**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**

1. The budget update was received without comment.
2. The contractual SCP one point increase for the Clerk on completion of the Community Governance Foundation Degree was noted.
3. A discussion on the future of the office cleaning service took place.
4. 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**

1. **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.*
2. **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**

1. **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.
2. 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:

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| 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**

1. 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*.*
2. **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.
3. **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**