



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre**

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chairman), Cllr C Newton (Vice-Chairman), Cllr H Edwards, Cllr K Evans, Cllr R Carpenter, Cllr L Blackburn, Cllr M Bonner (arrived at 7.45 pm) and Lisa Collins (Clerk to the Council).  
Members of the Public: 0

**108/2018 Chairman Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the meeting that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Peter Gruender.

**109/2018 Apologies for Absence**

ECC/BDC Cllr R Mitchell.

**110/2018 Declaration of Interest**

**111/2018** To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda.

Cllr Edwards declared an interest in the Parish Grant applications.

**112/2018 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council** 🙌

To receive and agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Minutes were amended to correct an incorrect statement to produce a factual record of the meeting.

It was agreed that minutes should not be published to the website until they are signed during the next meeting.

Cllr Lee proposed and Cllr Carpenter seconded. **All agreed**

**113/2018 Public Participation Session**

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.

No members of the public were present.

**114/2018 Report from " District / County Councillor"**

No report was given.

**115/2018 Clerks Report**

*Training courses*

The clerk informed the council of the training courses that she has attended and wishes to attend and details of the bursary scheme from EALC. It was agreed that the clerk should attend the courses.

*Grant applications received*

It was noted that three applications have been submitted for the Parish Council Grants and they would be discussed at the precept meeting on 6 November.



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It was agreed that the precept meeting would be moved by one week to 13<sup>th</sup> November to allow the Clerk to complete the RBS accounting system training and these applications would be discussed at the precept meeting.

**116/2018 Planning Matters**

- i Report of Planning Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Cllr K Evans

Gore house – It was raised that a member of the parish had called stating that the minutes published in the parish magazine mentioned their address for several TPOs and that they were concerned that this would affect their future applications as these applications were not submitted by them. It was discussed that the TPO was called Gore House and covered all houses relating to the TPO and does not relate to an individual property. It was agreed that a statement would be made in the next edition of the Parish Council Magazine explain that these applications did not relate to Gore House. It was also discussed that we would speak to BDC to see if the original TPO could be renamed to 126 Feering Hill.

Next planning committee meeting to be held on 30 October at 7.30 pm.

**117/2018 Highways & Transport**

- i VTAG report from Cllr M Bonner

VTAG met on 16 October 2018. Chris Stevenson is due to give a presentation next week. This has been held in limbo because of the garden village and Marks Tey. There will be a consultation in Marks Tey in a week's time which will be put out to public consultation which will cover the road between Kelvedon North and Marks Tey. It was felt that it is important to get more information to find out what is happening within Highways England.

Cllr Evans expressed a view to attend the VTAG meetings going forward.

- ii A12 to A120 Widening - A120 Routes – A120 Community Forum meeting update from Cllr K Evans

There is a meeting at Marks Tey and Witham to discuss. Cllr Evans will be attending Marks Tey and Cllr Carpenter will be attending the Witham meeting.

- iii Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC

There was a discussion regarding the devolving of some highways, top 5 defects. It was agreed that the drains by the Anchor should be a priority, Elm Lane, London Road from Coggeshall Road to A12, Footpath 16 uneven (bamboo Shoots) and pavements from London Road and Feering Hill should also be added to the list.

**118/2018 Representative Reports**

- i FCA Management meeting from Cllr L Blackburn

The Councillor Community Grant application for wall mounted projector screen in the Oak Room has been submitted and the grant confirmed. EALC Local Services Fund application for part time marketing support had been completed and is awaiting a letter of support from Councillor Mitchell.



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Clf application to refurbish the Acorn Room is underway, closing date 26 October.

There was a discussion about arrangements for smokers. It was proposed that smoking should not be allowed in the area by the front door and that a butt bin should be installed on the wall of the centre around the corner at the side of the office. This proposal was put to the council.

After discussion, it was agreed that a sign should be put up stating that there should be no smoking in the doorways and that terms and conditions for FCA should be amended to make it the responsibility of the hirers to clear up cigarette butts.

The preparations for the Christmas Fayre organised by Laura and Karen are well underway with 27 stalls booked, publicity leaflets and advertising taken care of and a Santa's Grotto plus sleigh rides.

It was Louise Irons last meeting as chairman of the management committee. She was thanked for her chairmanship during a challenging period for the FCA. The AGM will be held on 29 October.

ii Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L Blackburn

The Neighbourhood plan held their second workshop with Crown Estates and Braintree District Council at the end of September to discuss results and ideas brought up at the previous workshop. Once we have more news on the A12 we hope to have further workshops.

We will be holding a joint meeting with Kelvedon and Coggeshall in November to discuss joint concerns.

iii EALC / BALC report from Cllr H Edwards

Nothing to report.

iv PRoW & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr K Evans

Cllr Evans proposes to raise the issues of cycleways at the A12 community Forum meeting.

Cllr Bonner reported that the rafted path needs looking at as there is netting coming up and some of the sleepers need replacing.

It was agreed that a community initiative fund should be applied for to repair the rafted path.

v Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P Lees

No meeting has been arranged. A meeting will be arranged once the Play Equipment Inspection has taken place.

vi Finance meeting from Cllr P Lees

Nothing to report.

vii Feering School Academy Committee report from Cllr P Lees



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No further information from the academy. The school has been an academy since 1 September. Cllr Newton raised that the school is asking for a parent consultative group and suggested that it may be useful to have a representative from the FCA and the Parish Council on the forum. Chairman Lees suggested that a meeting should be arranged termly with the Academy.

viii Employment committee report from Cllr P Lees

The Clerk's contract has been issued and will be signed imminently.

**119/2018 EALC Local Services Fund Application**

Cllr Evans has asked for some quotes to be obtained for tree work to submit the application.

**120/2018 EALC Devolving Highways Funding**

The deadline for this has now passed and as we already do some direct work with ECC and BDC we should not apply.

**121/2018 Finance**

Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and 2017/18 budget account to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting.

Councillors to agree payment of September 2018 finances to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting 🙌

Cllr Newton proposed and Cllr Bonner proposed that the finances be agreed. All agreed.

**122/2018 Items for Next Agenda**

Replacement planning committee member

Precept

Finance and planning committee

New signatory for internet banking

**Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Paul Lees**