



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on  
TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. April 2017 at 7.30pm in the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, FEERING  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr M. Lakin, Cllr L. Blackburn, Cllr C. Newton, Cllr M. Eddolls, Cllr K. Evans, Cllr H. Edwards and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

Also in attendance was District Councillor R. Mitchell & Members of the Public: 0

**040/2017 Chairman Welcome** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**041/2017 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC P. Newton & Cllr M. Bonner

**042/2017 Declaration of Interest**

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

Cllr M. Lakin declared a non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda 51/2017 (FCA)

**043/2017 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup>. March 2017

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

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>. April 2017

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

**044/2017 To Co-opt onto the Parish Council** - Mr. Robert Carpenter

The Chairman proposed and Cllr M. Lakin seconded that in the absence of Mr. Robert Carpenter this item was deferred to the next Full Council meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

**045/2017 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

**046/2017 Clerks Report**

- Update on new Parish Council noticeboard/s. The Clerk informed Councillors that no matter what design of noticeboard they decided it had have planning permission from BDC. Councillors discussed the various options and designs. The Clerk was asked to apply to the District Councillor for funding of money of £500 which will be match funded by FPC reserves to put towards a noticeboard for 1 free-standing wood noticeboard. **This was agreed unanimously**

- 2017 Best Kept Playing Field Competition. **Councillors agreed unanimously** to enter the Best Kept Playing Field competition for 2017. The Clerk was asked to submit the relevant forms to RCCE. Cllr K. Evans proposed to enter Class 2 / 3 / 6 seconded by Cllr M. Eddolls.

**This was agreed unanimously**

- Councillors to discuss / agree to set up a sub. Committee to liaise with Feering School during its academy changeover. Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting about the letter he

had received from the Head of School. Councillors were circulated the confidential letter from the school dated 18<sup>th</sup>. April 2017.

Cllr K. Evans proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that 4 Councillors be on the sub. Committee. Cllrs M. Lakin, M. Eddolls, C. Newton & P. Lees agreed to be on the committee. **This was agreed unanimously.** The Chairman will write to Mike Simmonds notifying him of the sub. Committee and to arrange a meeting date / time.

- Update on raising the Profile of FPC
  - a. Facebook – Cllr C. Newton informed the meeting that a draft policy will be circulated to Councillors
  - b. Website – Clerk
  
- Handyman update from last meeting
  - a. Jobs completed – Grass cut Feering Hill / Edge of Do-Dahs grass cut / Strimmed Worlds End Lane / Cut side of Coggeshall Road / Cut triangle in New Lane and off A12 junction / Grass cut at end of Longacres / Grass cut outside Church Farm and the strip down the side / Cut sign post at bottom of Feering Hill / Cleared Footpath 16 from Rye Mill Lane to Feering Hill / Cut grass at Threshelfords / Grass cut by pond in Car park / Cut bank on edge of Taylors field and cut nettles back in Taylors field / Litter picked from Feeringbury to Feering boundary on Coggeshall Road.

#### **047/2017 Reports from " District & County Councillors"**

Cllr R. Mitchell informed the meeting that FPC representatives did a great job at the BDC meeting regarding the sites for Feering. Building is not starting until the A12 has been completed. No 4-way junction on A12 then no development will take place in Feering. BDC felt that the report from FPC and FPCNP was well constructed and put across so all Committee members understood the problems that the development will give to Feering.

District Councillor R. Mitchell left the meeting.

#### **048/2017 Planning Matters**

- Report and minutes (previously circulated to Councillors) of Planning Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>. April 2017.

Cllr K. Evans advised Councillors of the decision taken at the April meeting.

#### **049/2017 Councillors to confirm G. G. Adams Garden & Maintenance Services contract for 2017/18.**

Cllr M. Lakin proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that the 2017/18 Handyman and Grass cutting (Verges) contracts be awarded to G. G. Adams Garden & Maintenance Services.

**This was agreed unanimously.**

The Clerk then signed both the "Handyman" and "Grass cutting Verges" contracts.

- Any issues to report for action

The Clerk was asked to write to a land owner regarding trees in the river in Worlds End Lane. The Clerk was asked to place on the website and in the Parish Magazine that BDC will collect unwanted items at £36 for up to 6 items of furniture etc. This may stop the vast amount of fly-tipping in the village.

#### **050/2017 Highways & Transport**

- VTAG report from Cllr M. Bonner. No report was given
  
- A12 & A120 Community Forum meeting update from Cllr K. Evans. Nothing to report.

- Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC. Nothing to report.
- BDC Street lights being replaced as a “White light” – Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting that the LED yellow lights are being replaced by bright white lights. The Clerk was asked to contact BDC/ECC for their policy on replacing LED lights. The Clerk was also asked to contact A&J Lighting Solutions to see if they are aware of any such policies.

### 051/2017 Representative Reports

- FCA Management meeting – Cllr M. Lakin informed the meeting of the Management minutes which they had in front of them.
- Neighbourhood Plan
  - a. Update from Cllr L. Blackburn

Cllr L. Blackburn informed the meeting that they had a very full evening at the last NP committee meeting. We had asked District Councillor John Elliott to give his perspective on the NP, with the Local Plan sub-committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. April in mind (in the event he didn't make the BDC meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. April). Jo Ellingham gave an update from HTA, our master planners and will also update our time plan. We discussed publicity and have another article in the Tribune and Parish Magazine this month. We will also be in attendance at the May Fayre with a stand and hope to encourage others to join us.

Amber Rees is working on a questionnaire and at May's committee meeting we will be formatting the policies which will guide this and the actual Neighbourhood Plan. At an earlier meeting with Braintree District Planning Officers we also learnt that they will help us with policy forming. We have since been heartened by the response that both the Parish Council and the NP had at the Braintree Local Plan sub-committee in that it had approved for inclusion in the supporting text “Development will be required to follow any associated neighbourhood policies (e.g. design, housing mix and density) in the Feering Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr L. Blackburn concluded that she cannot think of a better reason for the village to now get behind the NP committee with this project. Cllr P. Lees proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr K. Evans, Cllr L. Blackburn and Christa Dobson for all the effort and well-presented views at the BDC Local plan meeting. This was seconded by Cllr M. Lakin. **This was agreed unanimously**

- BDC Local plan meeting update from Cllr K. Evans. Nothing further to report
- EALC / BALC report – Cllr H. Edwards had nothing to report at this meeting
- PRoW & Cycleway Committee report – Cllr K. Evans informed the meeting that no PRoW & Cycleway meeting has taken place since the last Full Council meeting.

### 052/2017 Finance

- The FPC Bank balances, as at 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2017, were circulated to Councillors at the meeting.
- Councillors to agree payment of finances. The April 2017 finances were circulated to Councillors at the meeting. Cllr L. Blackburn proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded that the cheques, Direct Debits and Standing Orders be paid. **This was agreed unanimously**
  - a. Councillors to agree and sign Section 1 Governance Statement 2016/17. This was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr K. Evans proposed and Cllr C. Newton seconded that Section 1 (Governance Statement) on the 2016/17 Annual return be signed as a true and accurate record.  
**This was agreed unanimously**

b. Councillors to agree and sign Section 2 Accountancy Statement for 2016/17. This was circulated to Councillors prior the meeting.  
Cllr L. Blackburn proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded that Section 2 (Accountancy Statement) on the 2016/17 Annual return be signed as a true and accurate record.  
**This was agreed unanimously**

**053/2017 Items for Next Agenda**  
Nothing for the next Agenda

The Chairman reminded everyone of the upcoming **Annual Parish Assembly** which is on **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup>. MAY at 8pm in the OAK room**. Light refreshments will be available from 7.30pm

**Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>. May 2017 at 7.30pm (AGM)**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....16<sup>th</sup>. May 2017  
**Paul Lees**