

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2023
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr M Renow
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr L Shaw
Clerk
9 members of the public

22/231 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Dervish, Munt and Knight bridge.

22/232 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

22/233 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in handyman matters and item 22/250.

22/234 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis sent his apologies.

22/235 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish sent her apologies.

22/236 Public Participation

Four members of the public raised the following:

- Apologies extended to the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Development Plan team for the report that was missing from the April edition of The Review.
- Concerns about the siting of the new outdoor gym equipment near to the MUGA.
- Wickham Bishops Road/Maldon Road junction pothole.
- Road surface on A12 bridge towards Witham.
- Building hoarding near Co-op – cars are parking in this area and large potholes make it hazardous for pedestrians.
- Damage to pavement near building works in The Street.
- Condition of ditches in Crabb's Hill.
- Benefits of metal detecting (read out by Clerk on behalf of a member of the public).

22/237 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

22/238 Burial Ground

A memorial straddling plots 744 and 745 was approved.

An interment in plot 533 has taken place.

Total fees received in March: £880.

22/239 Planning Committee

The minutes from the meeting held on 6th March 2023 were received without comment.

22/240 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The March budget update was received.
- (b) The increase of one spinal column point to the Assistant Clerk's salary as per employment contract and following satisfactory performance, effective 1st April 2023, was noted.

22/241 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received, including the A12 widening scheme.
- (b) The signing of the draft Statement of Common Ground in relation to the A12 widening project was noted.

22/242 Heritage

An update from the Heritage Warden was received.

22/243 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

22/244 Environment

There was no update on environment matters.

22/245 Community Land (Stone Path Meadow)

- (a) An update on the community land was received.
- (b) Following representation from the Heritage Warden, **it was resolved** to grant permission for metal detecting on Stone Path Meadow during spring and autumn 2023.

22/246 Community Park

An update on the Community Park was received.

22/247 Section 106 Funds

An update on Section 106 Funds was received.

22/248 Communications

The next meeting of the Working Party will be held on 5th April 2023.

22/249 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

An update on KBMG matters was received.

22/250 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for March 2023 be approved as follows:

Plusnet	£37.72
Braintree District Council	£148.55
Staff costs	£3,509.70
DW Maintenance	£1,802.00
The Maid Service	£38.00
A&J Lighting	£514.80
Groundwork UK	£5,050.00
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Colchester Borough Council	£16.51
Lloyds Bank (admin expenses)	£292.11
Blackwater Tree Specialists	£432.00
Andy Nichols	£200.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	£827.41
Essex Playing Fields	£50.00

Sarah Gaeta (expenses)	£25.00
Unity Trust Bank	£30.30
Mortimer Contracts Limited	£294.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£3,019.00

Councillor Wallace abstained.

22/251 General Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th May 2023