



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL  
held on Tuesday 18 February 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 19.53]  
Cllr C Dobson Cllr L Blackburn Cllr S Reed (after co-option)  
Lisa Collins – Clerk to the Council Cllr R Mitchell (ECC) Cllr P Thorogood (BDC)  
Members of the Public: 2

**023/2020 Chairman Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**024/2020 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Carpenter had informed the Clerk that he was delayed but should arrive by 8.00pm. Apologies were received from Cllr Bonner. It was **resolved** to accept the apology.

**025/2020 Declaration of Interest**

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

No pecuniary interests were declared.

**026/2020 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 21 January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Dobson raised a point of fact which was corrected. It was then **resolved** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 4 February 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**027/2020 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.

A resident had circulated an email which was received after the agenda, and after discussion with the resident, it was agreed that this would be placed on the Planning Agenda.

**028/2020 Councillors**

A resident gave their presentation to join the Council by way of co-option. After discussion it was **agreed** that the resident should be appointed as a councillor. Simon Reed signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting. Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Newton seconded the co-option, unanimously agreed.

Cllr Carpenter joined the meeting at 19.53

**029/2020 Neighbourhood Watch**

A resident raised the issue of raising the profile of Neighbourhood Watch in the village. Cllr Newton asked what the resident would like the council to do. If Feering is a member of neighbourhood watch we can get more signage, to get the communication going with NW. It was discussed that a co-ordinator would have to take on the role as it is not viable for the Council to take this on but the Council will support the initiative. The Council would be happy to organise a workshop to recruit other co-ordinators and also promote the issue.

Member of the public left at 20.11

### 030/2020 **Report from District / County Councillor**

Cllr Thorogood gave a report including the Bloor Homes re-submission of their plans. A meeting held with Cllr Dobson, Cllr Sandum and a member of the VTAG group to discuss submissions. Due process being undertaken with the planning officer. Full Budget meeting held and passed a 2.7% increased. No Climate Emergency budget agreed. Cross group submission for incinerator accepted by the EA. EA overwhelmed by criticism and level of submissions. The Local Plan. Cycling Working Group between Earls Colne via Coggeshall to Kelvedon. Motion for Green Bin Collection extension rejected and BDC will not collect Tetrapak items.

*Cllr Thorogood left at 19.44*

Cllr Mitchell gave an update on the report previously circulated. Meeting with Bloor postponed, request to rearrange. Speeding issue on London Road raised and being dealt with. A speed survey will take place in London Road and Feering Hill in the next financial year. The issue of the Tetrapak collections was raised further, informed Council that ECC have to remove the household waste but the recycling depends on the contracts the council get. Looking at walking and cycling strategies including the Earls Colne initiative. Bus stops being looked at by ECC for improvement. Representation was made that we do not lose the wooden shelters in the village. Cllr Carpenter raised the issue of the Site Wide Strategy document which had been previously discussed.

### 031/2020 **Clerks Report**

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

### 032/2020 **Finance**

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2020 and 2019/20 budget account (to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting)*

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

- ii *Councillors to agree payments for February 2020 (to be circulated to Councillors at the meeting)*

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

### 033/2020 **Planning Matters**

- i *To consider the response to the re-consultation application for 19/01222/REM and any response received from JTS Partnership*

As the letter had not been received until today, it was **agreed** that the response from JTS should be deferred to a planning Committee Meeting which will be held at 9 am on 24 February.

### 034/2020 **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*

Cllr Dobson informed the Council that there has been information from the Heritage Society and she will circulate once she receives.

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

We are disappointed to learn that BDC will not be changing the Green Waste collections. We are also disappointed that Tetrapak packages will not be collected as part of the recycling. Cllr Dobson raised the issue of refuse at the Community Centre and that there are competitive companies who may recycle more than BDC.

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

*Clerk to raise the issue with Cllr Mitchell again*

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

Already discussed that a speed survey will be taking place in next financial year.

*iii) Fly Tipping*

No report.

## **035/2020 Representative Reports**

- i *FCA Management meeting from Cllr L Blackburn*

The report was circulated at the meeting and was noted. The heating was raised and it was agreed to discuss with the FCA.

- ii *Neighbourhood Plan update from Cllr L Blackburn*

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The issue raised by a resident around the language of the questionnaire was discussed. It was discussed that there should be signposts to the glossary of the draft plan and possibly having a surgery towards the end of March.

- iii *EALC / BALC report*

A request from EALC had been received to contribute towards the retirement present for Joy Darby. The Clerk raised the issue that there was no legislation behind this, as the Council does not have general power of competence. After discussion it was **agreed** that no contribution should be made.

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

No report given.

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

No report given.

- vi *Finance meeting from Cllr P Lees*

No report given.

- vii *Employment committee report from Cllr P Lees*

The Clerk has taken advice and a letter should be sent to the Clerk to inform them of the change in Pay scales. There is no need to amend the contract.

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

The meeting on 8 February was postponed and the next meeting will be held on 11 March 2020 with ECC.

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

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. James Abbott will be attending the next meeting to give a presentation on how to start a wildlife initiative.

- i) To consider whether to take part in the Great British Spring Clean.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council sign up to the Keep Britain Tidy initiative subject to insurance covering volunteers and any associated costs.

**036/2020 FCA Change to a CIO**

This issue was discussed. The Clerk raised an issue around the trustees. It was **agreed** that legal advice should be sought to clarify this issue.

**037/2020 Marketing / Communications / Website**

The Clerk gave an update on the new website. Site has started to progress with information being uploaded to the new site. A logo is being produced by a contact of the Clerk's to use on council documents and create a standard. A design standard guide to be produced once all documents produced and website is live. Photos to be taken of all members of the Council and biographies need to be completed for each councillor.

**038/2020 Playground Maintenance**

The Clerk informed Council that zip wire has been taken out of action following a site visit by a maintenance company. Zip wire had no tensioning mechanism, no safety stop on the seat and a new trolley needed. The seat has been removed to prevent accident. The webbed bucket swing also urgently needs safety chains. The quote received from the company would fix both these issues. After discussion, it was **agreed** that the work be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

**039/2020 Internal Auditors**

After discussion, it was **agreed** that the Clerks recommendation be accepted and a new internal auditor be appointed.

**040/2020 Training**

- i) To consider and agree whether to offer training to G G Adams in Playground inspection  
After discussion it was **agreed** that the training be offered to G G Adams. It was **agreed** that the funding would be provided for the training for an attendee of the company.
- ii) To consider and agree the Clerk's attendance at the Playground Inspection Course and the Grants, Funding and Free Money Course.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Clerk should attend both courses. It was also **agreed** that Cllr Dobson also attend the Grants, Funding and Free Money Course.

**041/2020 Items for Next Agenda**

- i) Annual Assembly
- ii) General Power of Competence
- iii) BDC Keep Britain Tidy activity
- iv) Annual Reports
- v) Co-option of Parish Councillors

**Date of Next Full Council meeting Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 7.30pm**

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.17 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed .....  
**Paul Lees**

21 April 2020