

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr T Munt
Cllr R Parker
Cllr M Renow
Cllr T Short
Cllr D Wallace
Clerk
6 members of the public

23/227 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Dervish and Broddle. Councillor Knightbridge's resignation was noted.

23/228 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/229 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 23/243.

23/230 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

No update at this time.

23/231 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

No update at this time.

23/232 Public Participation

Three members of the public raised the following:

- Advice sought about feral peacock.
- The aluminium can recycling bin relocation is a good idea.
- Footpath 18 – works due to start on 8th April. Communication with residents is required.
- Aluminium cans have been collected in the village for 25 years to raise funds for the Air Ambulance charity. Green Recycling has re-sited the bin to Upsons Farm.

23/233 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

23/234 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The February budget update was received without comment.
- (b) **It was resolved** to grant permission to a resident to erect a teepee for a child's birthday party on the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground in August, with the caveat that no damage to Council assets will occur and the teepee will only be erected in appropriate weather conditions.
- (c) The item to consider a request to re-site the Air Ambulance charity aluminium can recycling bin to Parish Council land was not discussed. The bin will remain where it is.

23/235 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

23/236 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

23/237 Environment

No update at this time.

23/238 Stone Path Meadow

No update at this time.

23/239 Section 106 Funds

The specification and tender for the Nounsley Play Area project was not available at the time of the meeting. An extraordinary meeting will be called prior to the next scheduled Council meeting to review and agree the document.

23/240 Communications

- (a) An update on the new e-magazine was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to adopt the Social Media Strategy.

23/241 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

An update on the KBMG was received.

23/242 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

23/243 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for February 2024 be approved as follows:

Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Braintree District Council	£143.00
Staff costs	£5,667.65
DW Maintenance	£682.25
The Maid Service	£44.00
EALC	£90.00
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£432.00
Glasdon UK Limited	£85.15
SSE Southern Electric	£1,494.19
Ultimate One Limited	£395.64
Japanese Knotweed Ltd	£117.60
The Swan Inn	£73.00
BT	£49.14
Mrs T Weale (expenses)	£12.67
Barcham Trees Plc	£1,034.40
Mrs C Truman (expenses)	£37.90

Councillor Wallace abstained.

23/244 General Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- The Clerk has been in contact with a local police inspector to discuss areas of concern in Hatfield Peverel. Extra patrols will be made in the village.

- £100 compensation was received from Barclays Bank due to a complaint raised by the Clerk in relation to the 'Know Your Customer' Outreach letters and errors made by the bank.

23/245 Confidential

- (a) **It was resolved**, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S.1(2), to exclude members of the public for the duration of this meeting to consider a staff leave request.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the staff leave request received.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2024