



MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2026

AT THE FOX PH MATCHING TYE

Present

Cllr Paul Moulds (PM), (Chairman) Cllrs. John Binder (JEB), Roland Brockman (RSB), Karen McIvor (KM), Richard Morgan (RM), Adam Riches (AR), Eugene Simpson (ES), In attendance: EFDC Cllrs Ray Balcombe (RB) and Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick, and no members of the public

3495. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public
PM congratulated KM on her election as a District Councillor and County Councillor and Chair of Essex County Council

3496. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

ECC Cllr Jamey McIvor (JM)

3497. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 5th May approved and signed.

3498. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

KM is a Chair of Essex County Council and EFDC District Councillor
RM is an EFDC District Councillor.

3499. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

KM Thanked everyone who voted for her and I really look forward to being a representative for the parish and district council and I look forward to working with Ray and Jamie.
Councillor MacIvor shared a statement from Essex County Councillor Jamie McIvor, highlighting recent achievements at County Hall, including:

- Removal of library book fees.
- Elimination of foreign flags on civic buildings.
- Declaration of a pothole emergency.
- Net zero commitment removed.
- Reduction of wasteful spending.

3500. CLERKS REPORT

- On matters from the last meeting.
- Action List circulated
- Letter received from Steph Galley "Last week Alex litter picked the whole of Watery Lane and then from Little Laver Church back to Watery Lane. Surprisingly, he only got a quarter of a bag of black sack of rubbish. He's currently on his expedition trekking around Much Hadham and Bishop's Stortford camping but will continue litter-picking this week over the half term. He's stuck to our quieter lanes as safer with traffic, though I'm quite keen to do Down Hall Road, but he isn't." I wonder why. "He is due to complete his tasks this month, but we've enjoyed keeping our lanes clean, so we are going to continue to do it regularly. To date, we've collected over 10 full sacks of litter and many half sacks. Enjoy the sunshine.
- PM replied "Hi, Stef. A big thank you to Alex and yourself from Matching Parish Council for showing such community spirit. Alex is showing a wonderful example of helping others in the locality. We wish him well with all his activities, present and future. Regards, Paul"

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- Proposal for a Certificate and a Book token. Approved. Clerk to arrange.
- Any business requiring a decision is listed on the agenda.

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Correspondence

i.	EALC Ebulletin
ii.	EALC Training bulletin
iii.	Minutes and Action List
iv.	Routine Playground Inspection Course & Exam – 10 June & 6th October 2026. ES to apply for October
v.	Notice of referendum : Epping Town Neighbourhood Plan
vi.	Parish Council Transport Representative. Cllr Riches will take this.
vii.	Training Bulletin - May/June CouncilWise Training Opportunities for Councils
viii.	EALC Training E-Bulletin: RPII Routine Playground Training – Colchester – 8th July 2026!
ix.	New domestic abuse policy
x.	Extra time for pubs for World Cup
xi.	Navigating the Planning System Course - Saturday 13th June
xii.	Salt Bag Partnership 2026/2027 - NOW LAUNCHED
xiii.	Member enquiries Drop-in Session - every Wednesday 9.30-10.30 via Zoom

3501. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No Report

3502. MATCHING GREEN AND MATCHING TYE

To consider issues for Matching Green

- Pavilion Access path. Clerk has submitted a request for pre-application advice from EFDC Planning Department. An initial fee of £300 has been paid by the Clerk but understands that this may be waived as we are a Parish Council. This to be reimbursed to the Clerk
- The following information has also been found
Legally, works aimed at bettering the recreational use of the land (including adding amenities like playgrounds, seats, or accessibility paths) are generally permitted without special statutory consent. Because the parish council is also the owner of the land, it holds "lawful authority" under the Road Traffic Act to create vehicular and pedestrian access.
- Clerk thanks Stuart Brown for his help in providing drawings and information.

To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Nothing further

To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- Nothing further

3503. JUBILEE FIELD

- Planters need looking at next week
- Goal posts need repainting. PM suggested Community involvement, perhaps from the Matching Tye WhatsApp group.
- Issue with the second rope has been resolved.
- Second bridge is starting to dip and needs investigation. PM and JEB to investigate

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3504. HIGHWAYS

Potholes

- Specific locations identified for repair:
 - Opposite Karenza on Matching Green.
 - Bend near Kingston Farm.
 - Hobb's Cross Road.
 - Potash Road
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- Proposal to replace the telegraph pole at Matching Airfield with a proper flagpole for the Union Flag. Approved unanimously
 - Permission from landowner Henry Roe to be sought. JEB will do this

3505. FINANCIAL REPORT

To receive financial reports

- Precept of £19826 received
- VAT Refund of £2037.03 received
- The bank balance will be £29647.62 after the following payments
- Payments to be approved

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Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365		13.06
Hugo Fox	Website		20.99
Clerk	Salary and expense (May)		650.95
HMRC	PAYE (Period 3)		148.60
HMRC	Employers NIC		48.91
Clerk	Planning Fee		300.00

Authorised by PM and RB

3506. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

1. EPF/0700/26; Variation of Condition 2 Plan Numbers of EPF/2383/24 (Demolition of livery stables and associated structures, removal of menage, carpark and construction of a detached dwelling (self-build)). **APPROVED**
2. Canons, Hobbs Cross Road, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NP; EPF/0578/26; Demolition the existing house and garage and erection a new single detached self-build dwelling with associated parking and amenity **REFUSED**

Applications

3. Lascelles, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PT; EPF/1025/26; Matching Green Conservation Area
T1-T3: Field Maple - Crown reduce to previous points.
T4: Red Oak - Crown reduce by up to 30%.
4. 7, Hull Green, Matching Green, Harlow, CM17 0QD; EPF/0985/26; Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed loft conversion including rear dormer and three skylights to the front. External render of dwellinghouse. Removal of first floor side window. **NO COMMENT**
5. Threshers Equestrian, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NP; EPF/0941/26; Demolition of commercial stables, removal of ménage and car park and construction of 5 dwellings, (revision to planning application ref: EPF/2383/24 for the construction of 1 dwelling) with alteration of the access. **OBJECT ON FOLLOWING GROUNDS**

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- Inappropriate development in the Green Belt and harm to openness
 - Overdevelopment and excessive scale/massing relative to rural context
 - Loss of rural character or visual harm to the landscape
 - Insufficient or inappropriate access/parking/highway safety concerns
 - Adverse impact on neighbouring amenity (overlooking, overbearing, loss of privacy)
 - Insufficient ecological or arboricultural assessment (impact on protected species/trees)
 - Inadequate drainage/flood risk assessment
 - Insufficient demonstration of biodiversity net gain
 - Failure to provide affordable housing (if policy threshold triggered)
 - Cumulative impact on local infrastructure/services

Appeals

6. The Chequers Ph, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PZ; AP-13654; EPF/1973/25; Demolition of existing buildings and replacement extensions.

3507. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

3508. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Pavilion Disabled access road. Cherry Tree Cottage. Action List, Pothole repairs, Flagpole proposal, Funding applications for community projects.

3509. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 7th July

Tuesday 4th August

Meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____