

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025
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
5 members of the public

24/158 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Munt, Purser and Short.

24/159 Minutes

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

24/160 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 24/167(a) and 24/173.

24/161 Essex County Councillor (ECC) Update

Councillor Louis was not present.

24/162 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

- Waste services public consultation.
- Green waste collection renewal opens on 27th January and the charge will be £55 this year.

24/163 Public Participation

Three members of the public raised the following:

- Request for an update on KBMG leases.
- Request for progress update on the village hall car park enforcement.
- Request for an update on tennis courts.

24/164 Clerk's Report

No update at this time.

24/165 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) **It was resolved** to organise and take responsibility for the annual Remembrance Sunday parade including associated costs. Final arrangements will be agreed nearer the time.
- (b) **It was resolved** to approve the budget for 2025/26 financial year.
- (c) **It was resolved** to agree a precept of £181,000 for the 2025/26 financial year.
- (d) **It was resolved** to join the Open Spaces Society for £45 per annum.

Powers: Local Government Act 1972 s.145; Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015; Local Government Finance Act 1992 ss.41&50; Local Government Act 1972 s.41(4); Local Government Act 1972 s.143.

24/166 Traffic

An update on traffic matters was received.

24/167 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

No update at this time.

24/168 Environment

- (a) **It was resolved** to continue with the re-wilding trial of agreed areas maintained by the Parish Council during summer 2025, with the addition of two new roadside verges on Ulting Road by Nounsley Play Area, and to cut and collect end of season. *Councillor Wallace abstained.*
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the application for the Braintree District Council Potential Open Space Improvements (POSI) 2025.

Powers: Highways Act 1980 s.142; Public Health Act 1875 s.164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9&10.

24/169 Stone Path Meadow

An update on the meadows was received.

24/170 Section 106 Funds

An update on S106 funds and projects was received.

24/171 Communications

The Communications Report 2024 was received.

24/172 Youth Services

An update was received.

24/173 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for December 2024/part January 2025 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£5,732.19
DW Maintenance	£2,744.50
The Maid Service	£44.00
Braintree District Council	£183.00
Marsh Commercial	£669.22
SSE Southern Electric	£614.95
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£330.00
Edge IT Systems	£1,729.92
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
Shea Lowe Education	£135.00
BT	£110.04
Lloyds Bank (office expenses)	£303.91
Unity Trust Bank	£22.80
Hatfield Peverel Coffee Lounge	£44.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£259.20
Wellers Hedleys	£1,140.00
Fastsigns	£79.79

Councillor Wallace abstained.

24/174 General Announcements

None.

24/175 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

- (a) Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2) **it was resolved** to exclude members of the press and public for the duration of this meeting to consider a proposal from Witham Town Council regarding working together for the improvement to bus services, with funding via a 'Love Your Bus' grant application.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree to the proposal in principle, pending further information.

Powers: Local Government and Ratings Act 1997 ss.26-29.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm
The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd February 2025