



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 20th. February 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 K. Evans, Cllr H. Edwards and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

Members of the Public: 0

013/2018 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

014/2018 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr M. Bonner, Cllr C. Newton, Cllr R. Carpenter & ECC/DC R. Mitchell.

015/2018 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

016/2018 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th. January 2018

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**

017/2018 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 from the public

018/2018 Report from " District / County Councillor". No report was given

019/2018 Clerks Report

i. Handyman update from last meeting

Jobs completed – Cut bushes back on Hanover bridge, Paint Finger post on Hanover bridge, completed cutting back London Road pavement, Dog post at the end of Worlds End Lane repaired, Cleared the Footpath 16 by Feering Hill shrubs tipping over the path, Repaired and painted the zip wire take off area, repaired container felting, cleared all rubbish bins in area,

ii. Any issues to report for action

Nothing to report

iii. Can Clerks be Data Protection Officers?

The Clerk is going to the General Data Protection briefing on 6th. March at EALC and will report back at the March '18 meeting.

020/2018 Planning Matters

Report and minutes (previously circulated to Councillors) of Planning Meeting held on 6th. February 2018.

Cllr K. Evans informed the meeting on the BDC Planning Enforcement strategy. Cllr K. Evans raised the following points in relation to the BDC document

Item 3 How will personal information be protected under the upcoming new General Data Protection Regulations?

Item 7.6 Need a definition / guidance as to what constitutes "*partially put into action*" for a development such that the development is deemed to have been started for the purposes of 7.22

Item 7.17 Disagree with. *The person making the enquiry has no right of appeal against a decision...* There must be a way and a body to whom a person / District-Town-Parish Council can appeal if they do not agree with the decision to take no enforcement action.

Item 8.0 There should be information & an action statement on whether and what enforcement action can / will be taken to enforce planning conditions and/or legal agreements if a site is dormant / inactive i.e. the use has ceased for the time being (e.g. the site is up for sale, the owners have gone bankrupt / are insolvent).

The Councillors agreed that these points should be sent to BDC planning enforcement department.

021/2018 Highways & Transport

i. VTAG report from Cllr M. Bonner. No report was given.

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

At the A12 Community Forum meeting, as anticipated there is still no announcement of a preferred route, nor a firm date on which an announcement will be made. It appears that consideration is being given to the alternative route alignment being suggested by Braintree and Colchester Councils around the proposed West Tey development. However, this will apparently not affect the start date for construction, as effort is going into the design of the rest of the route as well as the Environmental Impact Assessment. Witham Town Council also supported the southern route with the junction between Witham & Kelvedon. This is a route FPC supported Kelvedon did not. The Haven Gateway grouping may support the central route with the junction north of Feering. Cllr K. Evans asked if FPC should contact Witham TC together with Witham businesses to lobby for the southern route. The Chairman to contact Witham TC Chair.

iii. Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC Potholes coming off the A12.

iv. Network Rail Crossing closures update from Cllr K. Evans
Nothing to report

v. Street Lights in the Village.

The Clerk to find out from ECC what their policy is on regarding the colour of street lights.

022/2018 Representative Reports

i. FCA Management meeting from Cllr L. Blackburn

Please refer to the minutes for items addressed at the last meeting.

We have a new skateboarding club starting in March and other new clubs hoping to start soon along with a couple of new annual events that were successful this year. The centre H&S audit is in the process of a date being confirmed. Louise purchased a wi-fi booster to help with signal in the Oak room, she will pop in to install this.

The Community Association welcomes any updates from the FPC for the next meeting this Friday 23.02.18 at 9.15am

ii. Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L. Blackburn

Our exhibition on 3rd. February to report findings from our survey was quite well supported with a few more the 30-40 demographic attending this time. The Parish clerk has put the results and charts from that on the Parish website, there will also be a printed version held in the Parish office for those without access to the internet. Our next February committee meeting we discussed areas where we needed more evidence e.g. traffic studies. The committee has asked if there is a contingency for extra funding to join Kelvedon in a Traffic survey concerning certain roads that there is not a lot of data on?

We have a joint meeting with Kelvedon and Coggeshall NP's on 26th. February 2018.

Cllr L. Blackburn asked FPC to consider funding a Traffic survey for their evidence policy.

iii. BDC Local plan meeting update from Cllr K. Evans

Nothing to report

iv. Health & Safety Issues from Cllr C. Newton. No report was given.

v. EALC / BALC report from Cllr H. Edwards. Nothing to report.

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

vii. Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P. Lees.

viii. To agree recommendation of the Playing Field committee

The Clerk informed the meeting that the order for the 4 new pieces of gym equipment had been placed and a provisional date of 19.03.18 has been submitted for the works to start.

ix. Finance meeting from Cllr P. Lees. Nothing to report.

x. Feering School Academy Committee report from Cllr P. Lees. FPC met the FCA to discuss the new proposals from the academy. The Academy recommendations were sent to FPC solicitors. However, nothing has come back from the solicitors yet. FPC to ask the academy to pay all legal fees including FPC

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



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xii. Annual Assembly report from Cllr C. Newton / Cllr R. Carpenter. Cllr P. Lees suggested that articles be sent to the clerk by the March meeting in readiness for the April meeting approval.

023/2018 Council 3-year Development plan –

Cllr P. Lees informed the meeting of the proposed 3-year development plan and circulated the suggested layout. Councillors were asked to consider any projects for the future.

024/2018 Finance

Bank balances as at 31st. January 2018 and 2017/18 budget account to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting

i. Councillors to agree payment of February 2018 finances – Previously circulated to Councillors Cllr L. Blackburn proposed and Cllr K. Evans seconded that the February '18 payments be authorised. **This was agreed unanimously**

ii. Update on Internet Banking – To appoint new Internal Auditor
The RFO recommended to Councillors that for the 2017/18 Internal Audit Simpson Accountancy of Great Yeldham to be the Parish Council Internal Auditor for the forthcoming year.

Cllr K. Evans proposed and Cllr M. Eddolls seconded this recommendation. **This was agreed unanimously**

025/2018 Items for Next Agenda

Data Protection report: Environment report

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

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

Signed.....20th. March 2018
Paul Lees