



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

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Newton (Vice-Chair) Cllr K Evans (joined at 7.37 pm)
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr M Bonner Cllr D Leach
Cllr H Edwards Cllr C Dobson Lisa Collins, Clerk to the Council
Cllr Robert Mitchell, District / County Councillor (Joined the meeting at 7.50 pm and left at 9.19 pm)

Members of the Public: 4

Neil Hall of Woods Plc, Sam Hooley Environment Agency, Roger Webster – Environment Agency, Steven Smith – Honace, representing Blackwater Aggregates

041/2019 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

042/2019 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Carpenter who informed the Clerk that he may make the meeting but was currently stuck in traffic.

043/2019 Declaration of Interest

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

No declarations were received.

Cllr Leach retrospectively declared an interest in item 055/2019.

044/2019 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 19 February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Dobson proposed, Cllr Blackburn seconded, unanimously agreed.

045/2019 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.

Neil Hall of Woods Plc gave a presentation to the Council on the Deed of Variation in relation to the 165 houses proposed on Inworth Road. The Deed of Variation has not yet been put to BDC and they were there to work with the Council before this stage.

After discussion it was agreed that our concerns would be raised with Crown Estates and they would investigate the possibility that the Council be able to take back control of the Open Spaces once Phase 1 of the development had been completed.

Due to the nature of the discussion it was proposed that the public participation session be extended by a period of 10 minutes which was unanimously agreed. **Neil Hall left the meeting at 8.05 pm.**

046/2019 Update from Environmental Agency and Honace on Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme

Sam Hooley, Project Manager Environment Agency, Roger Webster, Partnership and strategic Overview Team Environment Agency and Steve Smith from Honace,

representing Blackwater Aggregates attended to give a presentation to the Council on the Coggeshall, Feering and Kelvedon Flood Alleviation Scheme. They have previously presented to Coggeshall and will be presenting to Kelvedon shortly. They informed the council of the background to what they are doing and the plans going forward. A discussion then followed on the scheme. The Council were informed that public drop in events were being scheduled to take place in May and we would be notified when these will be.

047/2019 Report from " District / County Councillor"

Cllr Mitchell gave an update on District and County issues including the Library Consultation. The public meeting last week had made very little change. Consultation was completed and will be analysed by the summer. Highways – looking at footways and Cllr Mitchell is proposing that Sherwood Way is given priority for patching and surface dressing. Cllr Evans asked what the process with tarmacked footpaths was. Cllr Mitchell said he would investigate this. Cllr Mitchell is asking that the reporting tool allows for further email addresses to be added to the initial report. The footpath on Inworth Road was raised and a discussion took place as to what could be done to achieve a footpath it remains on the LHP.

048/2019 Discussion with County Councillor around speeding initiatives and footpath / road surface issues

It was discussed with Cllr Mitchell what could be done to reduce the speed through the village and whether we could have more signage to reduce the speed. Cllr Mitchell stated that he will not support another SID or VAS as they make drivers more complacent if there are more around. Cllr Mitchell stated that there was a policy not to expand the signage as there was already a problem of over signage. Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at this point.

049/2019 Clerks Report

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

Handyman update

After discussion surrounding the contract Cllr Dobson proposed and Cllr Bonner seconded that payments be amended to give a higher 1st payment and that a one-off payment for the underpayment for 2018/19 of £44 be made in the next round of finance payments.

Purchases

Projector purchase was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

Street Cleansing / Service Level Agreement

It was agreed that the contracts be signed. We should also ask whether P3 would be able to provide some plainings by Lulworth Footpath. Under P3 whether they would provide some more plainings for the Rafted Path. Clerk to ask Marks Tey who provides insurance for litter picking along the A120.

Residents correspondence

We had received a query about holding a Dog Show on the playing field. After discussion it was resolved that a dog show would not be allowed to be held due to risks of disease, but we would notify the organisers that we would be open to other suggestions for an event on the field that they may wish to propose. A risk assessment would need to be carried out for any event. It was also resolved that they would not be allowed to have the field free of charge.

A member of the public had contacted Cllr Blackburn about a dog being loose on the playing field.

Clerk to find out whether the dog byelaw has been signed and submitted and if not, how we go about making sure that this is done.

Cllr Bonner left the meeting at 21.35

Wi-fi Platform

It was agreed that we would confirm to the FCA that we would accept the reduced payment and they would take the Community Centre Wi-Fi over at the end of the 12-month period. Proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Newton.

050/2019 Planning Matters

i Report of Planning Meeting held on 19 February 2019 – Cllr R Carpenter

Cllr Lees and Newton gave a report on the meeting. There were 7 applications discussed. Most of which were straightforward.

051/2019 Highways & Transport

i VTAG report from Cllr M Bonner

Nothing to update

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

Nothing to discuss.

i) Land at New Lane – Parking issues / usage

The Clerk confirmed who owned the land and is awaiting a response from ECC as to what we can do about this issue.

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

This was discussed under minute 048/2019

052/2019 Representative Reports

i FCA Management meeting from Cllr L Blackburn

The Clerk gave an update on the cost of purchasing a bin for outside the front door. It was discussed where a bin should be sited and whether a designated area for smoking would be the way forward. It was discussed that we would go to the FCA and ask them for their proposal as to where they would like a designated smoking area.

The Clerk also informed the meeting that the front door company would take place on Monday 25 March.

MUGA lines were discussed.

ii Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L Blackburn

At the committee meeting on 11 March Cllr Lees advised that Aecom would be in contact to run some workshops on Design Code which had been applied for from My Locality. A second workshop had been held with DAC Planning which was fruitful. There are still some gaps to fill, but are well on the way, with the help of DAC towards forming the policies need for Regulation 14. Another meeting will be held with DAC in May. The next committee meeting will be on 8 April.

i) 165 OUT Draft Deed of Variation

This has been discussed under minute 045/2019.

ii) Allocation of 750 homes

It was proposed that this be deferred until after the local elections on 2 May proposed Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

iii) Subscription to Dropbox

It was discussed whether the Council would agree to pay for a business Dropbox Account which would also be used for the Councils benefit. It was agreed that an account be set up for the Council and Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Proposed by Cllr Lees and seconded by Cllr Leach.

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.

vi Finance meeting from Cllr P Lees

No report was given.

vii Employment committee report from Cllr P Lees

The Employment Committee are meeting on 20 March to discuss the end of the Clerk's probation period and recommendations will be brought back to the full Council next meeting.

053/2019 Annual Parish Assembly 2019

Final details for Annual Assembly

It was agreed that the meeting would be streamed. The clerk to ask Rebecca Saunders if she was available to attend the meeting and be responsible for the streaming.

It was also agreed that name badges should be used for the Councillors and Clerk.

054/2019 Potential Closure of Kelvedon Library

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

Update was given by Cllr Leach and Cllr Newton. The next meeting is to be held at the Community Centre on 3 April. Library group is advanced and carrying on with the view that we want to keep the library open.

055/2019 Update of Facebook page

The clerk to discuss with Braintree as to what we can use public money to spend on and whether we can boost the social media site.

Discussion was had around the use of Rebecca Saunders PR service. It was discussed with the clerk as to whether they would be happy to be the gatekeeper of this service. Cllr Dobson proposed and Cllr Newton seconded that we utilise these services. It was agreed to review this in 6 months.

056/2019 The Royal Family

The clerk informed the meeting of the information received. It was discussed that discussions could be had with the Church to see if they have any plans in place. It

was proposed that a book be purchased for the book of condolence for Feering and discuss with the Church sharing the book. Proposed Cllr Lees, Cllr Dobson Seconded.

057/2019 Finance

- i *Bank balances as at 28 February 2019 and 2018/19 budget account to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting.*

The balances were noted.

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

After discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk's expenses be agreed and paid. Cllr Dobson proposed and Cllr Blackburn seconded. It was then resolved that the March payments be agreed. Cllr Dobson proposed and Cllr Blackburn seconded. Unanimously agreed.

058/2019 Items for Next Agenda

- i Website
- ii Tree Survey

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.34 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Paul Lees

16 April 2019