

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held  
on TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015 @ 7.30pm in the PARISH  
COUNCIL OFFICE, FEERING COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

<b>Mr P Petto (Chairman)</b>	<b>Mrs K Evans</b>
<b>Mrs M Eddolls</b>	<b>Mrs M Lakin</b>
<b>Mrs H Edwards</b>	<b>Mr P Lees</b>
<b>Martique Freathy Parish Clerk</b>	

**ALSO ATTENDING: District Cllr Mitchell and Mr M Leslie**

**Members of the public: None**

- 01/2015 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner and Richardson, Essex County Cllr Lady Newton and District Cllr Wilson.
- 02/2015 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  
None were declared.
- 03/2015 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 12 14.**  
The Minutes were **AGREED** subject to the following amendments, proposed Cllr Lees and seconded Cllr Eddolls, subject to minor amendment to item 178/14: ‘Training – Reduce to £400.’
- 04/2015 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
Network Rail Anglia Route Study Draft for Consultation  
Mr Leslie provided a copy of the consultation. He confirmed that the anticipated demand from Shenfield to Norwich will increase by 32% in 2023 and by 75% in 2040. All lines require extra tracking to keep commuter trains moving and to allow intercity trains to pass and an increase to two trains per hour is proposed from both Braintree and Witham lines with freight loops north of Witham and a new station at Beaulieu Park by 2021. He encouraged support from both the Council and individuals to lobby the Department of Transport as there has been no infrastructure since the 1930s. He asked that Priti Patel MP be copied into the Council’s comments and that the consultation be advertised in the Parish Magazine. **ACTION: Clerk.**
- 05/2015 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**  
District Cllr Mitchell confirmed that BDC has agreed to a 2% reduction for Council Tax for the 2015/16 financial year.  
  
He confirmed that this will partly be achieved by waste rerouting beginning in February and by losing three collection rounds, saving £400k per year. The in-vehicle technology is imminent and will assist operatives if assisted collection service is required and provides relevant information to the operatives.  
  
District Cllr Mitchell confirmed that he supports the Highways Scheme requested at Prested Hall.

*District Cllr Mitchell left the meeting.*

**06/2015**

### **PRECEPT**

Councillors **AGREED** not to spend the additional £500 allocated for Play Park Refurbishment on CCTV camera protectors.

The finalised Precept requirement of £44,221, less Localism Fund of £5,561 was **APPROVED**, providing a Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate of £48.10, and a 3.49% increase on last year, proposed **Cllr Evans** and seconded **Cllr Lees** and **AGREED** by all Councillors. **ACTION: Clerk to inform BDC.**

**07/2015**

### **HANDYMAN AND PROW ISSUES**

Councillors requested that the broken fence on the Playing Field be removed and that consideration for a replacement gate be put on the agenda once the Handyman has obtained a quote. **ACTION: Clerk.**

It was **agreed** that the Handyman should conduct one hour's litter picking at Worlds End Lane at the area past the private road both before and after the bridge. **ACTION: Handyman.**

**08/2015**

### **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### Street Lighting

Councillors **agreed** to request that the lights are on throughout the village until 1am for people walking home late at night due to uneven pavements and personal safety. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Priti Patel MP.**

#### Flood Problems in Feering

It was **agreed** that the top three priority areas in Feering which could prevent the flooding of residential homes are: Worlds End Lane, the land at the end of Rye Mill Lane, north of the railway bridge and Lady Meadow and **agreed** that correct management of the sluice gates is necessary. **ACTION: Clerk to inform the Lead Local Flood Authority.**

#### Gazebos

Councillors **AGREED** that the gazebos should be kept in the loft and only used by the Feering Community Association given their deteriorating condition. Therefore the money offered by way of a donation from the Kelvedon & Feering Scouts should be returned, proposed **Cllr Lakin** and seconded **Cllr Eddolls**. **ACTION: Clerk to return cheque to Mark Leslie.**

**09/2014**

### **TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

It was **AGREED** that the following schemes should be submitted to the Local Highways Panel for consideration during 2015/16:-

- Sign to be placed towards the start of the slip road off the A12 passing Prested Hall warning motorists of the hidden exit, perhaps saying 'Slow - Hidden Exit,' as per the letter received from concerned resident. **ACTION: Clerk to inform Highways and resident of action taken.**
- Sign on the corner when exiting Prested Hall to say 'Fast Traffic Approaching' from the right from the A12.

- Provision of footpath beyond Worlds End Lane **ACTION: Cllr Evans to provide Ordnance Survey grid reference.**
- Installation of pavement on Coggeshall Road from the end of Glebe Gardens towards Greenhayn in front of the newly erected war memorial up to the hedge of the adjacent property.
- Re-surfacing of Footpath 16 from entrance on Feering Hill to Rye Mill Lane
- Roundalls on entrances to the village.  
**ACTION: to write to Rob MacDonald at Essex Highways to confirm that the Council has requested the aforementioned schemes.**

**10/2015**

**PLANNING MATTERS**

The minutes from Planning Meeting of 11 12 14 were noted with nothing further to report.

Neighbourhood Plan

The letter received from Priti Patel supporting FPC's Neighbourhood Plan application was noted.

Working with Kelvedon Parish Council

Councillors **agreed** in principle to exploring a wider degree of co-operation with Kelvedon Parish Council, but felt that in respect of a Neighbourhood Plan, this would be driven by its steering group and it would be for each Council's respective steering groups to determine whether they wish to work together. **ACTION: Clerk to write to Kelvedon Parish Council.**

Open Spaces Action Plan

Councillors **AGREED** that the following comments as provided by **Cllr Evans** via email should be included, proposed **Cllr Lakin** and seconded **Cllr Evans:-**

**To Modify Existing Entry to the Open Spaces Plan:**

Existing location description: Areas 1a and 1b, Land south of the Cricket Club – adjacent to railway line to be changed to: 'ALL the land from the Cricket Club extension through to Lady Meadow and the remains of the route of the Crab-and-Winkle railway line on the south side of the current railway line (rear of Marshall Close to Station Road).'

Councillors also **agreed** that they would like to include the following additional entries (all the entries in the existing 2014-15 still to remain):

**Improvements to Existing facilities:**

- (1) Location: Rye Mill Lane Playing Field (40147)  
Improvement to existing facilities: Renovation of boundary fencing/ entry points around the Playing Field; rabbit/mole proof fencing
- (2) Location: Rye Mill Lane Playing Field (40147)  
Improvements to existing facilities: improve the Play Area by remodelling the mound area including the zip-wire facility.
- (3) Location: Community Centre, Coggeshall Road  
Improvements to existing facilities: Surface the Community Centre car park with a more durable porous surface - Ownership: Parish Council owned

- (4) Location: Coggeshall Road, Feering  
Improvements to existing facilities: Improve the verge along the narrow, busy Coggeshall Road (Feering) to make a walkable footpath e.g. from public footpath 8 at Frame Farm Corner to Old Mill Lane & Public Footpath 4; e.g. north from Glebe Gardens
- (5) Location: Inworth Road, Feering  
Improvements to existing facilities: Complete the footway/pavement along Inworth Road from London Road to the entrance to Threshelfords

#### **Improvements – New Facilities**

- (a) Location: A12 - north-east of the A12 on/off slip to Feering  
Improvement: Mitigate the truncation and access to the countryside due to the A12 and the railway line, by providing a Non Motorised Users bridge north-east of the A12 slip. For example in the general area of the Travel Lodge, Byway 5, Old London Road and Easthorpe Road
- (b) Location: River Blackwater in the general vicinity of Station Road / Swan Street - north bank is in Feering Parish, south bank is in Kelvedon Parish  
Improvement: provide a Non Motorised Users bridge over the River Blackwater.  
**ACTION: Clerk to revert to Stephen Wenlock.**

#### Planning Meeting with Crown Estates

Councillors noted that Crown Estates declined an invitation to attend a Planning meeting on 28 01 15.

#### Crown Estates' Proposal

Councillors **AGREED** not to comment regarding the Crown Estates' proposal at this stage as it is only a proposal following the call for sites from Braintree District Council, proposed **Cllr Lakin** and seconded **Cllr Evans**.

**11/2015**

#### **REPORTS**

##### VTAG (Village Traffic Action Group Meeting 28 11 14)

The Council **APPROVED** the draft aims/constitution as shown in the minutes of the meeting held on 28 11 14, proposed **Cllr Lees** and seconded **Cllr Edwards**.

**12/2015**

#### **INSURANCE CLAIMS**

The update provided by the Clerk in respect of outstanding claims was noted.

**13/2015**

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

##### **Invoices For Payment January 2015**

3956 - Kempco - Stationery	£17.82
3957 - Ricoh UK Ltd	£289.20
3958 - Mersea Island Communications - Neighbourhood Plan Advert	£132.00
3959 - D. Lovelock - Website Hosting January 2015	£15.00
3960 - Feering Community Association - Grant for Lighting	£700.00
3961 - Mr G. Bendall - Mole Removal	£30.00
3962 - Mrs N. Edwards - Travel for EALC meeting	£19.20
3963 - G. Adams - Repairs of Seat	£250.00
3964 - M Freathy Clerk Salary - (January)	£937.55
3965 - Graham Adams - (January)	£868.75

**Sub Total (Jan) £3,259.52**

**Petty Cash Transactions 05 12 14 - 31 12 14**

1 Book 12 2nd Class Stamps £6.36  
**Sub Total (Jan) £6.36**

**DIRECT DEBITS JANUARY**

3966 - Orange - Broadband - January 15 £18.37  
3967 - E-ON Energy - January 15 £64.58  
3968 - S H Gibbs - re cutting Playing Field - January 15 £100.00  
**Sub Total (Jan) £182.95**

**TOTAL (Jan) £3,448.83**

The Schedule of January payments was **APPROVED**, proposed Cllr Lees and seconded Cllr Eddolls.

**The meeting closed at 21:05**

**DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 17 February 2015 @ 7.30pm**

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Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed -----

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