

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr C Dervish
Cllr T Munt
Cllr L Shaw
Cllr M Renow
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr C Greaves
Cllr K Gallifant
Cllr H Knightbridge
Clerk
2 members of the public

20/100 Apologies for Absence

None received.

20/101 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

20/102 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dervish in item 20/116.

Councillor Wallace in handyman matters and item 20/114.

20/103 Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Update

There was no update for this meeting.

20/104 Essex County Councillor Update

Councillor Derrick Louis provided a report which was circulated to all Councillors and will be published alongside the minutes on the Parish Council website.

20/105 Braintree District Councillor Update

District Councillors Dervish and Bebb reported on the following:

- Longfield Solar Farm consultation.
- A12 widening consultation.
- ONS housing numbers – consultation finished 12th October – waiting on Inspector.
- Braintree District Council will distribute funds for those not able to work due to Covid-19 who are on benefits.
- 1,000 cases of non-payment of Council Tax being heard by the court; date for non-payment of business rates hearings postponed.
- Further tranche of funding – another £250,000.
- Fusion support - £700,000 given in support until end of March. Gyms now closing from Thursday 5th November.
- Some community grant funds still available.

20/106 Public Participation

A member of the public raised the following:

- Item 20/94 Clerk's Report – what is happening regarding a second Tree Warden? The Clerk confirmed an advert would be placed in the December Review.
- Broken glass at base of sign in recycling area in Hadfelda Square.
- Streetlight in Priory Farm Road is not working.

The Clerk read out a report received by a member of the public in relation to the duck pond, including the following:

- Concerns over loss of wildlife.
- BMX track harmful to the environment, both socially and environmentally.
- Suggestions to enhance the environment.
- Pleased that the Parish Council are preparing a plan for the site.

20/107 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. The following matters were raised:

- Sport and Recreation Advisory Group – more Councillors needed. Councillors Greaves and Knightbridge volunteered.
- Coffin Path – it is believed that nobody owns it. Essex County Council will maintain it. Item closed.
- Waiting for response from Essex County Council regarding brush cutters and PPE for footpath volunteers.
- Maldon relief road – District Councillor Bebb waiting for Officer involvement from Braintree District Council and for further information from Essex County Councillor Bentley.

20/108 Burial Ground

An application for a memorial on plot 719 has been approved.

Total fees received for October: £150.

20/109 Planning

The following applications to be considered:

20/01259/HH – Erection of dormer window roof extension to side elevation at Gregory's, 53 Sportsmans Lane, Hatfield Peverel. **No comment.**

20/01465/FUL – Erection of 7 two storey dwelling houses, accompanied with 16 dedicated parking spaces at 'Heathers', The Green, Hatfield Peverel. **Not supported; comments made on original application still apply. It was noted that if this application is approved by Braintree District Council, a Section 106 agreement should be entered into.**

20/01551/HH – Two storey side and single storey front porch extension at The Willows, Manor Road, Hatfield Peverel. **No comment, other than a request for limited external lighting.**

20/01742/HH – Two storey rear extension and reconstruction of existing single storey rear utility room and WC at 29 Church Road, Hatfield Peverel. **No comment.**

The following applications to be noted:

20/00347/TPO – Tree works at 19 De Vere Close, Hatfield Peverel. **Noted and passed to Tree Warden.**

The response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Planning White Paper submitted on behalf of the Parish Council was noted. Thanks were expressed to the Neighbourhood Development Plan committee members for their efforts.

Braintree District Council's decision to confirm a tree preservation order on a tree at 55 Sportsmans Lane was noted.

Braintree District Council's revised 'Planning Scheme of Delegation' was discussed. The Parish Council agreed not to submit a response, but District Councillors Dervish and Bebb will take forward concerns around the future consideration of Parish Council comments.

20/110 Finance and General Purposes

The October budget update was received. The Clerk confirmed that the insurance claim for a replacement streetlight had been received.

The change of the 2021 April meeting date from 5th to the 12th was noted.

20/111 Neighbourhood Development Plan

An update was received.

20/112 Environment

Ideas for the duck pond area were outlined. The Locality Funding of £1,200 will likely be used towards seating in the area.

The temporary siting of the soldier silhouette on The Green was noted. The telephone box pictures will be changed to those of poppies.

20/113 Traffic and Related Matters

A discussion was held on the hoarding surrounding the Universal Garage site in The Street.

20/114 Community Park

It was resolved that Quote B of £950 + VAT from CG Civil and Groundwork Contractors Ltd for the ground levelling work at the Community park be approved. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*

20/115 Community Defibrillators

It was resolved that a locked defibrillator unit will be purchased from London Hearts and installed at the Village Hall. Locality Funding will be used for this purchase, and a location for the second unit will be discussed at a later date.

20/116 Football Club

It was resolved that the Parish Council to allow the Football Club to use the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground for light training for its junior teams between January 2021 and March 2021, with the following considerations: monitoring of car parking, with consideration of alternative overflow car parking; provision of toilet facilities; respect for residents and other park users; adherence to Covid-19 legislation. The Parish Council to request that the youngest groups play at the Nounsley play area, with the same considerations as above. *Councillor Dervish abstained.*

20/117 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the October 2020 accounts for payment be approved:

SSE Southern Electric	£256.66
Society of Local Council Clerks	£202.00
HM Revenue & Customs	£413.95
Plusnet	£33.20
Braintree District Council	£143.00
Staff costs	£2,053.43

Greenfields	£49.76
DW Maintenance	£1,090.00
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£221.83
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£150.00
Wave	£13.36
Mortimer Contracts	£1,080.00
Strutt and Parker	£1,600.00
Kempco	£890.00
PKF Littlejohn	£480.00
Unity Trust Bank	£31.50

Councillor Wallace abstained

20/118 General Announcements

The Clerk raised the following:

- Unqualified external audit received.
- For future meetings, the Microsoft Teams link to join the meeting will be published on the website on the day of the meeting.

Councillor Weale reported that the Events Team would be meeting virtually soon to discuss the following:

- Lighting up of the Christmas tree. Councillor Dervish confirmed that Paul Mason will sponsor the Christmas tree. Thanks were expressed.
- Decision on Party in the Park 2021.

Councillor Greaves proposed a Christmas Eve bell ringing event. Further information will be sent to the Events Team.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2020