

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Renow (Chairman)
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr C Greaves
Cllr T Munt
Cllr R Parker
Cllr W Purser
Cllr D Wallace
Clerk
10 members of the public

It was resolved that Cllr Renow chair this meeting in the Parish Council Chairman's absence.

24/101 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Weale, Broddle and Short.

24/102 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

24/103 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 24/118.

24/104 A12 Q&A

Apologies were received from the National Highways representative. This item was deferred to the November meeting.

24/105 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis gave an update on the following:

- Locality Fund – small projects of up to £500 (not ongoing revenue) are eligible.
- Member Highways Initiative – pavement repaired on The Street from the junction with Station Road to the zebra crossing; repairs and relining outside the schools; sunken drain in Maldon Road near Letch's Corner repaired.
- The Green/Ulting Road - Local Highways Panel scheme submitted for extra signage and lining on the approach to the bend. Information provided to residents on the H-bar lines across drives to discourage parking.
- Relining and realignment of signage at the junction of The Street and Maldon Road submitted to maintenance.
- The issue of vehicles coming round the bend from the A12 straight on to the Maldon Road zebra crossing raised with the Road Safety Team.
- Legal agreement for the adoption of Laburnum Way footpath should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- 20mph wig wags being installed week commencing 21st October. Traffic management will not be in place during school drop off and pick up times.

24/106 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Coleridge gave an update on the following:

- Full council debate on the removal of the winter fuel allowance. It is important for all those entitled to pension credit to apply.
- The Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan has been formally adopted.

- There will be a pilot across the district for food waste collection from flats.
- From April 2026 all recycling will be collected from kerbside, including tetrapaks and glass.
- The e-scooter trial in Braintree has been extended to May 2025.
- BDC is currently looking at the Local Plan.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is being reviewed by the new government. BDC supported some of the proposals.

24/107 Public Participation

3 members of the public raised the following:

- The annual remembrance parade has historically been organised by the Royal British Legion. A request was made for the Parish Council to take this on from 2025.
- A12 widening scheme – request to meet with someone from the project scheme at a Parish Council meeting to provide an update.
- Ulting Road residents with drives that get blocked by parked vehicles. Residents must apply for H-bars themselves.
- Church Road – surface road faults.
- Litter at Junction 20A towards Crix. National Highways has agreed to carry out the clearance works up to the area that Essex Highways are responsible for.
- Solar streetlights are being installed on the recreation ground near the school this week. They will take a week to charge up ready for use.
- Nounsley Ford – signs say closed one way, but open the other.

24/108 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

24/109 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) **It was resolved** to approve the mid-year budget review.
- (b) The completion and checking of the 2024/25 first quarter bank reconciliations was noted.
- (c) **It was resolved** to permit a pizza van in the Village Hall car park for a private party in November, between 12 and 4pm.

24/110 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received in the public participation session.
- (b) **It was resolved** to write to residents in the Ulting Road area to gather views on a double yellow line proposal.

24/111 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

24/112 Environment

An update from the Environment Advisory Group was received.

24/113 Stone Path Meadow

An update was on the meadows was received.

24/114 Section 106 Funds

- (a) **It was resolved** to agree the recommendations of the S106 Working Party to vary the terms of the new S106 Agreement contributions to be agreed between Braintree District Council, Agent and the Landowner if a new outline planning application is approved for the site, relating to Outline Planning Consent No 20/01264/OUT.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the recommendation of the S106 Working Party to retain the Heras fencing around the mound for the cable wire at the Nounsley play area until the new grass is established, up to a period of 12 weeks, with a review at subsequent meetings.

- (c) **It was resolved** to continue the outdoor gym personal training sessions for residents beyond the initial 12-week period, subject to grant funding being obtained.

24/115 Communications

An update was received from the Communications Officer.

24/116 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

- (a) The item to consider paying for clearance works to the scrubland currently under the Bowls Club lease was deferred to the November meeting.
- (b) The item to agree to the proposed lease boundary changes for the Football Club, Bowls Club and Croquet Club was deferred to the November meeting.
- (c) The item to appoint a solicitor to draw up new leases for all three clubs under the same terms was deferred to the November meeting.

24/117 Youth Services

An update was received.

24/118 Accounts for Payment

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

Staff costs	£5,605.00
DW Maintenance	£2,628.75
The Maid Service	£44.00
Braintree District Council	£183.00
Tolhurst Fisher	£456.00
SSE Southern Electric	£635.43
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£315.00
Unity Trust Bank	£35.85
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Andrew Jamieson	£250.00
EALC	£1,044.00
Steve Harding (expenses)	£30.00
BT	£55.02
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£219.40
Glasdon UK Limited	£1,865.61
Society of Local Council Clerks	£931.00
Strutt and Parker Farms Ltd	£4,500.00
Sarah Gaeta (travel expenses)	£96.60
Diane Wallace (travel expenses)	£18.60
Carly Truman (travel expenses)	£20.40
Kompan Limited	£11,146.00

Councillor Wallace abstained.

24/119 General Announcements

- Request for a councillor to join the Community Events Committee. Councillor Purser volunteered.
- The Parish Council sends its condolences to the family and friends of the late Bernie Heard, a former Parish Councillor.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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