



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 17th. October 2017 at 7.30pm in the ACORN ROOM OF FEERING COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr M. Eddolls (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L. Blackburn, Cllr K. Evans, Cllr R. Carpenter, Cllr M. Bonner, Cllr H. Edwards, Cllr C. Newton and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council). Members of the Public: 1

Before the meeting started the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Paul Lees, presented Michele Lakin with an engraved memento on behalf of the Parish Council in recognition of all her hard work and dedicated service to the community. Michele had been a Parish Councillor for the last 16 years, and served on numerous committees and outside bodies as well as being Chair of the Council. The Chairman said that Michele's contribution to the community will be truly missed. Michele accepted the memento and thanked the Parish Councillors for a wonderful gift which will be treasured.

110/2017 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

111/2017 Apologies for Absence were received from DC/ECC Cllr R. Mitchell

112/2017 Declaration of Interest

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

No Councillor declared any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

113/2017 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th. September 2017
Cllr R. Carpenter proposed and Cllr K. Evans seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

114/2017 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 asked.

115/2017 Reports from " District & County Councillors". No report was given

116/2017 Clerks Report

- Update on Parish Council noticeboard. The Clerk informed the meeting that permission had been granted from the Legal department at ECC Highways. It is now down to BDC to give the final approval. Cllr P. Lees proposed and Cllr M. Bonner seconded that the Legal Document be signed and returned to ECC. **This was agreed unanimously**

- Update on Defibrillator. The Clerk informed the meeting that all electrical works and installation has been completed. The East of England Ambulance return form had been sent off and is awaiting confirmation that the defibrillator can go live.

- Update on Parish Councillor vacancy. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received

notification from BDC that no applicant had come forward for election onto the Parish Council. Therefore, the Clerk has been given permission from BDC to advertise a co-option onto the Council

- Mower engine has been delivered and has been put into FPC mower. It is now up and running better than before. Cllr M. Bonner suggested that the engine be started and left running during the winter months.
- Local Council Award Scheme – Foundation Level. The Clerk, having been on a briefing course at EALC, informed the meeting that Feering Parish Council can meet all the criteria needed to become a “Foundation Level Council”. The application form and documents will be supplied to EALC soon.
- Play equipment Annual inspection. The Clerk informed the meeting that all Councillors had received the Play Inspection report. The Clerk brought to the attention of the Councillors that the Zip Wire was a moderate cause for concern. The Clerk, with a Councillor would inspect the play equipment, together with the report, will come back to the November meeting with full recommendation/s.

The Clerk had received an email from a resident informing him that there was an accident of a child falling off the zip wire and fracturing her collar bone. As a result, the Clerk immediately took the Zip Wire out of action. The Clerk will undertake to find 2 companies to quote for the repairs needed to the equipment, as per the inspection report. The Clerk was instructed to contact Sutcliffe play company + one other. Cllr P. Lees proposed that the Clerk be allocated a budget of up to £4,000 to get the zip wire repaired and also the matting be brought up to current standard. All Councillors will be informed beforehand. This was seconded by Cllr M. Eddolls. **This was agreed unanimously.** A notice to be placed on the zip wire stating, “This equipment is closed due to precautionary maintenance”.

- Handyman update from last meeting

Jobs completed – Rafted path, Grass cut Coggeshall Road to London Road, Long Acres, 3 Triangles at New Lane, erected orange netting and tapped off Hanover Bridge damage to fencing on both sides, strimmed and mowed all of footpath 16, Taylors field, cut grass around Threshelfords Business Park, Cleared all bins in the village, cut grass on recreation ground, Play equipment inspected and weeds cleared, Nettles removed by bridge in Coggeshall Road, cut back hedge on recreation ground, cleared steps from car park to Coggeshall Road, strim weeds on football pitch to footpath 16, Litter picked around village and Inworth Road. Moved SID to of Feering Hill, cut grass at Feering Hill, cut playing field grass. Dead branches in Worlds End Lane.

Any issues to report for action

Footpath along A12 by Interserve: Street light opposite Interserve: Vegetation on bridge over River Blackwater: Drain by Doh Dahs: Hanover Bridge vegetation: Hanover Square 20 rubble sacks: Sign broken on Blackwater Bridge: Sweeping leaves:

117/2017 Planning Matters

- Report and minutes (previously circulated to Councillors) of Planning Meeting held on 12th. October 2017 from Cllr K. Evans. The minutes of the meeting were previously circulated to Councillors. There was nothing further to add. S106 monies to be banked if this is OK. Neil Jones at BDC to respond to FPC. The Clerk to chase up Anglian Water.

118/2017 Highways & Transport

- VTAG report from Cllr M. Bonner including traffic speeds through the village
Cllr M. Bonner informed the meeting about the letter sent out to Councils by Alan Stones Secretary of A12VTAG and brought Councillors up-to-date with the progress on the A12 & A120. The letter from Alan Stones is on the FPC website. Speeding in the village is now out of control and vehicles continually speed through the village. A resident has emailed the clerk about setting up a Speedwatch group. Councillors said that this group was set up some time ago and was not very successful. Cllr M. Bonner to write to Local Highways Panel, Police and Essex Highways to get support to reduce the speed of vehicles in the village.

- 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. Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting of cars around the Cricket Club and Hanover Square at night. The Clerk to contact BDC for advice.
- Network Rail Crossing closures update from Cllr K. Evans. Network Rail agenda has been produced and circulated to the people who are giving evidence

119/2017 Representative Reports

- FCA Management meeting from Cllr L. Blackburn
The Clerk had circulated the FCA Management minutes prior to the meeting. Cllr L. Blackburn informed the meeting of the AGM executive meeting being held on 13.11.17
- Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L. Blackburn
A meeting with Crown Estates is to take place in November. Cllr L. Blackburn circulated to Councillors the minutes of the NP meeting held on 11th. September 2017.
- BDC Local plan meeting update from Cllr K. Evans. The BDC Draft Local Plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State. It will be examined in two stages:
(1) Shared Strategic Plan (Part One) - this is the bit common to Braintree, Colchester & Tendring that includes the garden communities and the "purple splodge"
Winter 2017: Hearing of evidence by the Inspector. Spring 2018: Inspector's report
(2) Braintree District Specific Local Plan (Part Two) – this is the bit that includes Braintree District specific policies including LPP22 land at Feering, LPP33 Affordable Housing, LPP55 Layout & Design of Development, LPP 72 Green Buffers & many more.
Spring 2018: Hearing of evidence by the Inspector. Summer 2018: Inspector's report
(3) Adoption of BDC Local Plan: autumn 2018
- Health & Safety Issues from Cllr C. Newton. Still waiting for a meeting with the FCA.
- EALC / BALC report from Cllr H. Edwards. Nothing to report
- PRoW & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr K. Evans. Nothing to report
- Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report. A meeting to be arranged following the Annual play equipment inspection report.
- Finance meeting from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report
- Feering School Academy Committee report from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report.
The Academisation date for the school has been put back.
Cllr M. Bonner proposed that the School gates to be repainted White. This was seconded by Cllr P. Lees. **This was agreed unanimously**
- Employment committee report from Cllr. P. Lees. Nothing to report

120/2017 Finance

- Bank balances as at 30th. September 2017 and 2017/18 budget account were circulated to Councillors at the meeting.
- Councillors to agree payment of October 2017 finances
Cllr C. Newton proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded that the October payments be authorised.
This was agreed unanimously
- Internet Banking. The RFO is recommending to Councillors to change from Barclays Bank

to Unity Trust Bank. This will allow the RFO to undertake internet banking. The RFO asked for a Councillor to assist the RFO with the application form and setting up the internet banking. Cllr R. Carpenter volunteered to help the RFO. **This was agreed unanimously**

121/2017 Items for Next Agenda

Local Highways Panel, Police and Essex Highway

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 14th. November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Acorn Room (Budget / Precept meeting)

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 21st. November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Acorn Room

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

Signed.....21st. November 2017

Paul Lees