

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**Those present:**

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)  
Cllr D Broddle  
Cllr M Elliston  
Cllr T Munt  
Cllr R Parker  
Cllr W Purser  
Cllr M Renow  
Cllr T Short  
Cllr S Smith  
Cllr D Wallace  
Cllr T Weale  
Clerk  
5 members of the public

**25/139 Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**25/140 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**25/141 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Wallace in item 25/156.

**25/142 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update**

Councillor Louis sent a report which included the following:

- Members' Highways Initiative – next submission is late January and can include potholes, pavements, unlit street signs, bollards, vegetation from private land and zebra crossing re-lining.
- Bury Lane parking – ECC officers are engaging with North Essex Parking Partnership.
- Subsidence near Hatfield Place – speed limit will be reduced to 40mph for a temporary period.
- A12 slip road 'no entry' sign lights – new design accepted.
- Maldon Road – collision data will be sourced and a speed survey carried out.
- Maldon Road – damaged drain cover repaired.
- Damaged 'Give Way' sign near Crix – request for it to be made safe.
- Grant funding – request for tree funding from Parish Council processed.
- Brown sign for village hall – information on eligibility provided.

**25/143 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update**

Councillor Dervish raised the following:

- Local Plan sub-committee reviewing the call for sites for Hatfield Peverel on 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- Maldon Road mud from development – planning enforcement officers have visited the site twice and will continue to monitor.
- Community grant – money still available.

**25/144 Public Participation**

None.

### **25/145 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received and noted. Item 25/114 rescheduled for early 2026; item 25/133 volunteers will be sourced.

### **25/146 Finance and General Purposes**

The first draft of the budget for 2026/27 was discussed.

### **25/147 Traffic**

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to upgrade the Hadfelda Square ticket machines at a cost of £4,665 + VAT.

### **25/148 Environment**

- (a) Boulders have been installed on The Green to prevent unauthorised parking and damage to the grass.
- (b) The current Potential Open Space Improvements (POSI) was reviewed. Suggestions should be sent to Councillor Wallace and/or the Clerk.

### **25/149 Stone Path Meadow**

A brief update on the meadow was received.

### **25/150 Section 106 Funds**

- (a) An update on S106 projects was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to approve membership of 'Essex Tennis' at a cost of £66 per court per year.
- (c) **It was resolved** to approve the S106 application for the Village Hall roof replacement and installation of solar panels.

### **25/151 Community Park**

An update on the Community Park was received.

### **25/152 Communications**

No update at this time.

### **25/153 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground**

An update on the KBMG was received.

### **25/154 Youth Services**

An update on youth services was received.

### **25/155 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

Following discussion, the proposal to submit a response to the Government's LGR consultation was not put forward.

### **25/156 Accounts for Payment**

**It was resolved** that the accounts for payment for November 2025 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£6,278.88
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£3,461.79
The Maid Service	£45.00
Worknest	£126.00
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00
A&J Lighting	£1,518.60
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
My PT	£240.00

ETC Sports Surfaces Limited	£6,953.20
GK's Graphics	£30.00
SLCC	£160.20
The Swan Inn	£232.50
Wilbar Associates	£1,219.20
Craft and Crumb Limited	£337.50

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Unity Trust Bank	£12.75
Braintree District Council	£183.00
BT	£85.36
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£464.56
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs

*Councillor Wallace abstained.*

**25/157 General Announcements**

- Launch of Council Wise, offering training and support to local councils in Essex.

**The meeting closed at 9.14pm**

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**