

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD MARCH 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 D Wallace
Clerk
11 members of the public

24/195 Apologies for Absence

None received.

24/196 Co-option

Stephen Smith was duly co-opted and joined the meeting.

24/197 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

24/198 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in items 24/206 and 24/213.

24/199 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis was not present.

24/200 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Coleridge raised the following:

- Essex has been accepted for the priority local government reorganisation scheme.
- Council tax rise of 2.9% with no cuts to services.
- Garden waste subscription open for 2025/26.
- Consultation on waste review/kerbside collections.
- Funding secured from Essex County Council for two verge cuts per year.
- Local Plan consultation.

24/201 Public Participation

Five members of the public raised the following:

- Hindu Temple operates as a charity. Are there community activities they can support?
- Thanks to Derrick Louis for Locality funding for trees and tree guards.
- An update on leases for KBMG users was requested.
- Old maps have been lodged at The Essex Record Office.
- Footpath 18 additional work will begin on 31st March for two days.

24/202 Clerk's Report

An update was received, and the village hall car park progress was discussed.

24/203 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The budget update was received without comment.
- (b) The contractual SCP one point increase for the Clerk on completion of the Community Governance Foundation Degree was noted.
- (c) A discussion on the future of the office cleaning service took place.
- (d) The date for the Annual Parish Meeting will be set by the Clerk. The Community Information Event will take place on Sunday 18th May between 2 and 4pm.

Powers: Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 para 14.

24/204 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

24/205 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP was received.

24/206 Environment

- (a) **It was resolved** to: (i) agree the four areas for tree planning as: Village Hall driveway verge (subject to an appropriate tree choice); verge in Maldon Road (subject to landowner's permission); two locations on the recreation ground; (ii) agree the use of additional funds for the purchase of tree guards. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*
- (b) **It was resolved** to accept the quotation of £550 plus VAT for remedial work on the cable way mound at the Nounsley Play Area. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*

Powers: Public Health Act 1875 s.164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10.

24/207 Stone Path Meadow

An update on the meadows was received.

24/208 Section 106 Funds

An update on S106 funds and projects was received.

24/209 Communications

No update at this time.

24/210 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

An update on the KBMG was received.

24/211 Youth Services

An update on youth provision was received.

24/212 Devolution

- (a) **It was resolved** to appoint a Devolution Working Party and agree the Terms of Reference. Membership will consist of Councillors Weale, Parker, Purser and Renow, and the Clerk.
- (b) The response to the Greater Essex Devolution Consultation will be discussed by the Devolution Working Party.

Powers: Local Government Act 1972 s.101.

24/213 Accounts for Payment

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

Staff costs	£5,706.67
DW Maintenance	£1,419.75
The Maid Service	£44.00
Braintree District Council	£143.00
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£330.00
SSE	£1,270.86
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33

Kompan Limited	£323.22
BT	£55.02
Lloyds Bank	£933.02
Unity Trust Bank	£10.20
My PT	£240.00
A&J Lighting Solutions	£624.72
C Truman – expenses	£13.60
S Gaeta – expenses	£133.45
Millennium Pest Control Ltd	£1,074.00
Popsy's Reindeer	£212.50

Councillor Wallace abstained.

24/214 General Announcements

- Condolences were offered to the family and friends of Peter Archer.

24/215 Confidential Matters

- (a) Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2) **it was resolved** to exclude members of the press and public for the duration of this meeting to consider the following confidential matters.
- (b) **It was resolved** to approve the Parish Council consultant's recommendation to appoint ETC Sports Surfaces Limited for the construction of the tennis courts at an expected cost of £118,778 + VAT.
- (c) **It was resolved** to appoint Place Services to carry out the 2025 village tree survey at a cost of £950 + VAT.

Powers: Public Health Act 1875 S.164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10; Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19; Public Health Act Amendment Act 1890 s.44.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th April 2025