

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
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
6 members of the public

25/193 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Broddle.

25/194 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

25/195 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 25/208.

25/196 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

- BDC budget agreed – no increase in council tax share.
- Community Grant funding has increased.
- New bins being delivered, with Hatfield Peverel expecting delivery in May.

25/197 Public Participation

None.

25/198 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

25/199 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received.
- (b) Issues with the pedestrian crossings in the village were discussed.

25/200 Finance and General Purposes

The budget update was received without comment.

25/201 Environment

A brief update on environment matters was received.

25/202 Stone Path Meadow

A brief update on the meadow was received.

25/203 Section 106 Funds

An update on S106 projects was received.

25/204 Community Park

An update on the Community Park was received.

25/205 Communications

An update on communications was received.

25/206 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

No update at this time.

25/207 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

25/208 Accounts for Payment

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

Staff costs	£6,054.36
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£459.00
The Maid Service	£45.00
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00
Dunmow Training Ltd	£324.00
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
SSE	£930.84
Colchester Borough Council (NEPP)	£6,364.61
Playquip	£16,189.20
SLCC	£194.86
Lloyds Bank	£582.54
C Truman (expenses)	£15.88
Open Spaces Society	£45.00
D Wallace (expenses)	£13.25
S Gaeta (expenses)	£29.95
 <u>Pre-Approved Direct Debits:</u>	
Unity Trust Bank	£12.15
Braintree District Council	£183.00
British Gas	£31.67
BT	£67.14
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs

Councillors Munt and Wallace abstained.

25/209 General Announcements

- The Clerk is on annual leave for the remainder of the week.
- Feedback from recent Braintree District Policing online briefing. The probation service is looking for projects.
- Scouts visit to the Temple recently; members were very welcoming.
- Locality sent out a questionnaire on future neighbourhood planning funding.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th April 2026

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