



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 7.30 pm
in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre**

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Newton Cllr R Carpenter [arrived at 20.24]
Cllr C Dobson Cllr L Blackburn Lisa Collins – Clerk to the Council
Cllr J Sandum (BDC) Cllr R Mitchell (ECC)
Members of the Public: 1

001/2020 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

002/2020 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Carpenter had informed the Clerk that he would be late for the meeting due to travel issues. Apologies were received from Cllr Bonner. It was **resolved** to accept the apology.

003/2020 Declaration of Interest

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

No pecuniary interests were declared.

004/2020 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 10 December 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

005/2020 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 comments from the public.

006/2020 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Sandum reported that the District Councillors met with Bloor Homes to discuss the 162 Homes. Bloor Homes have worked to the site wide strategy which conflicts with the Feering Design Guide. Discussion was held around the meeting with the Parish Council and Bloor Homes. Rivenhall Incinerator was also reported on. A public meeting may be held with Priti Patel. Local plan inspection is underway. NEGC appears to be in difficulty in justifying the scheme. Uttlesford Plan has been thrown out. District Community Grants were mentioned they need to be submitted and applied for before 31 March.

Cllr Mitchell reported that he had previously circulated his update. He gave an update on the increase on the adult social care budget. It was also discussed that applications have been put in for footway repairs in Feering. Cllr Mitchell stated that the Rivenhall incinerator can go ahead if the EA approve the permit due to previous planning permission being granted.

007/2020 Clerks Report

The Clerk had previously submitted a written report to Councillors which was reviewed and noted. Cllr Lees and Cllr Blackburn **agreed** to participate at the Councillor Surgery.

008/2020 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2019 and 2019/20 budget account (to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**. Proposed Cllr Dobson, seconded Cllr Blackburn .

- ii *Councillors to agree Clerks Expenses.*

There were no expenses to be agreed.

- iii *Councillors to agree payments for January 2020 (to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting)*

It was **agreed** that the January payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Lees.

- iv *To approve and sign the BDC Parish Council Precept 2020/21 request*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the precept request form should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

009/2020 Precept 2020/21

Following previous agreement of the budget for 2020/21, councillors to agree to the signing of the Precept Request from Braintree District Council

This is a duplicate agenda item and was dealt with under 008/2020(iv).

010/2020 Neighbourhood Plan

To review and agree to adopt the Feering Parish Council draft Neighbourhood Plan document and progress to Regulation 14

After discussion it was **agreed** to adopt the Feering Parish Council draft Neighbourhood Plan version 1.12 and to progress to Regulation 14. The consultation is due to begin on 17 February 2020 until 29 March 2020. There will be leaflets and questionnaires delivered to all households and a consultation event on the 7th and 8th February. Proposed by Cllr Lees and seconded by Cllr Dobson.

011/2020 Councillors

To consider councillor vacancies and co-option

It was discussed that there are currently three vacancies due to a councillor resignation but we have a prospective co-option candidate.

012/2020 Planning Matters

- i *Report of Planning Meeting held on 14 January 2020 – Cllr R Carpenter*

Cllr Carpenter joined the meeting at 20.24.

Cllr Carpenter gave an update on the meeting of 14 January. Four applications were discussed relating to Mageanda, 2A Sherwood Way; Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility; Threshelfords Cottage, Inworth Road and Land at Inworth Road

It was discussed that Bloor Homes had been in contact with the Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss the design plans for the Land at Inworth Road. It was **agreed** that Cllrs Lees, Blackburn, Dobson and Carpenter would attend a meeting with Bloor Homes and a date was **agreed** for the evening of 27 January 2020.

- ii *To consider outside planning support for larger village planning applications*

No update was given on this item.

013/2020 Highways & Transport

- i *VTAG report from Cllr M Bonner*

No report was given.

- ii *A12 to A120 Widening - A120 Routes – A12 Community Forum meeting update*

No report was given.

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

Cllr Lees mentioned that at the parish councillor surgery it was mentioned the lack of green refuse collections during the winter. It was discussed that a budget meeting is being held shortly at BDC to increase the collection date until Christmas. It was also raised about the issues of drain on New Lane.

Cllr R Mitchell left the meeting at 20.54.

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

No report.

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

We continue to pursue the process.

- iii) *Fly Tipping*

No report.

014/2020 Representative Reports

- i *FCA Management meeting from Cllr L Blackburn*

The report was circulated at the meeting and was noted.

- ii *Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L Blackburn*

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

- iii *EALC / BALC report*

No report given. It was agreed that links to useful information should be put onto the website / social media.

- iv *PRoW & Cycleway Committee report from Cllr M Bonner*

No report given as the next meeting is due to be held on 22 January 2020

- v *Playing Field Committee meeting from Cllr P Lees*

Field is now open. A meeting is to be organised as a matter of urgency.

- vi *Finance meeting from Cllr P Lees*

No report given.

- vii *Employment committee report from Cllr P Lees*

Approval of the changes to the Clerk's changes in terms of the spinal points needs to take place.

- viii *Kelvedon and Feering Library Working Group Report from Cllr C Newton*

A meeting is to be held on 8 February.

- ix *Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson*

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. An article has been submitted to the Parish Magazine. A visit to Maldon Recycling site has been arranged.

015/2020 Marketing / Communications / Website

The Clerk informed the Council that due to the resignation of Cllr Leach a meeting had not been arranged but that progress needs to be made due to the closure of

Essexinfo.net at the end of March. It was agreed that Cllr Newton and Cllr Dobson would be appointed to the External Communications Working Group to progress this matter.

016/2020 War on Plastics

A lot is being progressed within the Environmental Working Group. The Water refill point was discussed. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would apply for the District Councillor Fund for the purchase of the Water Refill Point.

017/2020 Tree Survey

- i To receive an update on the tree survey and consider and agree actions arising from the report

The Clerk informed the Council that the report had been sent to three companies for them to quote for the work to be undertaken and once they had been received this would be revisited.

- ii To consider request from Packhorse Bridge Society regarding tree work to be undertaken

After discussion it was **agreed** to get quotes for the work to the trees to be made safe and also how much it would cost to remove the trees should be obtained by the Parish Council.

018/2020 125 Year Parish Council's Anniversary

After discussion it was **agreed** that a celebratory cake should be made for the Parish Assembly in recognition of the 125 year and also to invite previous councillors to the Assembly. A quote for £115 had been obtained for the cake. It was **agreed** that the cake be purchased. It was also discussed that a booklet could be produced showing memories of the village. At the May Fayre a stall should be held and old pictures should be found. It was also agreed to ask a member of the Heritage society to produce a speech over the last 125 years of the village at the Parish Assembly. We should ask the school if they would be interested in taking part in a competition to show what the village will look like in 125 years time and also whether they would be interested in having a discussion with the Good Companions to find out about past village life and writing information about this.

019/2020 VE Day Celebrations

- i To consider and agree the request for a grant received from the Royal British Legion (Kelvedon Branch)

After discussion it was **agreed** to grant the £50 requested for the VE Day May Fayre celebrations. Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Dobson.

- ii To consider and agree the purchase of a Tommy, or equivalent, as a commemoration of the Parish in respect of VE Day.

After discussion it was **agreed** commemoration of the Second World War should be observed and that the Clerk should look into what the Royal British Legion are offering in terms of the Second World War commemoration.

020/2020 Christmas Lights and Christmas Tree Festival

After discussion it was **agreed** that we should look into whether there was power on the site for the Christmas Tree and if not whether we can get power to the site and also look into the cost implications of having lights on street lamps on the main road. It was also agreed that ECC should be contacted to find out whether they would be happy for lights to be put onto the lamp posts on Feering Hill. It was **agreed** that a Christmas tree should be purchased for the Christmas Tree Festival and Cllr Dobson will look into the tree being eco-friendly with the Environmental Working Group.

Cllr Sandum left the meeting at 21.40.

021/2020 Parish Assembly

After discussion it was **agreed** that the 125 year celebration of the Parish Council would be celebrated. It was also **agreed** that stalls should be offered around the edge of the assembly showcasing the group in the village. It was also discussed that there should be two key speakers.

It was discussed that the reports for the Annual Parish Report need to be submitted by the March meeting for agreement. It was agreed that new photographs should be obtained possibly including old photos to celebrate 125 years.

022/2020 Items for Next Agenda

- i Neighbourhood Watch
- ii Approval of Clerks Employment Contract change
- iii FCA change to a CIO

Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.01 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Paul Lees

18 February 2020