



**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL  
held virtually on Tuesday 18 August 2020 at 7.30 pm  
via Zoom (Meeting ID 854 1459 7583)**

**Present:** Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Dobson Cllr S Reed  
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans (joined at 19.33)  
Lisa Collins – Clerk to the Council Cllr J Sandum (BDC) Cllr R Mitchell (ECC)  
Members of the Public: 2

**121/2020 Chairman Welcome**

The meeting started at 19.34. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded councillors about the code of conduct around social media.

**122/2020 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bonner and Carpenter. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Carpenter.

**123/2020 Declaration of Interest**

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

No pecuniary interests were declared.

**124/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**

It was **agreed** that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 21 July 2020 be revisited and published in draft. .

**125/2020 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 in attendance.

**126/2020 Report from District / County Councillor**

Update from Cllr Sandum - update on planning. Training undertaken in July on the changes. Various systems coming in place to get the work moving quicker. New Government regulations on permitted development use, BDC have significant concerns about the regulations including pre-approval for extra storey's to be added to homes and demolish office and commercial buildings and replace with flats with no CIL or S106 monies required or any need for renewables.

Update on Covid support group – still a substantial amount of buddies being helped. Contact has been made with the community agents. A gesture of thanks could be given to the volunteers.

Cllr Dobson asked, in relation to planning, whether an objection from an adjoining neighbour to additional height would be considered.

Update from Cllr Mitchell – Been busy with the Colchester safer, greener, healthier schemes. Five shortlisted towns for the scheme including Braintree, Colchester Brentwood, Wickford and Chelmsford. Jettors have been out at the bottom of New Lane

to clear the drains. Parking issues have continued to be a problem because of the 1-hour restriction. The restriction is not very effective and does not do the job it is supposed to do because you cannot park during the restriction but if you permit an area you can park provided you have a permit. Cllr Mitchell asked the Parish Council for a public meeting to consult with residents for a change of the use in the restriction to a permit zone. Cllr Evans suggested that it would be useful to include Threshelfords users in any meeting regarding the permit zones.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at 20.10.

#### 127/2020 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was circulated before the meeting and noted. The Chair raised the issue of the Christmas tree and re-opening discussions with the Kelvedon & Feering Health Centre over the issues which have been previously raised.

#### 128/2020 Finance

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

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

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

After discussion it was agreed that all August payments be made.

- iii *To agree to the transfer of £1,000 from the Current Account to the Nationwide Building Society to keep the account open before receipt of the next precept tranche.*

After discussion it was **agreed** to transfer of £1,000 to the Nationwide Building Society Account.

#### 129/2020 Woodland Area Proposal

To discuss proposal put forward by 2 residents to revamp the woodland area for use by the School for forest school and local residents.

After discussion it was **agreed** that subject to the risk assessment being signed off by the Parish Clerk the work to be undertaken by the residents could proceed.

#### 130/2020 Highways & Transport

- i Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC  
The issue of fly tipping in the village was raised. The Clerk informed the Council that the issues continue to be reported to BDC. A resident had raised the issue of putting in signs on the bins to state that there are CCTV cameras in operation. It was discussed that this is not a deterrent and that we would continue to report the issue to BDC for prosecution.

There is a A12 forum meeting being held on 25 August

- ii Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

As there have been 11 residents expressing interest in the speedwatch scheme the Parish Council will continue to proceed with the scheme once further information has been received from the organisation who runs the scheme.

#### 131/2020 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  
No report received.
- ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn  
No report received.
- iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee from Cllr M Bonner  
No report received. The issue of footpath 16 was raised. It was agreed to write to a particular household asking them to tackle the boundary.
- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson  
No report received.

**132/2020 Proposal to declare a climate emergency**

It was discussed that the impact of environmental decisions should be considered alongside other impacts and whether the protocols should be changed. The Parish Council has set up an environmental working group as a start to this. The lights at the Community Centre have been changed to LED's to reduce our carbon footprint. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would declare a climate emergency and publicise this throughout the village. It was also **agreed** that the standing orders would be amended to take environmental and sustainability issues into account when decisions are being made and standing orders would be confirmed at the next meeting.

**133/2020 Annual Report**

After discussion it was **agreed** that an additional table would be put into the Annual Report to show the amount of Full Council Meeting each member has attended over the financial year. It was also **agreed** that the report would be approved in principal, the Clerk would send a final draft round before the report is sent out at the beginning of September.

**134/2020 Items for Next Agenda**

- i Parking Permit Zone
- ii Christmas Tree Lighting
- iii Approve the amendments to the Standing Orders following the declaration of a climate emergency
- iv Bloor Homes update
- v Tree Survey work

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.23 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

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15 September 2020

**Paul Lees**