MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)

Cllr M Elliston

Cllr T Munt

Cllr R Parker

Cllr W Purser

Cllr T Short

Cllr S Smith

Cllr D Wallace

Clerk

4 members of the public

25/46 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Broddle and Renow.

25/47 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 28th May and 2nd June 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

25/48 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in items 25/59 and 25/62.

25/49 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis sent a report that included the following:

- Members Highways Initiative.
- Local Highways Panel site visits.
- Locality Fund bids are now open.

25/50 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillors Dervish and Coleridge were not present.

25/51 Public Participation

None.

25/52 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received and noted.

25/53 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) The budget update was received without comment.
- (b) **It was resolved** to appoint Silent Doors for the installation of sound-insulated doors in the Vic Olley room at the Village Hall, at a cost of £4,410+VAT, to be funded from budget code 116 as part of the Parish Council's agreed capital works allocation for 2025/26 in its capacity as Sole Trustee.
- (c) Extending staff litter picking routes to encompass the new developments was considered, but further information required.

Powers: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19; Local Government Act 1972 s.112; Highways Act 1980 ss.43 & 50; Litter Act 1983 ss.5 & 6.

25/54 Traffic

(a) An update on traffic matters was received.

- (b) The changes to paragraphs (f) and (h) of the policy for issuing annual permits for Hadfelda Square car park (minute reference 25/17(b)) were noted.
- (c) Following resolution reference 25/36(b)(i) and the receipt of further information, **it was** resolved to sign the Essex Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (LEVI) collaboration agreement.

Powers: Local Government Act 2003 s.93; Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 s.57(1)(b); Local Government Act 1972 s.111.

25/55 Environment

No update at this time.

25/56 Stone Path Meadow

An update on the meadows was received.

25/57 Section 106 Funds

- (a) An update on S106 funds and projects was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to appoint British Gas to install an electricity meter for the supply to the tennis courts.

Powers: Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3; Local Government Act 1972 s.111.

25/58 Communications

It was resolved to subscribe to Mailchimp Essentials at a cost of £9.56 + VAT per month.

25/59 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

It was resolved to permit Maldon Croquet Club to remove the hedging to the north of the existing green as part of their extension plans (minute reference 24/136(b)). Plans for biodiversity mitigation will be requested. *Councillor Wallace abstained*.

Powers: Local Government Act 1972 s.126.

25/60 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

25/61 Devolution

An update on the local government reorganisation and devolution was received.

25/62 Accounts for Payment

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

Staff costs Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare The Maid Service Braintree District Council Andrew Smith Print Limited SSE Unity Trust Bank UK Power Networks A&J Lighting	£5,976.05 £3,008.75 £45.00 £183.00 £390.00 £716.45 £13.35 £9,748.80 £175.74
Hatfield Peverel Community Association BT	£293.33 £60.16
Essex Hire and Sales Ltd	£200.00
Essex County Council	£1,140.00
My PT	£240.00
Lloyds Bank	£786.11
Focus Band	£450.00
Event Production Sound Light Ltd Alan Gooden (Bootsy)	£1,320.00 £600.00

T. Weale (expenses)	£36.74
P. Goodard (expenses)	£173.24
SLCC	£99.00

Councillor Wallace abstained.

25/63 General Announcements

- The Sole Trustee Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th August at 7.30pm.
- Thanks were offered to the Community Events Committee for a successful Party in the Park event.

24/235 Confidential Matters

- (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 matters.
- (b) Correspondence received under the Treasure Act 1996 was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th August 2025