HandyKing	17/09/2020	40.00		40.00		HaHa clearing and removal of unsafe playing field bench
Total		932.96	127.67	805.29	0.00	
Reported under Financial Regulation 5.6						
Payments, which are approved annually, made during the period 18.8.20 to 20.9.20						
e-on	03/09/2020	219.41	3.33	16.67	199.41	Pavilion electricity
Payroll costs		1090.13	0.00	1090.13		
Previously Approved payments paid during the month						
Total Payments		2242.50	131.00	1912.09	199.41	

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

20/167 Matters Arising from previous minutes.

Item 1. Highways Issues Cllr Beavis reported under item 20/163.

Item 2. Bus Shelter request, little or no hardstanding, request has been validated ready to go to the Local Highways Panel.

Item 3. Previous minute no. 20/135 – Salt bin at the end of the Limes – update by Cllr Beavis under item 20/163.

Item 4. Special Constables – Chairman and Vice-Chairman to hold a meeting with a possible recruit.

Item 5. Plans for extension onto the Pavilion into BDC Planning – The Parish Council should receive a decision on this application as soon as enforcement notice needs to be served on the Community Shop before this can be considered.

Item 6. Fund Raising – Cllr Bloomfield updated that fundraising has been discussed regarding the Scarecrow trail which hopefully will take place next summer, but will check to see if it is still viable nearer the time, business sponsors could be an issue in this difficult time.

Item 7. The Gosfield Community Shop – continues to be progressing very well more volunteers are required.

Item 8. Local Plan – no news at present, section 1 needs to be approved before section 2 Planning Inspector will be making that decision.

Item 9. Play area – all work has now been completed and the play area is now open and very busy.

Item 10. Gosfield Nature Reserve – all works have been completed the deep-water signs have been installed near the ponds as existing signs in place at each entrance.

Item 13. Tractor Shed – Insurance claim has been received all money to be kept in a separate fund until the spring.

Item 14. E-mail Address – Cllr Beavis, Cllr Cowie and Cllr Moutard still to install and use dedicated e-mail address.

20/168 Car Park.

Various options were considered, more information required regarding costs – item deferred until next meeting.

20/169 Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan ‘Drop in events’ have been postponed and might not continue now until after Christmas. Covid 19 Risk Assessment adopted by the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. A Facebook page has been set up and a separate newsletter. Engagement with the community and more volunteers required.

20/170 Council Documents.

Item 1. To consider to adopt a Social Media Policy.

Item 2. To consider to adopt a General Data Protection Policy.

Item 3. To consider to adopt the Covid 19 Risk Assessment.

After a long discussion this item was deferred until the next meeting

20/171 Data Protection.

The Parish Council to consider subscribing to the Information Commissioner Officer at an annual cost of £40.00 which covers data protection.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

20/172 Quality Council.

To consider if Gosfield Parish Council would like to work towards becoming a Quality Council at a cost of £50 registration fee to NALC and £100 to the EALC.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

20/173 Trees.

Over hanging branches in Hall Drive.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

20/174 Playing Field Management Committee.

To receive a report from Cllr Hough and Cllr Pawsey. No meetings have taken place so no report available.

20/175 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, village representatives, and Parish Council working groups. No reports given.

20/176 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.

No new items to add at present.

20/177 Date of Next Meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th October 2020 (7.15pm).

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm