

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr R Parker
Cllr M Renow
Cllr D Wallace
Clerk
8 members of the public

23/250 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Dervish and Munt. Margaret Freeman's resignation as Heritage Warden was noted. Council thanks and appreciation were given.

23/251 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 4th March and 26th March 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

23/252 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 23/266.

23/253 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis gave an update on the following:

- Defibrillator now in situ at The Swan.
- Took part in tree planting on the recreation ground with the Hatfield Peverel wildlife volunteers.
- Locality Fund new year opens at the end of April.
- Meeting with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 15th April.
- Nounsley Ford being put forward to the Local Highways Panel – extra signage and potential November to April closure with barrier.
- Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways – meeting on 16th April.
- Wellington Bridge pothole repairs by June 2024 – will not consider a resurface as this will be part of the A12 works.
- Following up on poor quality repair on sunken drain, Maldon Road near Jenkins Lane.
- New pothole scheme open for submission – send information by 12th April.
- Pothole crew visiting every six weeks rather than twice a year.
- Local Highways Panel being split – smaller scheme, such as speed surveys, and Chairman's Panel to consider larger schemes. Submissions must be supported with evidence.
- Laburnum Way – historic land ownership issue ongoing.
- Library reopened on 16th March.
- Junior school to be rebuilt rather than refurbished.
- Request for bleed kit for village hall submitted.

23/254 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

No update at this time.

23/255 Public Participation

Three members of the public raised the following:

- Community Park transfer – Councillor Louis would like a progress report.
- Footpath and cycle path from the village to KBMG and community park.

23/256 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report was received. The Clerk gave an update on item 19/87 (LED streetlighting).

23/257 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) **It was resolved** to deny all requests for the use of fireworks on the Strutt Memorial Recreation Ground.
- (b) **It was resolved** to appoint Adam King to install an outside tap at the village hall at a cost of £120.

23/258 Traffic

- (a) An update on traffic matters was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to ring-fence £5,000 from the Traffic 2023/24 budget to allow the purchase of a new SID, plus the cost of a service call to bring the two VAS units up to current specifications and to replace the battery on one of them, in this current financial year.

23/259 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

An update on the NDP review was received.

23/260 Environment

No update at this time.

23/261 Stone Path Meadow

An update was received.

23/262 Section 106 Funds

An update was received.

23/263 Communications

An update was received.

23/264 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

Following discussion, the decision on the future of the Football Club Reinstatement Fund was deferred.

23/265 Youth Services

An update on youth services was received.

23/266 Accounts for Payment

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

Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Braintree District Council	£187.75
Staff costs	£ 5,466.38
DW Maintenance	£1,335.50
The Maid Service	£44.00
A&J Lighting	£551.88
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£312.00
SSE Southern Electric	£676.70

EALC	£877.79
Caloo Ltd	£90.00
SLCC	£3,250.00
BT	£49.14
F Butcher	£2,000.00
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£ 201.46
Mrs C Truman (expenses)	£23.43
Green Recycling	£311.59
Bakers Funeral Services	£185.00
Unity Trust Bank	£32.85

Councillor Wallace abstained.

23/267 General Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- Village of the Year competition has opened. Councillor Wallace volunteered to take this forward.
- Tree planting on the recreation ground at 9am on Saturday 13th April. Help digging holes needed.
- Some Community Events Committee members are standing down at the end of this year. Volunteers will be needed.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2024