



MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 7TH APRIL 2026

AT THE FOX PH MATCHING TYE

Present

Cllr Paul Moulds (PM), (Chairman) Cllrs. John Binder (JEB), Karen McIvor (KM), Adam Riches (AR), Eugene Simpson (ES), In attendance: Clerk to the Council Ernie Fenwick, and 2 members of the public

3451. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public

3452. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

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

3453. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 3rd March approved and signed.

3454. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

None

3455. REPORTS TO AND FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

None present

3456. 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.	Minutes and Action List
iv.	Launch of Permitted Development Rights Course (PDRs)
v.	COVID-19 Reflection Day
vi.	Community lottery hits major milestones
vii.	MAPC.1 - Copy of Invoice
viii.	Training Bulletin - Upcoming March CouncilWise Training Opportunities for Councils
ix.	Outdoor Gym equipment
x.	Training Bulletin - Upcoming March & April CouncilWise Training Opportunities for Councils
xi.	AI Planning Assessment EPF/0405/26 1 Rainbow Road
xii.	AI Planning Assessment EPF/0463/26 Elm House
xiii.	AI Planning Assessment EPF/04029/26 Scaithes

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Minutes

xiv.	Local Government Reorganisation announcement
xv.	Government announces new councils for Essex
xvi.	Meeting Dates EFDALC meeting
xvii.	New CouncilWise Webinar – Practical Steps to Tackle Climate Change & the Biodiversity Crisis online Course - 14th April
xviii.	EALC Training E-Bulletin: Bespoke Learning for Your Council – Tailored Training for Success!
xix.	Pay Award 2025-26. Personnel committee meeting approved.
xx.	EFDC Planning advice re Pavilion Access
xxi.	ASB team boosts local safety awareness
xxii.	Report a repair on the My Qualis portal
xxiii.	Training Bulletin - Training Opportunities for Councils in April & May
xxiv.	Ongar and Abridge fly tippers fined
xxv.	AI Planning Assessment EPF/0578/26 Canons, Hobbs Cross Road

3457. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

No Report

3458. 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. EFDC responded and required detailed layout with surface material.
- Monitoring condition of the green and car access. PM has been monitoring this and has noticed minimal damage a positive response by the cricket club.
- Millenium sign at Matching Green is being looked at by Robert Blumson in his own time at no cost.

To consider issues for Matching Tye

- Bench has arrived in kit form and has been assembly and awaiting installation by PM and JEB.
- VAS signs not working. Clerk chased ECC Highways 04/02 Ref 4027869 & Ref 4027916

To consider issues to Housham Tye and other hamlets

- No problems

3459. JUBILEE FIELD

Nothing further.

3460. HIGHWAYS

Nothing further

3461. FINANCIAL REPORT

To receive financial reports

- To approve NALC Pay Award for 2025-26. Approved unanimously
- VAT Refund has been submitted for £2037.03
- The bank balance will be £10114.98 after the following payments
- Payments to be approved

Essex CC

Legal Services

601.20

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Minutes

Skilled Tech Ltd	Office 365	13.06
Clerk	Salary and expense (March)	758.42
HMRC	PAYE (Period 1)	178.60
HMRC	Employers NIC	71.50

Authorised by PM and JEB

3462. PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by EFDC Planning Dept.

1. Threshers Equestrian, Threshers Bush, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0NP; EPF/2432/25; Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 17 BNG 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. 2 Lilac Cottages, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PR; EPF/2281/25; Single-Storey Rear Extension. **APPROVED**
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). **APPROVED**

Applications

4. 1, Rainbow Road, Matching Tye, Harlow, CM17 0QP; EPF/0405/26; Demolition of existing side and rear conservatory extensions, demolition of existing detached garage and outbuildings, erection of 2 x 3 bedroom semi-detached two storey houses with off street parking spaces. **SUPPORTED**
5. Elm House, Matching Green, Matching, Harlow, CM17 0PZ; EPF/0463/26; Certificate of Lawful Development for proposed ancillary outbuilding. **OBJECTION.** Absence of Heritage statement
6. 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. **SUPPORTED**
7. 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. **SUPPORTED**

3463. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

Pavilion Disabled access road.

3465. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 5th May AGM

Tuesday 2nd June

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman _____ Date _____