



MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 5th MAY 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 John Phillip (JP) Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick, and 4 members of the public

3451. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public

- Fishing request. Rod Licence required from Environmental Agency and only for residents of Matching Parish. There is a sign at the pond which gives all details required. There is no fishing season because it is pond.

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3452. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

ECC and EFDC Cllr C Whitbread, meeting.

3453. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 7th April approved and signed.

3454. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

RM is a district Councillor.

3455. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

RB reported that fly tipping fine has been increased from £400 to £1000. Also we can confiscate the vehicle have it crushed and charge for clean up the site. EFDC is one of only a few councils who have got the increased fine.

We have had teething problems with the brown bins and in the first week collected 85 tons of food waste.

There are 85000 customers in EFDC Area, and Green bins are currently over 20,000

Bin collections are currently at 97% collection.

EFDC is in the top four for the National Waste Awards on 13th May for most efficient waste service in the country.

I mean, simple things like the new control tower at North Weald Airport is finished and came in on budget. The new headquarters for the waste service has come in under budget. The new Epping Leisure centre that is doing better than we could ever have expected and it came in two million under budget.

the main parts of Qualis are doing well but the building arm has the same problems as all builders.

Lack of affordable land.

Qualis is making a profit and now giving community grants back to some of the communities-

3456. CLERKS REPORT

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

Correspondence

Chairman _____ Date _____



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Minutes

i.	EALC Ebulletin
ii.	EALC Training bulletin
iii.	Minutes and Action List
iv.	Training Bulletin - Training Opportunities for Councils in April & May
v.	Report a repair on the My Qualis portal
vi.	ASB team boosts local safety awareness
vii.	New waste collections successfully launched
viii.	Website address change
ix.	Election Notices
x.	Bulletin item - Planning Appeal changes
xi.	EFDC Fly-tipper fined £1,000
xii.	Member Training Day - Friday 15 May
xiii.	EALC Training E-Bulletin: Strengthen Your Council with Effective Standing Orders!
xiv.	Highways contact - Ecc20171313 04 26 – VAS signs
xv.	Pavilion Access Road sketch
xvi.	Revised Interests form
xvii.	Member enquiries Drop-in Session - every Wednesday 9.30-10.30 via Zoom
xviii.	New Training Opportunities for Essex Parish & Town Councils
xix.	The Limes Centre to host Community in Action event
xx.	Notice of Poll
xxi.	What's On in Epping Forest

3457. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PM reported on an excellent Bank Holiday weekend community event. The 10K run and the May Day. To me, they complemented each other so well. You know? I mean, I've never seen so many people than that. I thought we had a lot there when we had the car show. The stalls were great and the refreshments were excellent.

3458. MATCHING GREEN AND MATCHING TYE

To consider issues for Matching Green

- Pavilion Access path. Design has been hidden under trees and a much shorter track from the road. Four disabled parking spaces have been created. Stuart Brown will liaise with clerk to submit pre-application form.
- Cherry Tree Cottage usually has a truck with a horse box outside. There has been a gap cut through the hedge and filled in a ditch to form a second opening. PM and JEB to investigate and report back to council.

To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Bench to be installed on green

To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- Hobbs Cross Junction Safety
- Two more minor accidents and the sign has been damaged

3459. JUBILEE FIELD

Planters need looking at next week and goal posts need repainting
Second bridge is starting to dip and needs investigation

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3460. HIGHWAYS

Potholes in Potash Roadc

3461. FINANCIAL REPORT

To receive financial reports

- Precept of £19826 received
- VAT Refund of £2037.03 received
- The bank balance will be £30837.13 after the following payments
- Payments to be approved

EALC	Membership Fees	337.12
Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365	13.06
Hugo Fox	Website	20.99
Clerk	Salary and expense (April)	584.07
HMRC	PAYE (Period 2)	121.80
HMRC	Employers NIC	28.85

Authorised by PM and RB

3462. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

1. Scathes, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PR; EPF/0429/26; Certificate of Lawful Development for existing building comprising a self-contained residential unit in excess of 4 years. **NOT LAWFUL**
2. Elm House, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PZ; EPF/0463/26; Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed ancillary outbuilding. **LAWFUL**

Applications

3. Threshers Equestrian, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NPEPF/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)).

Appeals

4. The Chequers Ph, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PZ; EPF/1973/25; Demolition of existing buildings and replacement extensions. Appeal No 6008532; **Appeal against a refusal following a decision of EFDC. Representations no later than 5 weeks from start date of 01/05/2026.**

3463. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

RM attended the Forbert and Barnard school meet4ing and Stansted Airport Community Trust meeting

3464. MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Pavilion Disabled access road.

3465. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 2nd June

Tuesday 7th July

Meeting closed at 8.27 pm

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