



**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held virtually on Tuesday 19 May 2020 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr R Carpenter Cllr C Dobson
Cllr L Blackburn (joined at 19.43) Cllr K Evans Cllr S Reed
Lisa Collins – Clerk to the Council Cllr P Thorogood (BDC) Cllr J Sandum (BDC)
Cllr R Mitchell (ECC)
Members of the Public: 0

058/2020 Chairman Welcome

Meeting started at 19.38. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

059/2020 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bonner. Cllr Blackburn was not present at the start of the meeting.

060/2020 Declaration of Interest

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

No pecuniary interests were declared at the beginning of the meeting.

061/2020 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 April 2020

062/2020 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 public present.

063/2020 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood informed the Council that inspector has decided that the West Tey Garden Village is unsound and that the Tendering garden village should go ahead which will have a knock on effect of the A12 re-route not going ahead and existing A12 will be refurbished and will have bearings on A120. Bloor application is coming back next week to BDC planning committee next week. Will be a virtual meeting. Public submissions will be read by officers. District Councillors are trying to get the application deferred but it is unlikely. District Councillors intending to concentrate objection on the flats for the development. Heritage society will address the design issue.

Cllr Sandum reported on the Coronavirus Support Group. 49 residents paired with a buddy and residents have informed about neighbours who haven't contacted us. 544 members on the support group Facebook page. Cllr Thorogood collecting 86 prescriptions. Food parcels being delivered through the village and one-off grant to resident. Lot of residents mentioned they would welcome safer cycling and speed limits lowered.

Cllr Blackburn joined the meeting at 19.43

Cllr Mitchell updated on county business. Dealing with implementing the new normal. Has had representation from resident about putting in cycleways, they cannot just be put into place lots of work to be done around this. Talking to cycling group in Coggeshall, a meeting soon to discuss the ideas between Earls Colne and Kelvedon and Feering. Cllr Mitchell informed the meeting that the Garden Communities being stopped is not necessarily good news as the larger sites pay for the infrastructure that is needed. A safety scheme is being put in this year on Frame Farm Bend following issues in the area. It was raised that a traffic survey was undertaken on Inworth Road, Cllr Mitchell said that they were not valid for a planning point of view and should be discounted and a note kept of the dates. Cllr Mitchell agreed that nuances and emotion cannot be picked up on a written statement for the Bloor development. The meeting should have allowed the public to read their own statement. Household waste sites have been re-opened. Queues of 2 hours at some locations. Parks are looking to open again. Parking partnership – red lines to appear on the roads. Different way of putting in double yellow lines. Allows for Reg 10 infringements to be enforced, particularly around schools. Cycling and walking plan was released a few days ago. Likely to be starting in towns and cities, ie Chelmsford and Colchester as fairly advanced ideas. Maintenance continuing. Surface dressing plan will be going ahead but is running behind. Discussion was held around a new fibre box outside a resident's home in village. Cllr Dobson asked about the Green Infrastructure Strategy. Not any further forward at the moment but has been released.

064/2020

Clerks Report

The Clerks report was circulated before the meeting and noted. The issue of the field at Worlds End Lane was discussed further. Cllr Evans reported that the farmer who owns the land near the Rafted Path had thanked GG Adams for repairing the gate and a good job had been done.

Cllr Lees left the meeting for a few seconds.

065/2020

Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 April 2020 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- ii *Councillors to agree payments for May 2020 (circulated to Councillors before the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all May payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Lees.

066/2020

To receive update on the analysis of the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.

Cllr Blackburn thanked Cllr Evans for inputting the hard copy responses to the survey. Most people were happy with the policies. The biggest rejection was for site F1 which is the strategic growth area. Level of thought that went into the comments were very good quality. Cllr Lees stated that we need to ensure that residents do not vote against the Neighbourhood Plan as that will not assist the growth of the village. Cllr Blackburn is hoping to hold a Zoom NP meeting in June to review the

consultee responses.

067/2020

To discuss responses to Tiptree Regulation 15 Consultation and Marks Tey Regulation 14 Consultation

The Clerk informed members that the Tiptree Regulation 15 Consultation had been suspended. Colchester Borough Council will announce a new date when decided.

Marks Tey Regulation 14 consultation was discussed. After discussion it was **agreed** that the response should be decided at the Planning Committee Meeting on 27 May 2020.

068/2020

FCA Change to a CIO

Cllr Lees and Clerk met with the FCA to discuss following the legal advice received. A number of issues clarified. Confirmed that property in the General Vesting Document referred only to inventory. Acknowledged that the Parish Council is not a general user and that the Parish Councillors would be trustees by right. A clause to be in constitution to confirm that the Parish Council cannot be removed as a trustee under any circumstance. The GVD will not contain the Joint Use Agreement. Management agreement will have an addendum in short term and negotiate a new management agreement over the coming months. It was **proposed** that the Parish Council Support their move to a CIO and the renegotiation of the Management Agreement to take place. Cllr Carpenter proposed, Cllr Evans seconded.

069/2020

Annual Report

Reports have been received with the exception of the clerk's report and the PRow report. All reports were agreed and it was **agreed** that the report would be put together.

070/2020

Marketing / Communications / Website

The clerk updated on the current website and the new logo which has been produced.

Paul Thorogood left the meeting at 21.02.

071/2020

Reopening of the MUGA

After discussion it was **agreed** that the MUGA should remain closed until such time as Government advice allows for this to be opened fully but this will be reviewed constantly. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, Seconded by Cllr Lees.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at 21.08.

072/2020

Review of Policies

To review and agree the following policies:

i Standing Orders

After discussion it was **agreed** that the standing orders would be recirculated once they had been further amended and reviewed at the next meeting.

Cllr Sandum left the meeting at 21.22.

ii Financial Regulations

After discussion, it was **agreed** that the Financial Regulations be accepted and adopted. Cllr Lees proposed, Cllr Carpenter seconded.

iii To discuss whether a Policies Committee should be formed to review policies for Full Council Approval

After discussion it was **agreed** that a Policies Working Party should be formed. Cllrs Lee, and Evans would be members with the Clerk.

073/2020

Items for Next Agenda

- i Planning Update
- ii FCC Update
- iii Handyman / PRow Updates
- iv Recruitment of Parish Councillors
- v Cycling and speed issues for the village – pop up cycle lanes
- vi Special Constable recruitment

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.44 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Paul Lees

21 July 2020