



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on
TUESDAY 21st. NOVEMBER 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 C. Newton and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

Members of the Public: 0

122/2017 Chairman Welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

123/2017 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC/DC R. Mitchell, Cllr M. Bonner & Cllr H. Edwards

124/2017 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

125/2017 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. October 2017

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

126/2017 Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes was allowed. There were no questions.

127/2017 Report from " District & County Councillor". No report was given

128/2017 Clerks Report

- **Update on Parish Council noticeboard.** The Clerk informed Councillors that permission is still awaiting from BDC.

- **Update on Defibrillator** – opening Ceremony. An official ceremony to open the defibrillator will be held later in the year. Clerk to contact Cllr R. Mitchell for a suitable date

- **Update on Parish Councillor vacancy.** As yet no parishioner has come forward to fill the vacancy

- **Handyman update from last meeting** - Jobs completed

Coggeshall Road grass cut, play equipment strimmed around, edge of playing field strimmed, litter pick Coggeshall Road through to Coggeshall, Zip wire taken out of commission, Hedge by community centre defibrillator removed, Nettles at Hanover Bridge cleared, Rafted path, Grass cut Coggeshall Road to London Road, Long Acres, 3 Triangles at New Lane, 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,

Any issues to report for action

Drain by Doh Dahs, Bridge over River Blackwater,



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129/2017 Planning Matters

Report and minutes (previously circulated to Councillors) of Planning Meeting held on 9th November 2017 – Cllr K. Evans informed Councillors that the Prested Hall comments have been amended and is now acceptable to BDC.

130/2017 Highways & Transport

- **VTAG report** from Cllr M. Bonner – No report was given

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

The 13 page ECC report to the cabinet by Andrew Cook - ECC Director, Highways & Transportation shows that route Option A, the northern route, is least positive both in terms of the public consultation results and in terms of ECC's developed "Decision Framework". The report seems to advocate (paragraph 8.7):

(1) eliminating Option A from further processes

(2) adding a junction to provide access to Bradwell Quarry and the IWMF (assuming that this goes ahead).

(3) progressing the other 4 options through the feasibility study process to give final ECC results for a favoured route in the Spring-Summer of 2018 (paragraph 9.5).

The report notes that it is only Highways England, not ECC, who can confer preferred route status on any of the routes (paragraph 8.2) & hence inclusion of that route in RIS2 (2020/21 - 2024/25).

Having advocated (1) and (2) in paragraph 8.7 of the report, paragraph 2 & 2.1 -

Recommendations - The Cabinet agrees... - makes no mention of (2) the junction and

recommends that "*work continues to present a full set of route option appraisals.*" which does not sound as if Option A is being dropped as per (1).

Feering Parish Councillors are strongly against the recommendation that only two people make...

"a final decision on ECC's preferred route be delegated to the Deputy Leader (Cllr Bentley) and the Executive Director for Infrastructure & Environment".

Councillors agreed unanimously that it should be at least a Cabinet Decision and even a Full Council decision.

Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC – Nothing to report

Network Rail Crossing closures update from Cllr K. Evans. The meeting was adjourned January 2018

131/2017 Representative Reports

- **FCA Management meeting** from Cllr L. Blackburn

The FCA minutes was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. As there is a vacancy for a Trustee on the FCA Management committee, Cllr P. Lees undertook to contact Michele Lakin for advice on filling this vacancy.



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Neighbourhood Plan update. Cllr L. Blackburn informed the meeting that the Feering Parish Community Survey was delivered to the Parish over the weekend of the 28th. October and we have had 2 collections so far. The surveys are now being analysed and the data collected will form part of our evidence base. A big thank you to all concerned in this enterprise.

We held an informal meeting with Crown Estates on the 2nd. November to gain some insight into the building of the 165 houses and other concerns. While we had some areas of agreement and were pleased that the 165 were part of the 750 before 2033 and not additional, there were areas of difference. They have their own agenda to follow and we have ours.

The Heritage Society attended our committee meeting on the 6th. And apart from ongoing survey work and starting to draft policies we discussed an exhibition and consultation event to be held on 3rd. February.

Our next committee meeting is on 11th. December 2017.

BDC Local plan meeting update from Cllr K. Evans – Nothing to report

Health & Safety Issues from Cllr C. Newton – A meeting with the FCA was held and a discussion took place as to whom was responsible for what. A management agreement was handed to Councillors. The hope is to work more closely with FCA. The management and Joint user agreements are being sent to the FPC solicitors for clarification.

EALC / BALC report from Cllr H. Edwards. No report was given

PRoW & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr K. Evans. Nothing to report

Playing Field Committee meeting. Cllr P. Lees gave an update from the meeting. Cllr C. Newton asked Councillor to increase the money set aside from £4000 to £5000 to repair the zip wire. This was seconded by Cllr M. Eddolls. **This was agreed unanimously**

Finance meeting from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report

Feering School Academy Committee. Cllr P. Lees reported that he had received an email this afternoon and lease agreements from Mike Simmonds Chair, Interim Executive Board. The Clerk will circulate the documents to all Councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact the FPC solicitor for the possible implications on the lease proposals from the Academy school.

Employment committee report from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report

132/2017 Finance

Bank balances as at 31st. October 2017 and 2017/18 budget account to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting

The RFO circulated the Bank balances as at 31st. October 2017 and 2017/18 budget account to Councillors



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Councillors to agree payment of November 2017 finances – Previously circulated to Councillors

Cllr C. Newton proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that the November payments be authorised. **This was agreed unanimously**

Councillors to agree Budget & Precept for 2018/19 - Previously circulated to Councillors
Cllr M. Eddolls proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that the Budget for 2018/19, which was presented at the 14th. November 2017 meeting, be accepted. **This was agreed unanimously.**

Cllr M. Eddolls proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded that the Precept amount of £52987 for 2018/19 an increase of just 1.73%, which was presented at the 14th. November 2017 meeting, be accepted. **This was agreed unanimously**

Internet Banking update. The RFO gave an update on the position of the Internet Banking set up and had submitted the application form to Unity Trust Bank.

Appointment of Internal Auditor following the resignation of Mrs. J. Stobart.

The RFO informed Councillors that owing to the resignation of Mrs J. Stobart as Feering Parish Council Internal Auditor he has approached Liane Rowland who is highly qualified and happy to undertake the Internal Audit for 2017/18. Cllr P. Lees proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded that Liane Rowland be appointed Internal Auditor for Feering Parish Council. **This was agreed unanimously**

133/2017 Items for Next Agenda

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 19th. December 2017 at 7.30pm

Cllr K. Evans gave her apologies for the next meeting

Cllr R. Carpenter gave his apologies for the next meeting

Cllr C. Newton gave her apologies for the next meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone from attending

Signed..... Date 19th. December 2017

Paul Lees