

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 21st. June 2016 at 7.30pm in the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, FEERING
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Councillors Present: P. Lees (Chairman), M. Eddolls, H. Edwards, L. Blackburn, J. Inglis, K. Evans and Kevin Money (Clerk)

Also present was DC R. Mitchell

Members of the Public: 2

98/2016 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially Claire Newton and Robert Crayston

99/2016 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Lakin and Cllr M. Bonner

100/2016 Declaration of Interests

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

Cllr P. Lees declared a non-pecuniary interest in anything regarding the school

Cllr H. Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in the All Saints Church application

101/2016 Agreement of Minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 14th. June 2016

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

102/2016 Public Question Time

Because of the nature of the questions from the public the Chairman also took the District Councillor report at this stage so that the questions can be answered by the District Councillor. Robert Crayston said that having 1000 homes being dumped in Feering was not acceptable especially as in neighbouring villages they are having to accept a fraction of BDC home allocation. He went on to say that some is acceptable but should have been distributed more evenly and in his opinion other villages have been given very few new houses. Braintree District Council is short of its 5-year supply but Feering Parish Council must put up a reasonable fight to reduce the number of houses.

Cllr R. Mitchell stated that he was not allowed to take part in BDC meeting on 20.06.16. His comments made at the 25.05.16 meeting however were taken into consideration. Kelvedon Station will become an increased problem and no solution can be envisaged. He also informed the meeting that with the houses which may be built in Feering, BDC are stating that it is a walkable distance to Kelvedon Station. Cllr R. Mitchell agreed that 1000 houses would double the size of the village.

Anything less than 700 houses is also not workable as the village will not get the infrastructure which is desperately needed to reduce congestion in Feering and Kelvedon. There is a fine balance between BDC officers and planning applications being submitted. The way forward is to get the best for Feering and Kelvedon and a 4-way junction onto the A12 is imperative. Cllr R. Mitchell was asked how long in the future will any building works start. He replied by saying that the build rate, starting in 2018, is about 50 per year for the first 3 years then increasing to about 100 per year until 2029. Cllr R. Mitchell then stated that about 98% in the Braintree area is open space.

Cllr R. Mitchell then informed the meeting that all District Councillors will be given a sum of money to spend, at their discretion, on local projects to assist the Parish Council. The allowance being sounded out is about £1500 per annum. The scheme is hopefully coming in next month.

Robert Crayston mentioned that the A120 scheme all 17 landowners are legally bound together to do the whole scheme.

103/2016 Clerks Report

The Clerk had already circulated his monthly report to Councillors prior to the meeting but went on to say that he had 3 quotations regarding the new play equipment. These quotations will be submitted to the Playing Field Management sub. Committee in July for discussion. He also had 3 site visits from contractors for renewing the fencing on footpath 16. He is hopeful that these quotations will come before the Playing Field Management sub. Committee in July.

He had also received an email from a Claire Newton who showed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. Cllr P. Lees will be telephoning her this week to find out more information from her and to then advise the Clerk accordingly.

The Clerk was asked to make a formal complaint to BDC stating that Feering was not scheduled on the list of places for consultation venues, especially as BDC classes Feering as a Strategic site. Also Councillors felt dissatisfaction of the lack of support from BDC.

104/2016 District Councillor's Report

This was included in item 102/2016

105/2016 Community Matters

The Clerk informed the meeting that G. G. Adams Garden & Maintenance Services are behind with their work due to the Parish Council mower breaking, following at major service. The clerk is to keep on top of the situation and is to produce a monthly "task list" for Graham to work to.

106/2016 Traffic & Highways

Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting that Rye Mill Lane has now become very dangerous. On over 10 occasions cars are speeding in excess of the speed limit by the bridge and along the length of the road. Cllr R. Mitchell stated that he is happy to support the purchase of cones to be placed by the cricket club. This would assist in possibly reducing the speed of vehicles along Rye Mill Lane.

Cllr R. Mitchell offered part of his £1500 towards purchasing the cones.

107/2016 Review of FPC Standing Orders

The clerk informed Councillors that the Parish Council Standing Orders are up-to-date with regard to the NALC template. Councillors agreed to have them circulated by email except Cllr H. Edwards who wanted them sent to her in paper form.

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109/2016 Planning Matters

- Report on Planning Meeting held on 31.05.16

Cllr K. Evans informed the meeting that a planning meeting was held on 31.05.16 and the minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Councillors and have been placed on the Parish Council website

- Minutes of Planning meetings held on 31.05.16 – Cllr K. Evans

The minutes had been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting.

- Report on Planning Meeting held on 14.06.16 – Cllr K. Evans

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- Minutes of Planning meetings held on 14.06.16 – Cllr K. Evans

The draft minutes had been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting

• All Saints Church The Street Feering CO5 9QJ – Councillors to be advised of a proposed directional sign at the Church. Cllr K. Evans informed Councillors that this application was acceptable and proposed that ***FPC Decision is: No comment***

110/2016 Representative Reports

- FCA Management meeting – Cllr M. Lakin
No report was given
- FCA Minutes of 12th. May 2016

The minutes had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

- EALC / BALC report – Cllr H. Edwards

Cllr H. Edwards informed the meeting of the BALC AGM at Braintree Town Hall on 14th. June 2016
The minutes can be found on the BALC website in due course.

- PROW / Cycle Way update from Cllr K. Evans

Cllr K. Evans informed the meeting that the minutes will be circulated in due course

- Network Rail update from Cllr K. Evans

Cllr K. Evans informed the meeting that FPC had received & Network Rail have publicised details of the non-vehicular railway crossings that Network Rail intend to close. The local crossings are **Feering FP 7/ E21 Hill House 1**: FP7 runs from near Poplar Hall on Little Tey Road across the railway to Hill and House Farm Road/London Road (grid ref 885,212).

Network Rail's proposal is to close the crossing using Byway/bridleway 5 & Hill House 2 crossing instead. The Committee confirmed their previous decision. OK to close FP7 on the south side of the railway line through Hill House farm provided that there is a link on the north side of the railway line between FP7 & Byway5 (not on the closure list). The full closure of FP7 was discussed but Byway5 gets very overgrown and is further along Little Tey Road.

(b) Feering FP3 / E22 Great Domsey: FP3 runs from Elm Lane, near Poppo, across the railway to the A12 (grid ref 891,215). Network Rail's proposal is to close the crossing using byway/bridleway 5 & Hill House 2 crossing instead. This is longer & requires road walking at both ends. Walking along the A12 cycleway at the southern end for a considerable distance was not considered to be acceptable. Although at present FP3 ends on the A12, there is hope that there will be some foot-/cycleway bridges over the A12 when it gets widened to 3 lanes. FP3 is also near the western end of the proposed West Tey Garden village and possibly near a new A12 junction. To the NE there is a brick bridge over the railway for the private road Domsey Chase whose southern end is also the A12. HC said that neither RC nor Mr Cocks had been contacted by NR about a possible diversion along the north side of the railway line to this bridge.

It was agreed that Hugh Crayston would contact Mr Robert Cocks & Mr Robert Crayston as the current/ possible route for FP3 passed over their land. Also to contact Ms Irene Roberts, owner of the private Domsey Chase, to discuss alternatives.

(c) Kelvedon Bridleway 34 / E20 Snivellers (Lane) grid ref 846, 176

Network Rail's proposal is to close the crossing and use Crabbs Lane & its brick bridge (Hamilton's bridge) over the railway instead. This route is already available. It was felt that not all trains travelled at 100 mph, but that the up line towards Church Road crossing was at 80mph. Snivellers Lane continues as a vehicular road to the A12. Kelvedon FP27 through Hole Farm & Kelvedon FP32 through Durwards Hall (now Kelvedon Park the Police Fire & Rescue HQ) are approx. opposite on the other side of the A12. 5 years ago before the crash barriers were made continuous, it was perfectly possible to walk across the A12 to make the FP connections. Flying Flowers, the previous occupant, had a travel plan that featured public transport. Buses no longer stop at the bus stops due to the danger of pulling out onto the A12. Again there is hope that there will be some foot-/cycleway bridges over the A12 when it gets widened to 3 lanes especially with the employment site –the A12 may be on a different alignment altogether due to Rivenhall End. Cllr Minns, the Kelvedon PC with the FP portfolio, is NOT in favour of closure of Kelvedon 34. After some discussion, a majority of the committee agreed **to object** to this closure.

- Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr L. Blackburn informed the meeting that the NP meeting was last Monday. The minutes had not been circulated yet. Feering, being a Strategic area, can be given extra help from BDC. Cllr L. Blackburn asked permission from Councillors to send letters out to Jo Ellingham, Ann Skippers who is based in Chelmsford, Modicum Planning based in Gt. Dunmow & Steve Walker. After a lengthy discussion Councillors made some changes to the draft letter submitted to Councillors at the meeting. **The Councillors then voted F5 Ab1 Ag0 to send out the letters in the revised format.**

Cllr L. Blackburn then proposed that a closed informal meeting with Crown Estates be arranged to open a dialogue for the future development. This was seconded by Cllr J. Inglis.

Councillors agreed to this unanimously

Councillors also agreed to producing 850 leaflets so that a house drop in Feering can be done to publicise the additional meeting being held by BDC at Feering Community Centre on MONDAY 25th. JULY 2016 from 2.30pm to 7.30pm. Cllr J. Inglis is to get the leaflet designed then supplied to the Clerk to print out on A5 paper in full colour. Cllr L. Blackburn informed the meeting that the NP committee have a stand at the Medieval event on 25.06.16

111/2016 Council to discuss

Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting that there is a good chance the school will be acadamisised very soon. However, the land the school is on will be compulsory leased for 99 years by ECC. The Parish Council assets which they own could come under the school for 8 years i.e. school hall, MUGA and access. The school is going through difficulties and there is a possibility that the Diocese will become involved in the running of the school. Cllr P. Lees is concerned that when the Lease expires in June 2017 the Parish Council assets are potentially under threat and may be lost forever.

Cllr P. Lees asked Councillors to agree that the clerk obtain legal advice to ensure that in the worst scenario the School hall, MUGA and field are protected. Cllr H. Edwards seconded this proposition. **Councillors agreed unanimously to get further legal advice.**

Clerk to liaise with Paul Lees, solicitors and NALC.

112/2016 Finance

Credit Received: £30 Allotment plot 2: Interest on deposit a/c's totalling £7.41					
Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
DD	June '16	EON – Street Lighting	£ 79.49	£ 3.97	£ 83.46
DD	June '16	Orange Broadband	£ 18.37	£0	£ 18.37
104706	June '16	K. Money Clerk Salary	£ 897.04	£0	£ 897.04
104707	June '16	HMRC Tax & NI	£ 303.64	£0	£ 303.64
104708	6271	RCCE – NP Housing needs survey	£1499.52	£299.90	£1799.42
104709	27302	Grasshopper Ltd – mower equipment	£ 53.05	£ 10.61	£ 63.66
104710	Feb '16	M. Bonner – Cllr Travel Expenses	£ 8.10	£0	£ 8.10
104711	May '16	G. Bendall – Mole treatment	£ 60.00	£0	£ 60.00
104712	52874	BDC – Amenity vehicle 14.05	£ 200.40	£ 40.08	£ 240.48
104713	071/69281524	Ridgeons	£ 7.86	£ 1.57	£ 9.43
104714	June '16	Kevin Money – Expenses	£ 146.67	£0	£ 146.67
104715	June '16	GG Adams Maintenance Services – Handyman	£ 730.00	£0	£ 730.00
104716	June '16	GG Adams Maintenance Services – Verges	£ 183.00	£0	£ 183.00
Total:			£4187.14	£356.13	£4543.27

Cllr M. Eddolls proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that the above cheques be paid

This was agreed unanimously

A Full Finance Statement was circulated to Councillors at the meeting

**113/2016 Items for Next Agenda
Review of Handyman works, GG Adams Services, EALC questions from circulated document, 111/2016 legal, BDC Local Plan**

The Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 19th. JULY 2016 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....19th. July 2016
Paul Lees