



MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2025

AT THE FOX PH MATCHING TYE

Present

Cllr Paul Moulds (PM), (Chairman) Cllrs. Roland Brockman (RSB), Denise Deller (DD), Richard Morgan (RM), In attendance: EFDC Cllr Ray Balcombe (RB), Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick and 2 members of the public.

3259. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

- Further ingress of cannabis in Homefields. Reported to Police. Doctors letter submitted to EFDC on behalf of Mr Langley. 2 Police Officers and Michelle Kerr attended. Neighbour did not answer the door to the Police. After the police and Ms Kerr left the neighbour laughed out for the remainder of the morning. On another occasion 4 officers turned up, but again she did not answer the door when the police hammered on the door.
- Clerk to request a case worker from Loughton Police section.
- 2 members of the public left the meeting

3260. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr John Binder (JEB), Eugene Simpson (ES), unwell, ECC & EFDC Cllr Chris Whitbread (CW), council meetings.

3261. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

3262. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

RM is a district councillor and a member of the Matching Green Car Club
PM is a member of the Matching Green Car Club

3263. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

RB reported that the fence has been moved. The Colvers parking plan is moving forward with planning and redesigns, and trying to resolve objections. DD reported that diagonal parking is desperately needed. RB responded that there were services in the ground that need to be considered. PM asked if RB could push to get this resolved before next winter.

Devolution plans are progressing but there is discussion as to the number of authorities. RB portfolio Waste Collection has a 99.98% clear up rate equates to approx. 25 bins not collected each week, as against 5000 bins not collected two years ago. Supervisors are now on the road in vans and not sitting in an office. No crew is finished until everything is collected and all vehicles are CCTV covered. There is also a bonus paid to crews for good work. 2 crews were attacked over the last 2 months and assaulted.

3264. CLERKS REPORT

- On matters from the last meeting.

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- Change email address to matching.gov.uk. Clerk advised that we are being encouraged to use a .gov.uk domain and email address. Approved
- Any business requiring a decision is listed on the agenda.

Correspondence

i.	EALC Ebulletin
ii.	EALC Training bulletin
iii.	Epping Forest Weekly Crime Reports 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Mar
iv.	EALC Police, Fire and Crime e-Bulletins 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Mar
v.	Anti-Social behaviour Homefields draft letter to EFDC and Police CC
vi.	Road closure fees waived for VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025
vii.	EFDC Clearing of illegal waste
viii.	Essex CC DaRT 7 on bus consultation
ix.	Refresh your space this Spring with our self-watering floor planters!
x.	RCCE Membership Event 2025/26..
xi.	Essex Short Breaks Community Capital Inclusion Fund
xii.	Notification of play area inspection in May for Matching Parish Council
xiii.	Owner of unlawful trees destruction prosecuted
xiv.	EFDC Free Easter Family Fun
xv.	EFDC Cottis Yard car park transfer
xvi.	Matching Green Car Show 2025 Application form
xvii.	Partner Announcement- Greater Essex Devolution Event: 31st March 2025
xviii.	EFDC Planning training sessions:
xix.	Rural England Prosperity Fund
xx.	Request to empty dog waste bin in Matching Green
xxi.	RCCE Warbler Newsletter - April 2025
xxii.	RCCE Climate Change Survey for ALL parishes.
xxiii.	Funding for fitness; Four Essex PCs have already done this

3265. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

3266. CASUAL VACANCY

To consider the vacancy for a councillor following the retirement of Joan Bowerman.

RM has some names for consideration and will speak to them.

Clerk confirmed that the notice of Casual Vacancy has been on the Parish Council website since 6th February

3267. MATCHING GREEN AND MATCHING TYE

To consider issues for Matching Green

- Dog bin for Matching Village Green. Clerk has contacted EFDC again regarding emptying. Awaiting a response.
- Wooden bench for the Green. Engraving to be provided with thanks to Joan Bowerman for her many years of service to the Council and Community. PM proposed a recycled bench which was approved.

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- JEB reported that there is a Thursday Club in the Cricket pavilion which has been a great success, but has had to be cancelled on a couple of occasions due to disabled access being not usable. A car park would be an advantage with a road access to the rear of the pavilion.
- PM proposed that subject to this being legally permissible, that a feasibility study is undertaken to consider the provision of parking facilities at the rear of the pavilion for no more than eight cars and an access road from the link road from Potash Road to The Green. Clerk has requested ECC Environmental Team Common Land and Village Greens department for advice, for approval of access and parking on Village Green. Response is that they cannot give advice.

To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Nothing further

To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- Nothing further

3268. JUBILEE FIELD

- Planters need to be cleared of weeds. RB will mention to ES.

3269. HIGHWAYS

Potholes.

3270. FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance after the following payments £10570.82
Payments to be approved.

Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365	13.06
Clerk	Salary and expense (March)	595.29
HMRC	PAYE (Period 1)	119.00

Authorised by DD and RB

3271. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

Applications

- Willow Tree Barn, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NP; EFDC/0470/25; Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 'Boundary Treatment' and condition 4 'Hedge Planning' and granted permission on EPF/1913/24 (Change of use of land from vehicle hardstanding to curtilage of Willow Tree Barn.) **APPROVED**

Applications

- The Maltings, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0QE; EPF/0505; Application for approval of details reserved by Condition 3 and granted permission on EPF/2366/24 (Replacement timber entrance gates).
- Willow Tree Barn, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NP' EPF/0470/25; Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3'Boundary Treatment' and condition 4 ' Hedge Planning' and granted permission on EPF/1913/24 (Change of use of land from vehicle hardstanding to curtilage of Willow Tree Barn.)
- The Fox Inn, Harlow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow, CM17 0QS; EPF/0462/25; Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 'External Finishes', condition 8'Hard and Soft

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'Landscaping' and condition 11 'Surface Water Disposal' on planning permission on EPF/1531/19. (Erection of 2 detached dwellings together with access parking gardens and infrastructure).

3272. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

3273. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Colvers, Feasibility Study, Dog Bin

3274. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 6th May

Tuesday 3rd June

Meeting closed at 9.08 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____