

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on  
TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY 2016 @ 7.30pm in the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE,  
FEERING COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillors Present: M. Lakin (Chairman), M. Eddolls, M. Bonner, H. Edwards, L. Blackburn, J. Inglis, K. Evans, P. Lees and Temporary Clerk Kevin Money  
Members of the Public: None

01/2016: **Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Apologies were received from Cllr. Newton

02/2016: **Ratification of the Locum Clerk**

The Chairman signed the contract of Mr. Kevin B. Money to act as Temporary Clerk

03/2016: **Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr Lakin declared an interest in item 13/2016 on the agenda  
Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 11/2016 on the agenda

04/2016: **Agreement of Minutes of previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup>. December 2015**

Cllr Blackburn proposed and Cllr Bonner seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

05/2016: **Public Question Time:**

As no public was in attendance there were no questions

06/2016: **District Councillor's Report:**

As no District Councillor was in attendance there were no report given.

07/2016: **Parish Safety Volunteer Initiative:**

As Mr. Kieron was not at the meeting there was no report given

08/2016: **Precept:**

The Councillors noted the new Localism Fund Grant from BDC of £4660  
The Councillors agreed to increase the training budget reserves by £1000 and Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Edwards seconded that the Precept from BDC should be £41840.  
**This was agreed unanimously.**

09/2016: **G G Adams Garden Maintenance Services and PROW issues.**

The Councillors agreed to ask the clerk to inform Mr. Adams that beer cans had been left (opposite the dog bin) at the bottom of Worlds End Lane. The bin at the Bus stop just before the A12 going towards Colchester also needs to be emptied.

10/2016: **Community Matters**

The Clerk had received an email from Andy Bain, who rents allotment number 2, that he wishes to terminate the agreement. The Councillors asked the Clerk to look into whether there is a waiting list and to contact the next person on the list. Also to write to Mr. Bain asking him to remove the items from the plot unless the new allotment holder wishes to take over Mr. Bains' property. The two people would communicate with each other.  
The Clerk had circulated to the Councillors a letter from a resident regarding Land East of Inworth Road. The Councillors noted it's content.  
Councillors asked the Clerk to send a response to Priti Patel MP in regards to support the SITA Trust.

**11/2016: Traffic & Highways**

Councillors considered potential schemes to be considered by the LHP.

The Councillors considered joining the A120 Community Forum. Cllr Bonner asked the Clerk to wait until the VTAG meeting and he will inform the Clerk who is attending on 12.02.16.

Councillors noted the letter from Highways England regarding cycle schemes on A12 from Witham to Marks Tey.

**12/2016: Planning Matters**

Councillors noted the report of the Planning meeting held on 12.01.16 and the submission to BDC planners.

**13/2016: Reports**

Cllr Lakin informed the Councillors of the FCA meeting on 14.01.16. The Acorn room is to be improved (grant providing), The May Fayre is being advertised on Facebook and are in need of volunteers. The Cinema Club is losing money as a result of the Reel Picture House increasing their fees to £290 per year.

Cllr Blackburn informed the Councillors of the Neighbourhood Plan meeting which was held on 18.01.16. Cllr Blackburn noted that there had been no spend against the budget since the November meeting. A housing letter will be sent to all villagers to conduct a housing survey. The original cost was £1000 but the analysis now is an estimated spend of £1300. However the more returns from the villagers the higher the cost. Volunteers are needed to distribution of the letters. Cllr Blackburn also informed the meeting that year 6 in the school also needed to take place.

CAUSE (Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in North East Essex). Cllr Evans attended the meeting on 27.11.15. It was well attended and the meeting was informed about the difference between the infrastructure set-up between Holland and Essex. It was apparent that in Holland the infrastructure happens before the development starts.

**14/2016: Playing Field/Community Centre**

Councillors considered a request from Coggeshall Town FC to hire a pitch at Feering for Youth games on a Sunday between 10.30-11.30am. The Councillors agreed that this was not acceptable as the pitch is not available.

Councillors considered a request from Tiptree Heath FC (Saturday team) to use the playing field on alternative Saturdays. The Councillors agreed to this providing it is acceptable to Kelvedon FC. The Clerk to look into the charges that should be levied on Tiptree Heath FC. Graham Adams has asked if two concrete lumps that have been revealed on the playing field be removed. If the concrete slabs are no deeper than 2' and will not need breaking up then he can include this in his work schedule. However if the slabs are deeper and need braking up the cost is a maximum of £100 The Clerk was asked to contact Graham to confirm this and also to inform him that if the slabs are deeper then he will need to make good the area.

**15/2016: External Audit – Sector Led Body.**

Councillors agreed unanimously to stay in the “Smaller Authority Audit Appointments Ltd”

**16/2016: CCTV**

Councillors agreed unanimously to have Camera 5 replaced. The maximum cost being £175.00p +VAT. The Clerk to confirm that this new camera comes with a warranty.

17/2016: **Litter Bin**

Councillors was asked to consider moving an underused bin from outside the Police Station to outside Ridgeon's as suggested by G. G. Adams.  
Councillors decided to leave the litter bin in situ.

18/2016: **Flood Risk Management**

A request for Councillors to consider forming a hub group with other Councils to discuss flooding issues along the river Blackwater. This request was refused by the Councillors. Councillors noted a letter received from The Rt. Hon. Priti Patel MP regarding the flood risk management scheme for the Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon area.

19/2016: **Financial Matters**

Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Inglis seconded that the January 2016 payments be made.  
**This was carried unanimously.**

**Date of the next Council meeting** is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed.....16<sup>th</sup>. February 2016  
**Michele Lakin**