



# MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2026

AT THE FOX PH MATCHING TYE

### **Present**

Clr Paul Moulds (PM), (Chairman) Cllrs. Roland Brockman (RSB), Karen McIvor (KM), Richard Morgan (RM), Adam Riches (AR), Eugene Simpson (ES), In attendance: EFDC Cllr Ray Balcombe (RB). Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick, and 3 members of the public

### **3436. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public

- Hedges have been removed at the church, but they are being replaced by new fencing
  - Pavilion Access path.
    - MGCC queried the amount of use of the pavilion access.
    - PM expressed the council concerns regarding 'mission creep' and ensuring access is strictly for intended purpose.
    - Clerk clarified legal constraints contained within Inclosure Act 1857 and Commons Act 1876 preventing damage to the surface of the Village Green. Clerk has discussed limited access with Conservation Officer and has submitted a sketch to the Planning Department for their advice on obtaining permission.
    - MGCC expressed their desire to be included in discussions and to consider a broader access for disabled individuals, not just for the Thursday Club.
    - Clerk to try to arrange a meeting with EFDC Planning Dept.
  - Village Green Condition
    - Concerns have been raised by residents regarding damage to the green due to vehicle access, particularly in bad weather conditions
    - The council are encouraging use of the outer perimeter and longer grass areas.
    - Council to continue monitoring the condition and report back to next meeting
- 1 member of the public left the meeting

### **3437. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Clr, John Binder (JEB), away, ECC and EFDC Cllr C Whitbread, EFDC Council meetings.

### **3438. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February approved and signed.

### **3439. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

RM is a district councillor and is a member of the Stansted Airport Community Trust

### **3440. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

RB reported that the District Council have set the budget with a 4.8% uplift, one of the smallest in the country and the smallest in Essex. The Waste collection is moving along very nicely and the clean up rate on first collections over the last six months is 99.8%. Three years ago there were five thousand bins missed per week and now its about eighty. We are about 75% through delivering the food bins and that should be complete by the end of the month. Food bin collection starts on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Green bin is £60 per year for green garden waste. Maximum is four bins per household. We are hoping for a 50% take up and are currently around 33%. We are having some problems with

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batteries in the waste which can cause fires and we have had two. We get fined if a lorry turns up with contaminated waste

### 3441. CLERKS REPORT

- On matters from the last meeting.
- Action List circulated
- Any business requiring a decision is listed on the agenda.

#### Correspondence

i.	EALC Ebulletin
ii.	EALC Training bulletin
iii.	Invitation to a Local Nature Recovery Event - 23 February
iv.	Research on older and disabled people's bus use in Essex
v.	Minutes and Action List
vi.	Councillors review budget ahead of final approval
vii.	Upcoming Training Opportunities for Councils – February
viii.	Pavilion Access – response by MGCC
ix.	NEW CouncilWise Courses Just Launched! Expertise You Won't Want to Miss
x.	Stansted Airport Community Fund response
xi.	CouncilWise Subscription
xii.	CouncilWise Training Schedule
xiii.	Garage allocations consultation
xiv.	VAS signs

### 3442. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

### 3443. 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 submitted sketch plan to EFDC Planning for advice via contact Frederique Caillat in Planning Department. Awaiting response
- Monitoring condition of the green and car access.

#### To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Bench has arrived in kit form and has been assembly and awaiting installation by PM and JEB.
- Parking on the green has been well observed
- VAS signs not working. Clerk to chase.

#### To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- No problems

### 3444. JUBILEE FIELD

- ES asked about grants for upkeep of the play area. The Stansted Airport Trust may be a possibility. Clerk to investigate an application and ask John Kenney to put in a quote.

### 3445. HIGHWAYS

#### Hobbs Cross junction

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- Clerk to contact CW regarding whiter lines and multiple collisions and cars ending up in ditches and speed signs

### 3446. FINANCIAL REPORT

To receive financial reports

- The bank balance will be £11736.53 after the following payments
- Payments to be approved

Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365	13.06
Clerk	Salary and expense (February)	652.52
HMRC	PAYE (Period 12)	118.40
HMRC	Employers NIC	33.52

Authorised by PM or RSB

### 3447. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

1. 9 Stonehall Grove, Downhall Road, Matching Green, Harlow, CM17 0RA; EPF/0006/26; Proposed single storey side and single storey rear extensions. **APPROVED**
2. Ark Royal, Carters Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NX; EPF/2536/25; Variation of Condition 2 Plan numbers of EPF/2703/23 (Demolition of the 2 storey dwelling house and outbuildings on the site, proposed new detached chalet style dwelling house in place of the existing house). **APPROVED**

Applications

3. Hadley Wood, Downhall Road, Matching Green, Harlow, CM17 0RD; EPF/0264/26; Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 7 Details of foul and surface water disposal of EPF/859/23 (Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding. Construction of a new detached dwelling).

### 3448. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

NONE

### 3449. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Pavilion Disabled access road.

### 3450. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May AGM

Meeting closed at 8.44 pm

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