

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2022
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr C Dervish
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr M Renow
Cllr Elliston
Cllr Munt
Cllr Greaves
Cllr Knightbridge
County Cllr Derrick Louis
Clerk
14 members of the public

22/132 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Shaw and Broddle.

22/133 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

22/134 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in handyman matters and 22/140 (c), (d) and (e).

22/135 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis gave an update on the following:

- Member pothole scheme – 13 submitted so far, with repairs beginning. There will be an opportunity for further submissions.
- New signage installed in Maldon Road; speed surveys to be completed; plans to submit a Local Highways Panel application for a reduced speed limit on the 'S' bends.
- Developer works (Gleneagles): (i) Highways has refused to sign off the cycleway and has instructed the developer to install additional bollards; (ii) Highways has refused to sign off the zebra crossing installation – a safety report is being compiled.
- School places: ECC has a statutory duty to provide 'local' school places, but this could be neighbouring areas. There are not enough spaces in Hatfield Peverel to accommodate the new housing, but there are spaces in Witham.
- NHS has been asked to determine what mitigation measures are being put in place with developer funds.
- Locality Fund – monies remain.

22/136 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

- Pushing the planning department on sustainability in Hatfield Peverel.
- 20 recommendations put to cabinet on how BDC can help residents in the cost-of-living crisis.
- Question asked on the 5-year land supply and why BDC has withdrawn certain district sites from the allocation.

22/137 Public Participation

Five members of the public raised the following:

- Bollards on Gleneagles Way – concerns about how long it will take for the developer to install additional bollards. Who owns the ransom strip? ECC Councillor Louis confirmed no registered owner. Could the developer put up a temporary barrier while waiting for a permanent solution?
- Duke of Wellington junction – give way has not been replaced. It was confirmed that this has been reported and is awaiting Highways action.
- A12 widening – the Inspectorate has extended the period of representation.
- Four drains in Peverel Avenue/Jenkins Lane need clearing – have been reported to Highways.
- New Parish Footpath Warden.
- December 2021 Review was printed in colour, there have been requests for the same this year.

22/138 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received without comment.

22/139 Burial Ground

An interment in plot 466B has taken place, followed by a transfer of ownership.

An interment in plot 530 has taken place.

Total fees received in October: £880.

22/140 Environment

- (a) Opportunities to increase the rewilding programme within the parish boundary were discussed, with the BDC-owned area near the duck pond identified. **It was resolved** to approve the communication approach outlined by the Parish Council's Wildlife Champion.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the quote of £410 from Paul Nicholas to repair and repaint the telephone box on The Green.
- (c) **It was resolved** to agree the quote of £420 from Wallace Arboriculture to reduce trees to the existing hedge height near the Nounsley bus shelter. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*
- (d) **It was resolved** to agree the quote of £360 from Wallace Arboriculture to reduce the size of the willow tree on the recreation ground that is encroaching on a neighbouring property. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*
- (e) **It was resolved** to agree the quote of £960 from Blackwater Tree Specialists to take down three trees and reduce the height of the leaning Cherry in the duck pond area. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*

22/141 Planning Committee

The minutes from the meeting held on 3rd October 2022 were received.

22/142 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) Following discussion, the October budget update was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to increase the print run of the December edition of The Review at an approximate maximum cost of £138.
- (c) An update on the recent Infant School Governors' meeting was received.
- (d) **It was resolved** to grant permission for the Village Hall to use the recreation ground for overflow parking for its event on Saturday 26th November, subject to an assessment of weather conditions on the day.
- (e) **It was resolved** to purchase a new printer for the Parish Council office at an approximate maximum cost of £214 + VAT.
- (f) **It was resolved** to grant permission to allow Braintree District Council to use the Village Hall car park as a Christmas tree recycling collection point on Saturday 14th January 2023.

- (g) **It was resolved** to allocate an additional £1,000 to support the Christmas in the Park event.

22/143 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received.
(b) Comments were submitted as part of the A12 Development Consent Order (DCO) process by the Traffic Advisory Group on behalf of the Parish Council in order to meet the deadline.

22/144 Heritage

An update on recent heritage activities was received.

22/145 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

22/146 Community Land (Stone Path Meadow)

- (a) An update on community land matters was received.
(b) **It was resolved** to appoint Place Services to carry out a tree survey on the meadow land at a cost of £525 + VAT, to be taken from the management funds held.

22/147 Section 106 Funds

An update on Section 106 funds and projects was received.

22/148 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

An update on KBMG matters was received.

22/149 Accounts for Payment

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

Plusnet	£38.93
Braintree District Council	£143.00
Staff costs	£3,336.77
DW Maintenance	£1,465.50
The Maid Service	£38.00
Greenfields	£48.52
SSE Southern Electric	£2,338.33
Strutt and Parker Farms Ltd	£4,500.00
D&G Paving	£250.00
A&J Lighting	£163.20
Society of Local Council Clerks	£215.00
Mark Weale	£41.97
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£3,630.45
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£543.20
Valerie Doyle (expenses)	£27.99
Wave (Anglian Water)	£66.58
Jeff Appleby	£200.00
J&C's Party Pets	£619.20
Kempco	£935.00

It was noted that the payment to J&C's Party Pets would be made via direct transfer from the Barclays account with single authorisation.

Councillor Wallace abstained

22/150 General Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- PCSO drop-in session at the library on Saturday 19th November. All councillors encouraged to attend.
- Tree vandalism – research carried out on types of tree guard that will support saplings in the future.
- Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November.
- Open Spaces Action Plan due to be updated by January 2023.
- Four oak trees have now been replaced.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th December 2022