

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 21st. February 2017 at 7.30pm in the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE,
FEERING COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr. K. Evans, Cllr L. Blackburn, Cllr M. Bonner, Cllr M. Lakin, and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

Members of the Public: 2

013/2017 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

014/2017 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Lady P. Newton, Cllr C. Newton, Cllr H. Edwards and District Councillor R. Mitchell

015/2017 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr P. Lees declared an interest in Finance item. Cllr M. Lakin declared an interest in FCA item

016/2017 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th. January 2017
The Clerk and Cllr M. Lakin pointed out errors on the minutes. Councillors agreed to amend the minutes and have them signed at the March meeting. This was proposed by Cllr M. Lakin and seconded by Cllr L. Blackburn. **This was agreed unanimously**

017/2017 Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed
No questions were put to Councillors

018/2017 Clerks Report

- CCTV – The repair to the CCTV in the office will be carried out on 27.02.17
- Office keys. Cllr P. Lees and Cllr K. Evans had keys to the office
- Councillor vacancy. There had been no applicants for the Councillor vacancy
- Update on raising the Profile of FPC

a. Facebook

b. Website. The Clerk was asked to place the A12 & A120 consultation plus the link onto the FPC website

c. Media

- Handyman update from last meeting

a. Jobs completed – Councillors asked if the hedge along the pavement on Coggeshall Road could be cut back further

b. Handyman Contract / Grass cutting contract

The Clerk informed Councillors that he was a month behind on getting the 2017/18 contract out to suppliers. The contract will be emailed to Councillors within the next 2 days. A return and Nil returns are required by 2nd. March

019/2017 District Councillor Report

- To receive an update from District Councillor R. Mitchell – There was no report given

020/2017 Planning Matters

- Draft Minutes of Planning meeting held on 14th. February 2017 – Cllr K. Evans
- Report on Planning Meeting held on 14th. February 2017 – Cllr K. Evans

Cllr K. Evans gave a report on the Planning meeting and stated that comments from the committee can be found on the Parish Council website

021/2017 G. G. Adams Garden & Maintenance Services

- Any issues to report. Councillors asked the Clerk to have the leaves cleared along footpath 16 and to have the hedge along Rye Mill Lane taken back to the green fence mesh. The Clerk informed the meeting that the mower has been serviced in readiness for the summer grass cutting.

- PROW - Approval of 2017/18 ECC P3 SLA (service level agreement)

Cllr K. Evans proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded that FPC enters into an agreement with ECC for 2017/18. **This was agreed unanimously**

022/2017 Highways & Transport

- VTAG report from Cllr M. Bonner

Many residents have been to the exhibitions. There are different opinions on all options of the A12. There is a meeting next week. Councillors discussed the various road options in great depth.

- A12 & A120 Community Forum meeting update from Cllr K. Evans

Cllr K. Evans updated Councillors on the Community Forum meeting

- Councillors to discuss with a view to provide the Parish Council response to the A120 consultation

Councillors discussed in great detail the various route options.

Councillors agreed unanimously to support route Options D&E which have the least impact on communities and PROW. Our preference would be "E" as this route would reduce the traffic congestion at Galleys corner. Also to enable better links for communities such as Cressing and Silver End (this would be achieved by a 4-way junction which will also serve the communities, the quarry and other potential developments). It would also be the shortest route.

- Councillors to discuss with a view to provide the Parish Council response to the A12 consultation

Councillors discussed in great detail the various route options.

Cllr M. Bonner proposed option 2 but stressed that the road needs to take traffic away from Kelvedon & Feering with various junctions. This was seconded by Cllr M. Lakin. The proposal for the Council to support option 2 was passed **F5 Ag1**

Councillors also discussed the need for a 4-way junction at jct. 24. This would reduce traffic through Kelvedon High Street and by taking the heavy traffic from Tiptree away. Jct. 23 should be an always junction. With potentially linking to a new link from Tiptree, by-passing Kelvedon & Feering, as well as joining to the A120 option D or E. Councillors also felt it important to highlight the need for improvement at the Rivenhall junction as it has no Highways England junction number and seems to be left out of the discussion. They felt that this needs to be considered in Highways England junction strategy as it is, at present, a dangerous junction.

- Councillors agreed to submit the form to BDC LHP to undertake minor road works improvements to Hanover Square and Coggeshall Road

Councillors discussed traffic along the Hanover bridge road. The road is narrow and traffic speeds along the road. A narrowing of the road to slow traffic down was agreed. Councillors agreed to submit a LHP form after it had been completed at the April meeting.

- Lorries going along New Lane / Hanover Bridge – Cllr P. Lees

Cllr P. Lees is convinced that construction lorries are damaging the verges going along New Lane. The Street lights needs repairing.

023/2017 Representative Reports

- FCA Management meeting Friday 13th January – Cllr M. Lakin to feedback

Cllr m. Lakin informed the meeting that the Cinema Club has had an anonymous donation of £2000. The Councillors were circulated the minutes of the 03.02.17 meeting at the meeting.

- Neighbourhood Plan

a. Update from Cllr L. Blackburn

We again had a very busy and productive meeting. District Councillor Elliott who was invited to attend and give his views on the Local Plan did not turn up and gave no apology. Paul Lees our finance officer told the meeting that the first part of the funding from My Community had been received and that Technical support from Aecom for extra Master Planning had been approved. The advertising for the Exhibition on the 25th February was placed in the Tribune and the leaflet drop organised. An informal closed meeting has been arranged with Crown Estates on 2nd March, this will be an opportunity for HTA (Jo Ellingham) to talk with them. There will also be a site visit from the technical support Master Planner on 7th March. We are hoping that the Exhibition will be a great success as we will need the evidence from it to help compile our plan and we also hope to encourage more people to get involved in planning for the future of their village.

- EALC / BALC report – Cllr H. Edward’s report, which was supplied by Cllr H. Edwards, was circulated to Councillors before the meeting

- PRow & Cycleway Committee report – Cllr K. Evans

Cllr K. Evans informed Councillors that there was a meeting on 20.02.17. The Agenda included a consideration of the A12 & A120 proposals only from a PRow & cycleways point of view. The meeting was clear that there is not enough information on PRow and Cycleways in the A12 consultations to make a recommendation. The meeting concluded that, on balance, there is least disruption to PRow on A120 route options D&E. The meeting was clear that A12 has not enough information on PRow and Cycleway the A120 is least disrupted on option D&E

024/2017 Finance meeting to review and agree monthly expenditure

The RFO circulated the finance payment list to Councillors. Cllr M. Lakin proposed to pay the cheques, D/D and S/O for February '17. This was seconded by Cllr M. Eddolls **This was carried unanimously**

- Bank balances as at 31st. January 2017 was circulated to the Councillors at the meeting
- RFO to confirm that Councillors, as previously agreed, that as from 1st. April there will be only 3 Parish Council bank accounts. **Councillors agreed unanimously** to reducing the number of bank accounts held by FPC to 3
 - ** Councillors to discuss/decide to give the Clerk, in principle, the authority to spend £500 - £1000 with the authorisation of 2 Parish Councillors (1 being the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and 1 other who is not a cheque signatory) in the case of a Parish emergency. Cllr M. Lakin proposed that this authorised. This was seconded by Cllr L. Blackburn **This was agreed unanimously**
 - If above is agreed ** “The Financial Regulations 4.1” to be amended at the March meeting. As the above had been agreed the RFO would amend the Financial Regulations in readiness for the March '17 meeting.

025/2017 Items for Next Agenda

April meeting BDC LHP : Road issues : Amendment to Financial regulations :
Open Spaces Action plan – BDC : Environment Audit : Asset Register

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....21st. March 2017
Paul Lees