

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**Those present:**

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)  
Cllr D Broddle  
Cllr T Munt  
Cllr R Parker  
Cllr M Renow  
Cllr S Smith  
Cllr D Wallace  
Cllr T Weale  
Clerk  
8 members of the public

**26/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Elliston, Purser and Short.

**26/26 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**26/27 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Wallace in item 26/40.

**26/28 Essex County Councillor Update**

Councillor John Morris was not present.

**26/29 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update**

Councillor Dervish raised the following:

- Councillor Dervish is now Cabinet Member for Safer Communities.
- Councillor Tom Cunningham is the Leader of BDC.
- Local Plan sub-committee is reviewing consultation responses.
- New bin collections started on 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – the North East Essex Unitary is looking at being the 15<sup>th</sup> largest unitary in the country with 101 councillors proposed to serve the population.
- The new ECC administration has put in a legal challenge to LGR.

**26/30 Public Participation**

Three members of the public raised the following:

- Concerns over recent disturbance in village. Residents were urged to report all incidents to the Police.

**26/31 Clerk's Report**

No update at this meeting.

**26/32 Finance and General Purposes**

- (a) The Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 was not available at the meeting.
- (b) Due to (a) above, the approval of the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2026/27 was deferred.

- (c) Due to (a) above, the approval of the Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the AGAR for 2026/27 was deferred.
- (d) Due to (a) above, the noting of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights was deferred.
- (e) A budget update was received.
- (f) **It was resolved** to reinsure with Ecclesiastical with a 3-year long term agreement.
- (g) **It was resolved** to adopt the Health and Safety Policy and Health and Safety Handbook supplied by Worknest, with the amendment on page 52, adding 'on request'.

*Power: Local Government Act 1974, s.111; Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, s.2*

### **26/33 Traffic**

A brief update on traffic matters was received.

### **26/34 Environment**

A brief update from the Environment Advisory Group was received.

### **26/35 Stone Path Meadow**

- (a) No update at this meeting.
- (b) **It was resolved** to grant permission to the Farming and Wildlife Group (FWAG) to build two new ponds on Stone Path Meadows in autumn 2026.

*Power: Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9–10*

### **26/36 Section 106 Funds**

- (a) An update on S106 projects was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to purchase two Vermont Aluminium Tennis Court Bench Sets at a cost of up to £1,349.99 each and to apply to Braintree District Council for S106 funding.
- (c) **It was resolved** to approve the design for the proposed sport facility car park with the exclusion of a vehicle gate at the path side.
- (d) The approve of the hire of pedestrian fencing to be able to temporarily open the area intended for future use as a car park for tennis/gym users as and when needed was deferred pending hire costs.

*Power: Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9-10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19; Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s.57(1)(b)*

### **26/37 Communications**

No update at this meeting.

### **26/38 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground**

- (a) No update at this meeting.
- (b) The decision to grant permission in principle to the siting of temporary Portacabins to the rear of the existing Football Clubhouse to provide additional changing facilities was deferred pending further information.

### **26/39 Youth Services**

An update on youth services was received.

### **26/40 Accounts for Payment**

**It was resolved** that the accounts for payment for May 2026 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£6,370.48
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£3,358.50
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00

Council Wise	£192.00
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Mobile Thrones	£711.00
Worknest	£210.00
And IT Consulting	£60.00
Kompan	£334.52
SSE	£582.35
Westwood Livery	£100.00
J A Whitney	£75.00
Essex County Council	£1,596.00
Colchester Borough Council	£29.74
Kempco	£186.00
Norvic Security Guards	£496.80
Clear Councils	£1,724.96

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Unity Trust Bank	£13.60
Braintree District Council	£191.00
British Gas	£24.94
BT	£71.94
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs

*Councillor Wallace abstained.*

**26/41 General Announcements**

- Community Information Event on Sunday from 11am to 1pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.52pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**