



MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2025

AT THE FOX PH MATCHING TYE

Present

Cllr Paul Moulds (PM), (Chairman) Cllrs. John Binder (JEB), Richard Morgan (RM), Eugene Simpson (ES), In attendance: Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick, and 7 member of the public

3402. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions submitted in writing will be addressed by the Council during the first 15 minutes of the Meeting.

- Request from owners of The Chequers for reasons behind objection to planning application. PM and JEB both expressed the concerns of the council that extension of the footprint of the dining area would attract more visitors and create additional parking problems. There was no objection to the alteration works to the kitchen arras which were considered appropriate. However it was also pointed out that EFDC refused the application which had previously been refused and also refused on appeal.
- Questions raised about the clearance of rubbish after the bonfire on the 5th November. PM said he had seen broken glass on the verge outside The Chequers and had asked the manager to deal with it. This did not happen and 35 minutes later he again raised this with the manager. The broken glass was eventually removed.
- The race director for the 10k run outlined the details of the event and PM said that the council were happy with the organisation details and wished the event well.
- Frustration was expressed regarding the long time it has taken for the Matching Tye millennium sign to be repaired. PM responded that it was being looked at by a local woodworker on a 'time availability' basis at no cost to the council. Request that if it was possible could it be paid for on a more urgent basis. PM responded that the calls for funds from the council precept were more important than the repair of the sign, but that another person had been asked to look at both signs from Matching Tye and Matching Green to recommend if repair was an option.

3 members of the public left the meeting

3403. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Roland Brockman (RSB) away, ECC and EFDC Cllr C Whitbread, EFDC Cllr Ray Balcombe (RB). EFDC Council meetings.

3404. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 4th November approved and signed.

3405. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

RM is a district councillor

3406. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report

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3407. CLERKS REPORT

- On matters from the last meeting.

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- Concern regarding website hosting supplier Narkedesign and the failure to respond to queries regarding Assertion 10. Approval to look at alternative supplier who are compliant with Assertion 10
- Any business requiring a decision is listed on the agenda.

Correspondence

i.	EALC Ebulletin
ii.	EALC Training bulletin
iii.	Epping Forest Weekly Crime Reports None received
iv.	03 Dec 25 - Member Training - ECC Highways
v.	URGENT – EFDC Tuesday 25 November
vi.	Result of Election
vii.	News YourHarlow.com Invitation to publish
viii.	Statement of persons nominated and uncontested notice
ix.	Green Data Solar Farm: Second Consultation Event Timeline
x.	EFDC Councillors to consider Bell judgement
xi.	EFDC Keeping the district clear this autumn
xii.	Election investigation and Election of councillors
xiii.	EFDC Council has voted to continue the appeal process
xiv.	Free weekend parking in December in Epping
xv.	LGR public consultation launched
xvi.	Unity Trust Bank We're changing our fees and charges
xvii.	RCCE Warbler Newsletter - December 2025
xviii.	CouncilWise Launch
xix.	EALC Enquiry - Village Green Pavilion Legal advice

3408. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PM thanked Cllrs Binder and Morgan for their help with supervising the bonfire and clearing up afterwards. He also thanked Pat Garrity and her husband for helping with the clearing up. Clerk to write.

3409. ELECTION RESULT

Karen McIvor and Adam Riches have been elected unopposed in the election to be held on the 11th December. The councillors will take up office on the 15th December.

3410. MATCHING GREEN AND MATCHING TYE

To consider issues for Matching Green

- To consider the installation of a disabled access road to the pavilion. Clerk has received and circulated advice from Essex Legal Services advising that we are not at risk of damaging the village green for the provision of the access road. Unanimous approval to go ahead with the project for a disabled access track to the rear of the pavilion, only to be used on a Thursday morning.
- To consider the permissions for the 10K run. Approved unanimously

To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Bench on the Matching Tye Green is not repairable. PM recommends a Captains Double seat in recycled material at a cost of £250. Unanimous approval. Clerk to order

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To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- No problems

3411. JUBILEE FIELD

- Rope pulled out of a post.

3412. HIGHWAYS

Speed signs are missing on the Hobbs Cross junction

3413. FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk submitted his draft budget and precept with two alternatives.

1. To retain the Band D figure at £41.81 per year
2. To increase the Band D figure by 2.5% to £42.85 per year

Council decided to retain the Band D figure to last year's amount of £41.81

Clerk will prepare the final precept request when the Tax Base has been issued later this month.

Bank balance after the following payments £22022.23

Payments to be approved.

Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365	13.06
Clerk	Salary and expense (November)	663.44
HMRC	PAYE (Period 8-9)	291.80

Authorised by PM and JEB or RSB

3414. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

1. The Chequers Ph, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PZ; EPF/1983/25; Demolition of existing buildings and replacement extensions. **REFUSED**
2. Green Oaks, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NS; EPF/1849/25; Variation of Condition 5 'Access arrangements' of EPF/0013/25 (Conversion and alterations to existing glasshouse to create 1no. self-contained, self-build dwelling, with associated residential curtilage, and new means of access to the public highway). **APPROVED**
3. The Limes, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0QE; EPF/1411/25 & EPF/1503/25 Grade II listed building consent for conversion of existing outbuilding to 1 residential annexe ancillary to the main house. **APPROVED**
4. The Limes, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0QE; EPF/1410/25; Demolition of existing shallow pitched garages and construction of single garage/carport similar to the 1985 approval EPF/1149/85. **REFUSED**

Applications

5. 5A, Laurel Cottage, Rainbow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow, CM17 0QP; EPF/2351/25; to come out 5 metres from the back of my detached property across the width of my property keeping in the original shape of the house. the extension will contain a new kitchen dining area. **SUPPORTED**

3415. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

3416. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Pavilion Disabled access road. Budget and Precept

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3417. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 6th January

Tuesday 3rd February

Meeting closed at 9.11 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____