**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

## **Those present:**

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)

Cllr C Dervish

Cllr D Wallace

Cllr M Renow

Cllr H Knightbridge

Cllr T Munt

Cllr M Elliston

Cllr L Shaw

Essex County Councillor Derrick Louis

Clerk

7 members of the public

# **22/88 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Broddle.

# **22/89 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st August 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

# **22/90 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Wallace in handyman matters.

Councillor Munt in item 22/97 (d) and (e).

# **22/91 Essex County Councillor Update**

Councillor Louis gave an update on the following:

* Locality Funding granted - £1,500 to the history group; £1,000 to the village hall; £300 towards memorial gate refurbishment.
* CIF grant submission for the village hall’s film club has been supported.
* Latney’s Bridge traffic lights – work starts in September.
* Member pothole scheme – 13 sites submitted for Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley.
* Local Highways Panel applications – the application for a 20mph speed limit near the school does meet the traffic speed survey conditions and is now at the next stage. Speed surveys for the Parish Council’s other schemes will begin soon.
* Maldon Road accident – Letch’s Corner – sites where the Parish Council would like the speed surveys carried out will be marked.
* Developer works by the Duke of Wellington – Councillor Louis has asked how the quality of the work will be checked.
* Development Control Order submitted for the A12 scheme. Junction 21 has been modified to allow for a link road spur. The briefing scheduled shortly will cover air quality.
* Hatfield Peverel school places – Councillor Louis has asked for additional information on the impact of new housing.
* Area behind the library – Essex County Council visited the area on 4th and 31st August to cut back the bushes as requested by the Parish Council.

# **22/92 Braintree District Councillor Update**

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

* Braintree District Council working on the cost of living crisis.
* Full Council meeting in October.

# **22/93 Public Participation**

Two members of the public raised the following:

* Letter sent to say Braintree District Council has adopted the Local Plan. Is the Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan part of this? Confirmed yes, but NDP currently under review.
* Discussion with Highways over Maldon Road bypass. Is there an update? It is being lobbied for.
* David Wilson Homes – ‘no waiting’ application.
* Appeal for replacement Footpath Warden. Richard Austen was introduced. There will be a progressive handover.
* Can Ulting residents get copies of The Review?

# **22/94 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk’s Report was received. Item 20/208 will be looked at after the tennis court installation is dealt with.

# **22/95 Burial Ground**

An interment took place in plot 719.

Total fees received in August: £180.

# **22/96 Planning Committee**

The minutes from the meeting held on 1st August 2022 were received.

# **22/97 Finance and General Purposes**

1. The August budget update was received without comment.
2. The conclusion of the external audit for the 2021/22 financial year was noted.
3. **It was resolved** not to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.
4. **It was resolved** to agree and sign the supplemental lease for allotment land in Hatfield Peverel, between the Parish Council and Strutt and Parker (Farms) Limited. *Councillor Munt abstained.*
5. Consideration of the Allotment Association’s (AA) request to continue payment of rent one year in arrears was deferred until the next meeting, allowing for discussion with the AA.
6. **It was resolved** to agree to purchase a replacement noticeboard for outside of the Co-op at a cost of £1,055 + VAT (including delivery), plus installation at a cost of £250. The amount of £1,095 received from the insurance company towards this cost was noted.
7. **It was resolved** to formulate a Communications Working Party to address the future of communication in the village, including The Review. Councillors Weale, Knightbridge, Shaw and Elliston expressed an interest. The editors of The Review would like to be included.

# **22/98 Traffic**

An update on traffic matters was received.

# **22/99 Heritage**

1. An update on recent heritage activities was received.
2. The decision on whether to erect a memorial to Agnes Waterhouse on The Green was deferred pending further investigation.

# **22/100 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

An update on the NDP review was received.

# **22/101 Environment**

An update on environment matters was received.

# **22/102 Community Land (Stone Path Meadow)**

An update on community land matters was received.

**22/103 Section 106 Funds**

An update on Section 106 funds and projects was received.

# **22/104 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground**

An update on KBMG matters was received.

# **22/105 Permission Sought**

No members proposed granting permission to the Community Association to hold a boot sale on the recreation ground on 15th October, therefore permission cannot be granted.

# **22/106 Accounts for Payment**

**It was resolved that** the accounts for payment for August 2022 be approved as follows:

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| Plusnet | £38.36 |
| Braintree District Council | £143.00 |
| Staff costs  | £3,218.29 |
| DW Maintenance | £992.50 |
| Hatfield Peverel Community Association | £290.00 |
| The Maid Service | £38.00 |
| Greenfields | £48.52 |
| SSE Southern Electric | £935.39 |
| Lloyds Bank (office expenses) | £259.07 |
| Kempco  | £935.00 |
| Mrs M Elliston (expenses) | £108.46 |
| Barcham Trees | £270.00 |
| The Parish Noticeboard Company | £633.00 |
| Mr J Cockell (expenses) | £38.00 |
| Ernest Doe & Sons | £39.00 |
| Mobile Thrones Ltd | £231.00 |
| PKF Littlejohn LLP | £960.00 |

*Councillor Wallace abstained*

# **22/107 General Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

* Locality Funding – successful bid for the memorial gate refurbishment.
* Ultrafast broadband rollout – Councillors would like a meeting with Gigaclear to discuss plans for Hatfield Peverel.
* A12 meeting regarding the Development Control Order – Councillors to send available dates in week commencing 3rd October to the Clerk.
* Graffiti on the roof of the playground multi-unit – Braintree District Council unable to remove it.
* Cost of living crisis – Village Hall may be offering a warm room in conjunction with the Independent Age charity.

## **The meeting closed at 9.10pm**

## **The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October 2022**