

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 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 S Smith
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr T Weale
Clerk
6 members of the public

25/119 Apologies for Absence

None received.

25/120 Co-option

Teresa Weale was **duly co-opted** and joined the meeting. A recorded vote was requested: In favour: Councillors Weale, Broddle, Elliston, Munt, Parker, Renow, Short, Smith and Wallace. Abstained: Councillor Purser.

25/121 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th October 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

25/122 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 25/136.

25/123 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis raised the following:

- Members' Highways Initiative – next submission is mid-November. In addition to potholes and pavements, the scheme now includes unlit street signs, bollards, vegetation from private land and zebra crossing re-lining.
- Bury Lane – the 30mph signs off the A12 slip road will be repaired/replaced with the vegetation cut back. Highways officers will engage with the North Essex Parking Partnership.
- Subsidence near Hatfield Place – uneven surface signs now out. Remedial measures being investigated. Patching scheme planned, starting outside the William B towards Hatfield Peverel.
- Grant funding requested for trees for Nounsley play area.

25/124 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillors Dervish and Coleridge raised the following:

- Congratulations on the opening of the tennis courts.
- Ask Angela campaign launched in Hatfield Peverel's hospitality outlets.
- Slipper swap – Hatfield Peverel will be included in the district venues.
- Witham Fire Service – will fit free smoke alarms and offer advice.

- Waste service changes in June 2026.
- Call for sites update.
- National Grid pylons scheme – examination period.
- New leisure provider in the district.

25/125 Public Participation

One member of the public raised the following:

- Maldon Road – concerns over worsening traffic and speed.

25/126 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received and noted. Item 23/150(c) is progressing via the Section 106 working party.

25/127 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The budget update was received with no comments.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the meeting dates for 2026.
- (c) **It was resolved** to grant permission to Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery School Association (INSA) to hold a Charity Fun Run at the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground on a Saturday in May 2026.

Power: Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12 paras 8 (1) & (2); Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10

25/128 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

25/129 Environment

It was resolved to replace the grass matting with rubber mulch under pieces of play equipment as per the quotation from Playquip dated 15th October 2025 at a total cost of £10,185 + VAT. **It was resolved** to appoint Ben Lapwood to erect two new railings and post to replace the existing white gate at a cost of £780 + VAT.

Power: Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10

25/130 Stone Path Meadow

A brief update on the meadow was received.

25/131 Section 106 Funds

An update on S106 funds and projects was received. Thanks were given to Richard Alston for all his support of the tennis court project.

25/132 Community Park

It was resolved to grant permission to the Hatfield Peverel Scout Group for use of the Community Park (before opening), following the completion of outstanding tree and water safety works, and to delegate agreement of terms to the Community Park Committee.

Power: Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10

25/133 Communications

No update at this time.

25/134 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

A brief update on the KBMG was received.

25/135 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

25/136 Accounts for Payment

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

Staff costs	£6,024.08
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£3,400.97
The Maid Service	£45.00
Allwag	£544.80
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00
A&J Lighting	£301.20
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Stephen Russell	£1,000.00
My PT	£300.00
Strutt & Parker Farms	£4,500.00
GK's Graphics	£96.00
Anthony Drury	£4,900.00
Kompan	£323.22
D Wallace (expenses)	£18.50
C Truman (expenses)	£4.50
Kimmi's Creative Faces	£150.00
Glow and Go	£199.00
Popsy's Reindeer Limited	£637.50
Mobile Thrones Ltd	£237.00

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Unity Trust Bank	£10.80
Braintree District Council	£183.00
BT	£85.36
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£290.35
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs

Councillor Wallace abstained.

25/137 General Announcements

- Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 9th November at 10am. All are welcome.

25/138 Confidential

- (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 item.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the request from the Clerk for an altered working pattern from 1st January 2026.

Power: Local Government Act 1972 s.112

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st December 2025