



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre**

- Present:** Cllr P Lees (Chair), Cllr R Carpenter, Cllr L Blackburn, Cllr K Evans, Cllr M Bonner, Cllr D Leach, Cllr H Edwards, Cllr C Dobson (after co-option) and Lisa Collins (Clerk to the Council), Cllr Robert Mitchell, Essex County Council.
Members of the Public: 2
- 021/2019 Chairman Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 022/2019 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr K Evans and Cllr C Newton. Cllr Leach informed the meeting that he may be late due to train issues
- 023/2019 Declaration of Interest**
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda.
Cllr Leach declared an interest in item 036/2019(ii).
Cllr Bonner declared an interest in item 030/2019(ii)
- 024/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 15 January 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Carpenter proposed, Cllr Blackburn seconded, unanimously agreed.
Cllr Leach joined the meeting at this point.
- 025/2019 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.
A discussion was had with regard to the provision of PR Services from Rebecca Saunders, Ms Saunders gave the council a brief overview of the services she can provide and what she is currently providing for Kelvedon PC. It was asked if a formal proposal could be submitted by Ms Saunders.
- 026/2019 Co-option of Parish Councillor**
The candidate gave a presentation on their view of the Parish and what they could bring to the Council. The council then discussed whether the candidate should be co-opted. It was agreed that the co-option of Christa Dobson should be approved. Cllr Bonner proposed and Cllr Blackburn seconded, unanimously agreed. Cllr Dobson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting as a Councillor
- 027/2019 Report from " District / County Councillor"**
Cllr Mitchell gave an update on the library working group and the expression of interest which needs to be submitted asap.
Crown Estates are putting a line of fences at the back of Inworth Road to protect the footpath at the back of Threshelfords and the land could be sold to Bloor Homes. Discussion is being had between Crown Estates and Ridgeons regarding a land swap

for the 4 way junction. It was asked whether Crown Estates would challenge the A12 proposals. Cllr Mitchell said that he didn't think this would happen as the A12 is unable to be widened online. It has been stated that apart from the 165 houses which are to be built, the remaining houses cannot be built until the 4-way junction is built. It is important to get our Neighbourhood plan and the local plan finalised so that we are not open to speculative planning applications.

County Council budget setting meeting took place last week. Braintree District budget setting meeting is taking place next week.

VTAG report from Cllr M Bonner

Cllr Mitchell asked for this matter to be brought forward so that he could get an update on this issue.

Cllr Bonner reported that a meeting took place with Chris Stevenson who was unable to give any further information due to what happens with West Tey and Copford. Alternative routes around West Tey and Copford should have been put out by now. Cllr Mitchell stated that there was a valid consultation on the A120 proposals and would give an idea of where the road would go to join up with the A12. A12 VTAG is going to get involved in other non-A12 issues such as speeding and parking to put pressure on and assist.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at this point.

028/2019

Clerks Report

The Clerk had previously submitted a written report to Councillors which was noted.

It was discussed that the clerk would use her credit card if necessary for the registration fee for her CiLCA Training but if possible would pay by bank transfer or arrange to be invoiced to the Council.

After discussion, it was retrospectively agreed that the clerk use her personal credit card to apply for the registration with the ICO for Data Protection. This was unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that the dates proposed for 2019-20 for the Amenity Vehicle to attend in Feering be confirmed subject to price increase and that should the price increase exceed our budget we will revisit this issue again. Cllr Carpenter proposed and Cllr Blackburn seconded. Unanimously agreed.

029/2019

Feering Community Centre Door Update

Cllr Carpenter gave an update and stated that there needs to be a further discussion around the use. Cllr Carpenter informed the council that he could get whatever we want. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had had a discussion with Little Peeps where possibly either a keypad is fitted which gives the parents an access code, a doorbell is given to Little Peeps which is in their room. It was discussed that the Clerk would speak further to Little Peeps to see if they would be happy with an entry system which can be switched off when they are not using the centre and Cllr Carpenter would look into the options further.

030/2019

Planning Matters

- i *Report of Planning Meeting held on 15 January 2019 – Cllr R Carpenter (in the absence of Cllr Evans)*

Two applications were considered at the meeting and an issue was raised with regard to TPOs. The minutes have been approved and circulated.

- ii *19/00013/DAC - Crown Estates 165 dwellings outline permission 16/00569/OUT*

The Parish Council can make comments to Braintree but no objections can be made. The Parish Council Comment should be that the 165 is part of the bigger plan. Cllr Bonner stated that he could not find any documentation as to the proposed junction on the entry to the development.

Comments should be made that this is part of the overall master plan rather than just the 165 house and vehicular access needs to be considered. Junction details to be obtained from BDC. Need to provide onsite provision for parking for contractors.

We are waiting for the next stage until we can object to issues as necessary.

- iii *Tree Health and Safety Survey – Quote*

It was agreed in principle that a Health and Safety Survey of our trees should be undertaken and that the clerk would email a recommendation once the proposal from Writtle College had been received. This was proposed by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Leach.

031/2019 Highways & Transport

- i *VTAG report from Cllr M Bonner*

This matter was discussed under item 027/2019.

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

Nothing to update.

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

Cllr Lees raised the issue of the surface of Coggeshall Road which had recently been resurfaced. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Essex Highways to state that this is the second time that the road has been resurfaced but that the surface is not lasting and the surface is a hazard for cyclists and motorcyclists.

Cllr Dobson also raised the issue of pavements, particularly in Sherwood Way. Cllr Carpenter mentioned the footpath on Feering Hill and that there are large potholes. It was also raised that there is a water cover which has been raised by the Sun Inn which members of the council have been putting back. Car parking area across from the cemetery had been dealt with by Essex Highways, however they have filled 2 holes and left one remaining.

- i) *Land at New Lane – Parking issues / usage*

Cllr Newton asked that this issue be raised. Cllr Carpenter informed the meeting that the land was not owned by Crown Estates. Clerk to find out from Land Registry who owns the parcel of land.

- iv *Speeding issues on London Road, SID data and Community Speed Watch*

The Clerk sent an online request to Essex Highways to try to obtain more information about how we go about purchasing a new SID and the prices. Highways have responded to say that the LHP have said that we need to take this matter to the local county councillor. Following a request for information from EALC, however, Great Waltham Council have been extremely helpful and supplied information regarding pricing and how this should be agreed.

It was agreed to invite Cllr Mitchell to the next meeting to discuss this issue and ask for his support.

032/2019 Representative Reports

i FCA Management meeting from Cllr L Blackburn

Cllr Blackburn gave the report from the Management Committee of the FCA regarding the May Fayre, lights out in the car park, smokers bin, MUGA lines to be repainted, the new front door and the Wi-Fi connection. The full report can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

After discussion concerning smoking at the centre, it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain prices for tall metal litter bin with an ashtray on the top.

ii Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L Blackburn

The first of two workshops with DAC Planning had been held earlier this month with reference to producing the Draft Plan in readiness for Regulation 14 and they have been working on the questions raised in preparation for the second workshop towards the end of the month. At the monthly committee meeting the 165 Outline Planning was discussed together with the Grafik for Bloor Homes. The parish Council together with FNP will make comments to Braintree on this Site Wide Strategy Document.

The next meeting will be held on 11 March at 7.30 pm.

iii EALC / BALC report from Cllr H Edwards

No report was given.

iv PRow & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr K Evans

No report was given.

v Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P Lees

No report was given. Clerk updated that the Skate Park

vi Finance meeting from Cllr P Lees

No report was given.

vii Feering School Academy Committee report from Cllr P Lees

No report was given. This can now be removed from the agenda going forward.

viii Employment committee report from Cllr P Lees

No report was given. It was agreed that a meeting should be convened for the end of March to review Clerks probationary period.

033/2019 Annual Parish Assembly 2019

Parish Report for Annual Assembly

It was agreed that the poster be put onto noticeboards, social media, website and we ask that businesses put this up to promote the Annual Assembly.

It was agreed that the biographies of the Councillors should be included in the Annual Report. It was agreed that the report needed to be finalised and sent to the printer within the next week to give time to be delivered. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare the final draft and submit this to the councillors by the end of Thursday and comments should be made by Monday 25 February.

034/2019 NEA Garden Communities

A response to the consultation was submitted on 30 January 2019. Cllr Blackburn gave an update to the Council on the points that were submitted.

035/2019 Village Special Constables

Cllr Lees gave an update on the meeting which was held between Essex Police, Cllr Lees, Cllr Blackburn and the Clerk. After discussion it was agreed that we support this initiative Cllr Bonner proposed and Cllr Dobson seconded and it was unanimously agreed. However, it was also agreed that we would invite the representative for Essex Police to attend the Annual Assembly to ask the parish's opinion before a final decision was made.

036/2019 Potential Closure of Kelvedon Library

i *Update from the Working Group meeting held on 11 February 2019*

Update was given by Cllr Leach and the Clerk on the meeting held on 11 February and the Engagement Meeting which the Clerk attended with Kelvedon Clerk. It was agreed that we should continue to support and ensure that a consolidated approach is taken by the two parishes

ii *Possible use of the Kelvedon PR person to co-ordinate joint efforts of both Councils.*

This will be discussed again when the proposal is received from Rebecca Saunders.

037/2019 Update of Facebook page

It was agreed that this be deferred to the next meeting.

038/2019 The Royal Family

It was agreed that the Clerk would put a request into the EALC information request to find out what other parish Council's are doing in the event of a death of a senior royal.

039/2019 Finance

i *Bank balances as at 31 January 2019 and 2018/19 budget account to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting.*

The balances were noted.

ii *Councillors to agree payment of February 2019 finances to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting* ★

After discussion, particularly concerning the payment to HMRC, Cllr Carpenter proposed and Cllr Blackburn seconded the payment of all February payments. Unanimously agreed.

040/2019 Items for Next Agenda

i Public rights of way and the condition of the footpaths around the village

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.15 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed
Paul Lees

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