

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr T Munt
Cllr R Parker
Cllr M Renow
Cllr T Short
Cllr S Smith
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr T Weale
Clerk
11 members of the public

26/81 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Elliston and Purser.

26/82 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

26/83 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 26/97. Councillor Parker in item 26/88(c)(i).

26/84 Essex County Councillor Update

Councillor John Morris raised the following:

- Local Government Reorganisation in Essex has been halted.
- Locality Fund - £3,000 left.
- Operation Vanguard operational.
- Bury Lane development consultation.
- Survey around The Street/Church Road due to safety concerns.
- Process for speed surveys given.

26/85 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillors Coleridge and Dervish sent apologies. Councillor Coleridge circulated a report containing the following:

- Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution.
- Local Plan Regulation 18 comments.
- Waste services are settling down.
- New £75,000 community tree-planting scheme went live in August.
- There were 23 affordable housing completions in July.
- The broken sauna at Witham Leisure Centre will be fully replaced.
- BDC is supporting the Year 11 Schools Careers Fair at Chelmsford Racecourse on 23rd September 2026.

26/86 Public Participation

Four members of the public raised the following:

- Is there an update on the installation of a permissive path from the village to KBMG?

- Is there an update on cutting back vegetation at the duck pond?
- Bury Lane – double yellow lines.
- Is there an update on a potential pump track?
- Presentation from Sports Scene regarding item 26/94(b).

26/87 Clerk's Update

The Clerk's update was received.

26/88 Finance and General Purposes

- The budget review was considered and **it was resolved** to approve the recommended virements from general reserves.
- It was resolved** to grant permission for the non-exclusive use of the outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground for training sessions, up to twice per week (one day and one evening session) excluding Thursday evenings. This will be on a three-month trial free of charge, with a review of charges at the end of this time.
- It was resolved** to (i) approve in principle the delivery of PWLB Phase 1 of the Village Hall Refurbishment, Accessibility and Asset Improvement Project in 2027; and (ii) seek quotes for the feasibility and design stage of the proposed first-floor office accommodation, including necessary professional advice and the preparation of a detailed specification and scope of works.

Power: Local Government Act 1972, s.151 and Sch. 13; Public Health Act 1875, s.164; Local Government Act 1972, s.111; Local Government Act 1972, s.133; Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Regs. 4 and 6).

26/89 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

26/90 Environment

No update at this meeting.

26/91 Stone Path Meadow

A brief update on the meadow was received.

26/92 Section 106 Funds

An update on S106 projects was received.

26/93 Communications

No update at this meeting.

26/94 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

- It was resolved** to approve a request from the Football Club to carry out rabbit control measures to prevent further damage to the pitches, in a humane way by qualified personnel with the relevant insurances.
- Further to the presentation during the public participation session, **it was resolved** that the Council is, in principle, interested in pursuing further discussions regarding a potential private agreement for additional sports facilities at KBMG, with no commitment being made at this stage.

Power: Public Health Act 1875, s.164; Local Government Act 1972, s.111; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

26/95 Community Park

- An update on the Community Park was received.
- It was resolved** to agree in principle to grant the Scout Group a 99-year lease on land within the Community Park for the purpose of constructing a new Scout Hut, thereby providing the

commitment required to support fundraising, with the precise location, lease terms and all other associated arrangements to be negotiated and approved separately at a future meeting.

Power: Local Government Act 1972, ss.126, 133 and 111.

26/96 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

26/97 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for August 2026 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£6,247.55
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£6,129.00
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£390.00
Ben Lapwood	£1,896.00
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Solar Green	£9,600.00
Blackwater Sign and Print	£1,118.40
Essex Hire and Sales Ltd	£1,377.60
Ernest Doe & Sons	£67.17
Camstage	£7,737.19
CIA Fire and Security Limited	£819.14
CG Civil and Groundwork Contractors Ltd	£4,620.00
M and S Cleaning Services	£50.00
Wave	£18.99
Society of Local Council Clerks	£200.00

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Unity Trust Bank	£13.90
Braintree District Council	£191.00
British Gas	£58.06
BT	£71.94
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs
Lloyds Bank (office expenses) July and August	£556.99
SSE	£435.41

Councillor Wallace abstained.

26/98 General Announcements

The consultation for the proposed development off of Bury Lane is on 9th September in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th October 2026