

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018

IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Those present: Cllr M Weale (Chairman)
Cllr D Broddle
Cllr T Munt
Cllr D Wallace
Cllr L Shaw
Cllr K Gallifant
Cllr M Renow
Cllr M Elliston

17/156 Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evans and Hinkley.

17/157 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

17/158 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made: Cllr Wallace in Handyman matters and Cllr Munt in allotment matters.

17/159 Braintree District Councillor Update

District Cllr Bebb informed the meeting of the following:

- A correction of a previous minute in relation to DCLG statement on increasing *national* new build targets.
- Local Plan hearing at Colchester Stadium from 16th January.
- Commendations offered to Cllr Renow on his resilience during the recent Inquiry.
- BDC 2018/19 budget – new demands. A 1% pay increase had been assumed, but now 2% has been agreed.
- Business Rates Retention Scheme – not successful in bid for pilot scheme.
- Appointment of BDC Chief Executive – interview panel meeting on 19th January.
- Community Energy Scheme – opportunity to sign up for a quote without commitment. The deadline is 10th February and from 12th February, will go out to suppliers for auction.
- GP Surgeries – national situation regarding cut backs on surgery numbers and doctor recruitment based on a recent Economist article.
- Community Grants Scheme – coming to the end of the financial year soon and there will be no 'roll forward'. Therefore, any funds not spent will be lost. Contact District Cllr Bebb for more information.

17/160 Public Participation

A member of the public raised concerns on the following local issues: dog fouling, parking on paths and speeding in the village. Station Road is like a 'race track'. Pedestrians should be able to get two buggy widths past a parked car. There is a persistent dog fouling problem in Baker Avenue/New Road with one particular repeat offender.

A member of the public thanked HPPC for representing the village at the Inquiry. The representatives from the Council presented a well organised and articulate case. Thanks were offered to the other groups involved for their solidarity and support.

A member of the public commented on the extreme effort and time put into the Inquiry by the team working with Cllrs Renow and Wallace.

A member of the public raised awareness of the Marriage's Mill relocation from Chelmsford to Cranham Road. HPPC had established no HGV traffic along the old A12 through the village. However, a new application has been made and the appellant wants to route traffic via Waltham Road and therefore through Hatfield Peverel. The Appeal resumes on 30th January which will be the last opportunity for HPPC to express an opinion.

John Cockell reported that the installation of chicanes/speed humps in New Road and Remembrance Avenue was highly unlikely due to the amount of on street parking and driveways. Residents will need a petition. He informed the meeting that the Treasurer of the Bowling Club passed away suddenly in November; no one has taken over full-time as yet. John requested an update on the bus shelter issue and the effectiveness of the CCTV in the village.

District Cllr Bebb highlighted the A12 Community Forum being held on the 30th January at Feering at 6.30pm.

A member of the public requested that item 17/167 be brought forwards.

17/167 Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

An update on the recent Inquiry was given. Cllr Weale offered thanks to those who supported the NDP.

17/161 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following:

- Bank Reconciliations from November were given to Cllr Broddle for checking.
- The public consultation period for the Community Governance Review is between 1st January and 28th February.
- The Clerk requested Councillor responses regarding the 'Growing a Rural Community' questionnaire.

17/162 Burial Ground

The Clerk reported the following:

The interment of the late Peter Dawson took place on the 19th December 2017 in plot 671 and the fee of £525 has been received.

The interment of the late Sylvia Gudge took place on the 3rd January 2018 in plot 646 and the fee of £125 has been received.

The burial fees will be reviewed at a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, as highlighted by the Internal Auditor.

17/163 Community Association

Cllr Weale gave feedback. Cllr Munt offered to become a trustee. **Action:** The Clerk to check if the Community Events working party Chair can be a member of the public and not a Councillor.

17/164 Finance Working Party Update

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT HPPC adopt a precept of £60,399 for the 2018/19 financial year.
Proposer: Cllr Weale; Seconder: Cllr Munt.

The motion to agree the budget for 2018/19 was deferred to the next meeting on 5th February 2018 to allow for further discussion.

17/165 Community Park Update

Cllr Weale offered to act as Chair for the Community Park Working Party temporarily. The Clerk is awaiting an update from the solicitor.

17/166 Planning Executive Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January have been circulated and a copy can be found in the Minute Book.

Action: The Clerk to send a letter raising HPPC's concerns relating to the increase in traffic through the village as a result of the Marriage's Mill relocation, emphasising the expansion of the A12 and the issues the village is facing over the next few years.

17/168 Environment Working Party Update

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th December and 9th January have been circulated.

The motion that HPPC approve the proposal by the Football Club to replace the rabbit proof fencing at Wickham Bishops Road between the main pitch and the clubhouse was accepted in principal, with a request that the process goes through solicitors.

The new burial ground fencing options were discussed.

Following a meeting with Essex Highways, the position of lockable posts on the newly laid footpath to the allotments and burial ground was discussed. Positions B and C decided upon.

A meeting regarding the duck pond is due to be held on 27th January.

17/169 Traffic Working Party Update

No update at this time.

17/170 KMBG

The Bowling Club have confirmed that they are happy for HPPC to renew the insurance cover at a cost of £813.49 to be reimbursed by the Bowling Club.

17/171 Councillor/Clerk Surgeries

The motion was deferred to the meeting on 5th February.

17/172 English Heritage Grant

Following a vote, it was decided that the circus request would be denied. **Action:** The Clerk to inform Circus Tyanna of the Council's decision.

17/173 Church drive repair and fencing

Quotes are being obtained for the repair of the drive. The Community Grants Scheme is likely to cover costs. Local residents are concerned that if the drive is repaired, speed of vehicles will increase. Quotes will be obtained for fencing. **Action:** The Clerk to clarify ownership of the drive.

17/174 Meeting dates for 2018

Meeting dates for this year were circulated.

17/175 Accounts for Payment

December 2017 accounts for payment were approved and cheques signed. A cheque to Kempco in payment of the printing of the Review was raised and signatures obtained away from a meeting, following agreement by the Finance Working Party. This payment was made under financial regulations 5.5(b) and 5.6.

17/176 General Announcements

Cllr Weale offered support in relation to the village parking issues as a whole.

The Clerk reported that roadworks on the A12 southbound would commence on 15th January lasting five nights. A full southbound road closure will be in place.

The Clerk provided contact details for the new Rural Police Officer.

Cllr Elliston asked for two volunteers to help with the delivery of The Review – with a commitment of approximately half an hour, every two months. If anyone is known, please contact. **Action:** The Clerk to put on HPPC Facebook group.

Cllr Gallifant highlighted the proposed cancellation of the No. 72 bus. This will impact on school children going from the village to Witham and the public going to the GP Surgery at Boreham.

The issue surrounding the HPPC domain name was discussed. **Action:** The Clerk to change the HPPC email address.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm