

**MINUTES OF THE HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

Those present:

Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr M Elliston
Cllr R Parker
Cllr W Purser
Cllr M Renow
Cllr T Short
Cllr S Smith
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr T Weale
Clerk
7 members of the public

25/210 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Munt.

25/211 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2026 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

25/212 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wallace in item 25/226.

25/213 Braintree District Councillor (BDC) Update

Councillor Dervish gave an update on the following:

- Councillor Butland will be standing down in May.

Councillor Coleridge gave an update on the following:

- Local Government Reorganisation – the five unitary model was approved. Braintree will be joining with Colchester and Tendring.
- Green waste – calls received about auto-enrolment.
- New bins being delivered around the district.
- Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation closes on 17th April.
- Continuing in role as District Councillor until the next election.

25/214 Public Participation

Two members of the public raised the following:

- Tennis court car park item – request to participate in discussion.
- A forthcoming planning application contains inaccurate information. The Clerk confirmed this application will be reviewed at the May Planning Committee meeting.
- Village Hall car parking – not enough capacity.

25/215 Clerk's Report

No update at this meeting.

25/216 Traffic

A brief update on traffic matters was received.

25/217 Finance and General Purposes

- (a) **It was resolved** to pursue further information on the Parish Council applying for borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) to support the delivery of future high-cost capital projects.
- (b) **It was resolved** to subscribe to Council Wise for the 2026/27 financial year at a cost of £500 + VAT.
- (c) **It was resolved** to agree the proposed Braintree District Council Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation submission.

25/218 Environment

No update at this meeting.

25/219 Stone Path Meadow

A brief update on the meadow was received.

25/220 Section 106 Funds

- (a) An update on S106 projects was received.
- (b) **It was resolved** to agree the Allotment Association's proposal for their Water Tank Project costing £6,299.91 including VAT.
- (c) **It was resolved** to accept the quotation from SX Architecture for the design, planning and scope of works for the proposed tennis court car park, at a cost of £2,850.

25/221 Community Park

An update on the Community Park was received.

25/222 Communications

A brief update on communications was received.

25/223 Keith Bigden Memorial Ground

A brief update on the KBMG was received.

25/224 Youth Services

- (a) An update on youth services was received.
- (b) The motion to approve the quote from A&J Lighting to install two LED lighting columns at the MUGA on the recreation ground at a cost of £2,700 + VAT was deferred, pending further information on the planning conditions imposed when the MUGA was installed.

25/225 Community Events

It was resolved to appoint Norvic to provide front of stage security at Party in the Park at a maximum cost of £828 + VAT, to come from general reserves.

25/226 Accounts for Payment

It was resolved that the accounts for payment for March 2026 be approved as follows:

Staff costs	£6,079.16
Wallace Arboriculture and Groundcare	£5,555.40
Andrew Smith Print Limited	£455.00
Wivenhoe Town Council	£90.00
Hatfield Peverel Community Association	£293.33
SSE	£763.42
The Maid Service	£22.50
My PT	£240.00
ICCM	£110.00
Wave	£263.50
SLCC	£3,400.00

W Purser (expenses)	£21.41
Green Recycling	£449.40
D Wallace (expenses)	£85.65
L Moxhay (expenses)	£21.30
A&J Lighting	£339.00

Pre-Approved Direct Debits:

Lloyds Bank	£578.95
Unity Trust Bank	£11.35
Braintree District Council	£188.85
British Gas	£26.57
BT	£67.14
Anglian Water	£263.50
Now Pensions	Included in staff costs

Councillor Wallace abstained.

25/227 General Announcements

- Ice cream van is trading from the village hall car park without permission.
- Community Governance study days are on 23rd and 24th April, so the Clerk will be out of the office on those days.
- John Cockell will be stepping down from the Traffic Advisory Group at the end of April. The Council extended its heartfelt thanks to John for his significant contributions over the years. He will continue to work with the S106 working party and will remain the Passenger Transport representative for the time being.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2026