

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr T Munt
Cllr R Parker
Cllr W Purser
Cllr M Renow
Cllr T Short
Cllr S Smith
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr T Weale
Clerk
8 members of the public

26/64 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Broddle and Elliston.

26/65 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

26/66 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 26/79.

26/67 Essex County Councillor Update

Councillor John Morris raised the following:

- ECC full council meeting held on 14th July. Protestors attended.
- 30% increase in road repairs compared to the same time last year.
- Looking into creating a veterans' village. Location being investigated.
- Home Office – Wethersfield.
- Essex housing – land in Colchester purchased in the past cannot be used.
- Grey belt definitions.
- Locality fund available.
- Roads – crossing at Hadfelda Square; Bury Lane parking – the Highways Cabinet Member has taken on board.
- Speed survey on Maldon Road – Parish Council commissioned in December 2025 has not been carried out.

26/68 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish sent her apologies.

26/69 Public Participation

None.

26/70 Clerk's Update

The Clerk's update was noted.

26/71 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The budget update was received.
- (b) The completion of the Quarter 1 bank reconciliations was noted. Councillor Munt to review and sign.
- (c) **It was resolved** to grant permission to place seven picnic tables in the area between the infant playground and the adjoining residential properties on Maldon Road to serve The Coffee Lounge.
- (d) **It was resolved** to approve the additional expenditure of £874.13 + VAT required to complete the previously approved purchase of stage curtains for the Village Hall (minute reference 26/53(c)), together with associated electrician costs of approximately £200 + VAT for the demounting and remounting of the stage lighting.

Power: The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 4; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19; Local Government Act 1972, s.133.

26/72 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

26/73 Environment

An update from the Environment Advisory Group was received.

26/74 Stone Path Meadow

A brief update on the meadow was received.

26/75 Section 106 Funds

- (a) An update on S106 projects was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to approve the Hatfield Peverel Rights of Way Map with QR Code prepared by Braintree District Council, and to approve the quotation from Fitzpatric Woolmer for a single leg lectern for an A3 printed map at a cost of £528 + VAT.

Power: Local Government Act 1972 s.111.

26/76 Communications

The draft Communications Strategy, Policy and Research Paper were discussed.

26/77 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

A brief update on the KBMG was received.

26/78 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

26/79 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for July 2026 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£6,516.95
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£2,974.50
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00
Direct Signs	£1,602.98
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Metrosigns	£120.00
Kompan	£719.98
Glasdon	£355.03
SX Architecture	£750.00
Community First Aiders*	£250.00
Worknest	£4,642.38

Essex Hire and Sales Ltd	£1,377.60
M and S Cleaning Services	£50.00

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Unity Trust Bank	£13.90
Braintree District Council	£191.00
British Gas	£33.15
BT	£71.94
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£459.98
SSE	£400.91

Councillor Wallace abstained.

** Party in the Park costs*

26/80 General Announcements

None.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2026