**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**

1. The March budget update was received.
2. 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**

1. An update on traffic matters was received, including the A12 widening scheme.
2. 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)**

1. An update on the community land was received.
2. 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:

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| 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**