**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**

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

# **23/258 Traffic**

1. An update on traffic matters was received.
2. **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:

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| 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**