

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)

Cllr D Broddle

Cllr C Dervish

Cllr C Greaves

Cllr T Munt

Cllr R Parker

Cllr M Renow

Cllr T Short

Cllr D Wallace

Clerk

15 members of the public

23/208 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Elliston and Knightbridge.

23/209 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January and 22nd January 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/210 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 23/219(a) and 23/225.

Councillor Munt in item 23/221(b) as an allotment holder.

23/211 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

No update at this time.

23/212 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

- Council Tax rise of 2.69% being discussed at Cabinet.
- Sportsmans Arms – no planning enforcement at this time.
- 55 Sportsmans Lane – the inquiry is now on 1st, 2nd and 15th February.

23/213 Public Participation

Three members of the public raised the following:

- Clarification requested on item 23/223(a). The Clerk explained the process.
- Concerns over a lack of solar panels on the new housing.
- Concerns raised over Gigaclear and item 23/215(b); there are other providers who offer this service.
- Concerns over tree planting (item 23/223). Can the trees be planted somewhere else on the KBMG site?

23/214 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

23/215 Finance and General Purposes

(a) The January budget update was received without comment.

(b) **It was resolved** to grant permission to Gigaclear to use the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground for an Easter trail in the school holidays for residents, with the

caveat that they work in conjunction with the Scouts so as to not impact on any Easter activity they may be undertaking.

23/216 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to allow the GP surgery to purchase a further two parking permits for Hadfelda Square car park. These will not be offered free of charge.

23/217 Heritage

No update at this time.

23/218 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

23/219 Environment

- (a) **It was resolved** to purchase and plant replacement trees (with tree guards) for the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground, up to a cost of £1,500, with £1,000 funded by an ECC Locality grant.
- (b) **It was resolved** to dedicate one of the recently purchased benches to Jackie and Ken Earney for their dedicated voluntary service to the community.

23/220 Stone Path Meadow

An update on wildlife initiatives was received.

23/221 Section 106 Funds

- (a) An update on Section 106 funds was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to appoint Beatbush Fencing for the 'Supply and Installation of Gates and Perimeter Fencing at the Old Allotment Site' project at a total cost of £10,054.75 + VAT.

23/222 Communications

- (a) An update on communications was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to delegate the setting of the e-zine advertising fees to the Clerk, following research and advice.

23/223 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

- (a) In accordance with Standing Order 7(a), **it was resolved** to rescind resolution 23/199(a) '*To plant 50 native trees in the southern conservation area at the KBMG*'.
- (b) A presentation on an alternative planting site was discussed. This will be revisited in the autumn when a suitable site will be identified.

23/224 Youth Services

- (a) An update on youth services was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to grant permission for the Braintree Youth bus to use the Village Hall car park on Wednesday 21st February evening and Sunday 25th February daytime.

23/225 Accounts for Payment

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

Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£2,797.30
Braintree District Council	£542.20
Staff costs	£5,048.95
DW Maintenance	£1,920.25
The Maid Service	£44.00

EALC	£294.00
A&J Lighting	£208.80
Clerks and Councils Direct	£244.26
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£398.02
Glasdon	£1,957.34
London Hearts	£900.00
Mark Weale (expenses)	£14.40
Marshy Ridge	£116.95
Margaret Freeman (expenses)	£33.60
BT	£49.14

Councillor Wallace abstained.

23/226 General Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- The Clerk will be on a residential study trip between 6th and 8th February.
- Well wishes were sent to HM King Charles III on his recent cancer diagnosis.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2024