



**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held virtually on Tuesday 16 June 2020 at 7.30 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 856 3438 1175)**

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr R Carpenter Cllr C Dobson
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans (joined at 19.34) Cllr S Reed
Cllr M Bonner Lisa Collins – Clerk to the Council Cllr P Thorogood (BDC)
Cllr J Sandum (BDC) Cllr R Mitchell (ECC)
Members of the Public: 0

074/2020 Chairman Welcome

Meeting started at 19.32. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

075/2020 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

076/2020 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.

077/2020 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 19 May 2020 be published in draft and reissued for the next meeting to be agreed as there was a date error in the agenda.

078/2020 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.

079/2020 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Sandum gave an update on the Coronavirus support group with buddies and volunteers, helping 6 families in the village with food boxes, and purchased single use face masks. Also, the councillor's grants have changed for this year. Unanimous support to create new and contemporary cycling routes has been passed through BDC.

Cllr Thorogood gave an update on the Garden Villages situation. He raised the permit given by the Environment Agency for the incinerator.

Cllr Mitchell asked about funding regarding the cycling routes approved through BDC. Cllr Mitchell gave an update on County activities including the cycling routes through Colchester, partial school openings, library openings and safer greener healthy initiative. There is a park and pedal initiative being supported by County. Looking at greener travel options. Parking partnership has been running a new scheme as more people at home. Survey of Kelvedon High Street parking to take place in a few months.

080/2020 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

Cllrs Mitchell, Thorogood and Sandum left the meeting at 19.59

081/2020 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 May 2020 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**.

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

After discussion it was **agreed** that all June payments be made. The Clerk also informed the Council that the pre-agreed fees for the website, email and hosting services were due as per the invoice but this had to be paid using the Clerk's credit card. It was **agreed** that these payments should also be made.

082/2020 Planning Matters

Cllr Carpenter gave an update on the meetings held on 22 and 27 May 2020. At the 22 May meeting two applications were discussed relating to the written submission for the BDC Planning Committee meeting relating to the Land at Inworth Road, and Feeringbury Manor. At the 27 May meeting 2 TPO applications were discussed relating to Trebah, Worlds End Lane and Northwood House, Worlds End Lane; the submission for the FPC response to the Marks Tey Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation was also agreed.

083/2020 Bloor Homes Development

- i Update on the Planning Application and to agree recommendation from working party to decide whether to request a judicial review or lodge a complaint to Braintree District Council and the Planning Ombudsman

Cllr Carpenter raised the issue of the costing for a Judicial Review ("JR") and his concern regarding funding a JR as the council did not have sufficient funds. Cllr Lees confirmed that the recommendation from the working party was not to continue with a JR even though there were elements of the process open to a JR and that BDC would only get a slap on the wrist. Cllr Evans raised the issue of raising with Priti Patel the 10-minute bill regarding applicants only being able to appeal decisions.

Cllr Lees proposed that we accept the recommendations of the working party. After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the recommendations for this stage of the development. It was also discussed that we would need independent advice at earlier stages in the process when other applications come in.

- ii Street Lighting in the Lanes Area

After discussion it was **agreed** that a discussion should be held with Bloor Homes regarding installing lighting in the Lanes areas and that this should be raised now as the ground works are being undertaken at this time.

- iii Street Names for the new development

After discussion it was **agreed** that engagement with the local community should be key and that we should ask Bloor to allow us further time to consult with the community on their ideas. We would also speak to the Heritage Society and Museum for local street names and also the school to see if they can come up with names which link with Feering.

084/2020 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 meetings have been held and no report given.
- iii Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC
No issues discussed
- iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village – pop up cycle lanes
Discussion was held around cycle routes for the village. It was **agreed** to keep pushing the issue for the feasibility study. Discussion was also held around the village speeding issues and having a speedwatch committee. It was agreed to put out a request for volunteers to form a speedwatch, a minimum of 10 would be required.
- v Marks Hall Estate – Proposed cycle path between Coggeshall and Earls Colne
To agree to the provision of a letter of support to accompany fund raising application
After discussion it was **agreed** that the letter of support should be sent removing the sentence regarding the multi-use.

085/2020 Committee and Representatives Report

To receive a report, consider and agree any actions arising from the report on the following:

- i FCC Trustees Meeting from Cllr L Blackburn
Cllr Blackburn read a report from the FCC. No issues raised.
- ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn
No update as no meetings being held. Looking to organise a meeting shortly to review the consultee responses.
- iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee from Cllr M Bonner
No report received.
- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson
Arranging a meeting on 30 June. Looking at sustainability.

086/2020 To consider Neighbourhood Plan strategy following Regulation 14 Consultation

A workshop to be held as soon as possible.

087/2020 FCA Change to a CIO

Cllr Lees informed the council that we are dealing with the Novation Agreement for the FCC to continue as it is and then the Management Agreement will be redrafted given the age of the agreement. It was **agreed** that Cllr Lees and Cllr Dobson together with the clerk would form a working party to agree the Management Agreement on behalf of the Council to bring to Full Council for approval.

088/2020 Annual Report

The Clerk is working on the Clerk's report and working with Rebecca to get the draft report together.

089/2020 Review of Policies

- i To review and agree the Standing Order

After discussion and amendment, it was **agreed** that the standing orders be adopted. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

090/2020 Parish Councillor Vacancies

After discussion it was **agreed** that notices would be put out for co-option candidates on social media, website, notice boards and annual report, railway notice board.

Cllr Carpenter left the meeting at 21.45

091/2020 Recruitment of Special Constable

An application has been submitted for a special constable, but we have funding for two village special constables. It was agreed to put notices out for recruitment of a second constable on social media, website, notice boards, annual report and railway station notice board.

092/2020 CIF Funds

It was **agreed** to look into funding for an updated pre-school play area and environmentally improved playing field.

Cllr Dobson left the meeting at 21.51

093/2020 Worlds End Lane – Permissive Path

Discussion was held around the landowners around the route for a permissive path.

Cllr Dobson re-joined the meeting at 21.57

094/2020 Relocation of Bottle Bank from Glebe Gardens

Bottle bank must be open from 8 am until 8 pm with uninterrupted vehicle access. There are health and safety issues with the bottle bank being on school property and the timing around BDC clearing the site if bottles are smashed. After discussion it was **agreed** that there were too many issues to relocate the bottle bank to the Community Centre at this time and that it should be left where it is but we will review the recycling in the village as a whole.

095/2020 Councillor Training

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Evans and Cllr Reed attend the new councillor webinars

096/2020 Items for Next Agenda

- i Approve May Minutes
- ii Update on Bloor develop
- iii Agree August meeting
- iv Environmental Climate Emergency
- v Worlds End Lane – Permissive Path – Approval by Parish Council for funding waymarkers.
- vi Insurance Policy
- vii Allotment Fencing
- viii Update on CIF Funding

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.18 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

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Paul Lees

16 July 2020