

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr C Dervish
Cllr M Renow
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr L Shaw
Cllr T Munt
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr K Gallifant
Cllr H Knightbridge
District Cllr D Bebb
Clerk
1 member of the public

20/177 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Greaves.

20/178 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

20/179 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in handyman matters and item 20/188.

20/180 Essex County Councillor Update

No update received.

20/181 Braintree District Councillor Update

District Councillors Bebb and Dervish reported the following:

- Final adoption of modified North Essex Local Plan Section 1.
- No increase on the Braintree District Council portion of Council Tax; some of general reserves used to balance the budget.
- Average of 1.28% Council Tax increases since 2008; one of the lowest in the county.
- 2% staff pay increase.
- No increase on car parking charges in the district.
- Electric car charging points being installed in Witham.
- Last meeting for District Councillor Bebb. He was first elected in 2007 and has enjoyed working with the Parish Council. Councillor Weale offered thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for David's service to the community.
- District Councillor grant approved for the refurbishment of the Nounsley bus shelter and £400 was awarded to the Junior School for a memorial garden. Uclaimed funds can be carried over into the next financial year.
- Focus on reopening leisure centres.
- District Councillor Dervish thanked David for his advice and support.
- Councillor Gallifant to take over negotiations for a Maldon relief road.

20/182 Public Participation

No matters raised.

20/183 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. No further information available on the purchase of a brush cutter.

20/184 Burial Ground

A double interment in plot 659 has taken place.

Fees received for February: £745.

20/185 Planning

The following applications were considered:

21/00171/HH – Single-storey side extension at 4 Willow Crescent, Hatfield Peverel. **No comment.**

21/00437/HH – Single-storey extension to rear with a single-storey infill between house and garage at 7 Yew Tree Close, Hatfield Peverel. **No comment.**

The following applications were noted:

21/00521/TPO – Tree works at 45 Willow Crescent, Hatfield Peverel.

20/186 Finance and General Purposes

The February budget update was received without comment.

The possible return to face-to-face meetings after 7th May was discussed. **(a) It was resolved that** the Parish Council to cancel the 2021 Annual Parish meeting and instead to publish an Annual Report, as in 2020. **(b) It was resolved that** the Parish Council to change the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting from 10th May to 5th May so that it can be held virtually.

(c) It was resolved that the Parish Council to adopt the model Standing Orders that were revised in 2020.

20/187 Environment

It was resolved that the Parish Council to site the second defibrillator unit at the railway station, subject to permission being granted by Greater Anglia and following clarification on whether Bellway are installing a unit at the Arla Dairy development. If permission is not granted, or if a unit will be installed by Bellway, then a location in Nounsley will be researched.

The Council was not in favour of purchasing 'no littering' signs.

20/188 Traffic

It was resolved that the Parish Council to appoint DW Maintenance to carry out a refurbishment of the Nounsley bus shelter at a cost of £555. £500 towards this project has been awarded through the District Councillors' Grant. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*

An update on matters arising from the recent Traffic Advisory Group meeting was given.

20/189 Community Park

Recent bonfires and other works on the site were discussed. **It was resolved that** the Parish Council to ask Savills to incorporate a clause within the fishing club lease to prevent items being brought on site for burning or disposal.

20/190 Streetlight Replacement

A progress update was given on the replacement of the streetlight in Remembrance Avenue that was damaged last year.

20/191 Sole Trustee Secretary Role

It was resolved that the Parish Council to fund the role of Secretary to provide advice and support with regulatory compliance in its role as Sole Trustee.

20/192 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the February 2021 accounts for payment be approved:

SSE Southern Electric	£240.14
Greenfields	£49.76
HM Revenue & Customs	£394.88
Plusnet	£29.15
Braintree District Council	£143.00
Staff costs	£2,065.68
DW Maintenance	£1,447.50
Pot Shop Garden Centre	£649.44
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£150.00
Rural Community Council of Essex	£66.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	£1,111.86

Councillor Wallace abstained

20/193 General Announcements

The Clerk raised the following:

- Meeting between the Parish Council, Strutt and Parker Farms and the Allotment Association on 3rd March.
- Longfield Solar Farm – meeting to update the Parish Council requested by them. Date/time to be confirmed.
- Letter sent to the Parish Council's solicitor ending the relationship due to ongoing communication difficulties.

Councillor Gallifant raised the following:

- Concerns around the MUGA being used during lockdown closure. Police attended.
- Decision on whether Party in the Park will go ahead in 2021 to be made soon.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th April 2021