



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 16th. January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr M. Eddolls (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L. Blackburn, Cllr R. Carpenter, Cllr C. Newton, Cllr K. Evans, ECC/DC R. Mitchell and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

Members of the Public: 0

001/2018 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

002/2018 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr M. Bonner & Cllr H. Edwards.

003/2018 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

004/2018 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. December 2017

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

005/2018 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 from the public.

006/2018 Report from " District/County Councillors"

BDC Budget and Precept being discussed next month. Proposal is of an increase of £1.17p per week on band D which equates to 4.99% (includes 2% is for adult social care). ECC also putting up Precept next month. Potholes cannot be fixed successfully during the winter months. He is working hard to get the pothole website improved. A reference number will be given for each pothole complaint. No date field as to when pothole is first reported to ECC will not happen as it will be a great embarrassment to ECC as this will show the length of time ECC takes to repair a pothole.

007/2018 Clerks Report

- i. Update on Parish Councillor vacancy. The Clerk informed Councillors that no resident has come forward to fill the vacancy
- ii. 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, Hedge by community centre defibrillator cleared with leaves, Nettles at Hanover Bridge cleared, Rafted path, strimmed and mowed all of footpath 16, 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 railway bridge, Partially Cleared Drain by Doh Dahs, Continuing to clear verge along London Road towards A12. Leaves cleared by school on footpath 16, Repaired the pot holes in the car park. Moved speed camera to Coggeshall Road, Finger post at Hanover Bridge inspected and made safe, Cleared leaves by bridge in Coggeshall Road.
- iii. Any issues to report for action
Dog post at the end of Worlds End Lane to be repaired.
A&J Lighting to replace the bulbs. Check the LED head on the lights and not the bulb. Warm LED bulb.
Triangle at New Lane / London Road grass churned up – GG to look at this
Footpath 16 by Feering Hill shrubs tipping over the path – cut back tree branches

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ECC to clear drains by Do Dahs
ECC to clear drain outside Blue Anchor PH

008/2018 Planning Matters

Report and minutes (previously circulated to Councillors) of Planning Meeting held on 9th. January 2018.
Cllr K. Evans.

009/2018 Highways & Transport

i. VTAG report from Cllr M. Bonner. There is a meeting scheduled for this week with a representative from ECC Highways who should update on the latest roads situation.

ii. A12 & A120 Community Forum meeting update from Cllr K. Evans
The next A12 Community Forum (East) is scheduled for Tuesday 30th. January 2018 at Feering Community Centre from 6.30pm – 8pm

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

iv. Network Rail Crossing closures update from Cllr K. Evans
Adjourned until late Summer (September '18)

010/2018 Representative Reports

i. FCA Management meeting from Cllr L. Blackburn
There are no minutes to report as the FCA January committee meeting does not take place until Friday 19th. January 2018.

The FCA have asked the Parish Council for an update on any issues that the Council believe to be still outstanding. They will pass their minutes that will highlight any updates they have after the January meeting.

ii. Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L. Blackburn
Meeting with BDC phase about Colchester – Braintree Borders Garden village. Main problem with David Lock Associates for the garden village consultation was that the document supplied by David Lock Associates is very misleading. No formal meeting in January '18. For the 3rd. February 2018 there is a informal meeting in preparation of the exhibition.

Cllr K. Evans proposed that the wording is accepted for circulation of the poster for the Feering Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition. Seconded by M. Eddolls. **This was agreed unanimously**

iii. BDC Local plan meeting update from Cllr K. Evans
Stage1 has gone to the inspectorate. Stage 2 is being looked at in the Spring '18
Cllr K. Evans to follow up why FPC has not received an invitation to speak at the meeting.

iv. FPC response to the BDC NEGC consultation - specifically FPC response to the Colchester-Braintree borders proposed garden community from Cllr K. Evans
Cllr. K. Evans to write a response on behalf of Feering Parish Council and produce it at the next Planning meeting. The Clerk to circulate the report to Councillors before it is submitted to BDC.

v. Health & Safety Issues from Cllr C. Newton. Nothing to report

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

vii. PRow & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr K. Evans. Nothing to report

viii. Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P. Lees. See item below

ix. To agree recommendation of the Playing Field committee
Cllr M. Eddolls proposed that £4180.00p be spent on the supply and install of a Bonded Eco surface mulch to replace the damaged matting under the zip wire. This was seconded by Cllr L. Blackburn
This was agreed unanimously. The Clerk to get the handyman to repair the take off area in hard wood.

Cllr C. Newton proposed, subject to a satisfactory site visit and the allocation of space, purchasing 4 items of gym equipment at a total cost of £6840.00p +VAT. The money is coming from ECC CIF Fund and from FPC Special reserves fund. This was seconded by Cllr R. Carpenter. **This was agreed unanimously.** The items of equipment to be purchased are "Parallel Bars (£1135) – Chin Ups (£1105) – Ab Bench (£1515) and Beam Lift (£3085)

x. Finance meeting from Cllr P. Lees. No meeting has been arranged.

xi. Feering School Academy Committee report from Cllr P. Lees

The Council are still awaiting the lawyer's response to the Draft agreement from the School Academy. The Clerk was asked to chase up the solicitor again.

xii. Employment committee report from Cllr P. Lees. No meeting has been arranged.

011/2018 Finance

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

i. Councillors to agree payment of the January 2018 finances – (Previously circulated to Councillors) Cllr C. Newton proposed and Cllr K. Evans seconded that the January 2018 payments be authorised.

This was agreed unanimously

ii. Update on Internet Banking. The RFO asked for a Councillor to assist him with the completing of the application form for Unity Trust Bank. Cllr C. Newton agreed to assist the RFO with this application.

This was agreed unanimously

iii. Update on Internal Auditor. The RFO informed the meeting that he has had no positive response for a replacement of an internal auditor. So, with Councillors permission, he will contact the auditor that deals with another Parish Council. **This was agreed unanimously.**

iv. Exceptional Grant Fund – Councillors be allowed to grant an application after the deadline

Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting that in exceptional circumstances a "Grant fund" of £300 could be allocated to any organisation during the financial year. This will be a "one off" grant and not the norm.

Cllr P. Lees proposed and Cllr L. Blackburn seconded. **This was agreed unanimously.**

Feering & Kelvedon Garden Club grant application was discussed. Proposed by Cllr. P. Lees Seconded by Cllr C. Newton F5 Ag1 to grant this late "one off" application.

Cllr P. Lees asked Councillors to consider, for the February agenda, a 3yr Council Development Plan. What projects could/should be on it and let the Clerk know by Tuesday 6th. February.

At 9.30pm the Chairman asked Councillors if the meeting could continue. **This was agreed unanimously**

012/2018 Items for Next Agenda

Street Lighting

3yr Council Development Plan

Annual Assembly report

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 20th. February 2018 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....20th. February 2018

Paul Lees