



**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held virtually on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 7.30 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 812 0254 1770)**

- Present:** Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Dobson Cllr S Reed
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans Cllr R Carpenter
Cllr Onno Cllr Miedziedz
Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr R Mitchell (ECC) Cllr P Thorogood (BDC)
Members of the Public: 0
- 199/2020 Chairman Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 200/2020 Apologies for Absence**
No apologies were received.
- 201/2020 Declaration of Interest**
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda.
No Declarations of Interest were disclosed.
- 202/2020 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**
After discussion, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 17 November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.
- 203/2020 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 members of the public.
- 204/2020 Finance**
- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 November 2020 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*
After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.
 - ii *Councillors to agree payments for December 2020 (circulated to Councillors before the meeting)*
After discussion it was **agreed** that all December payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.
- 205/2020 Report from District / County Councillor**
Cllr Mitchell gave an update on the A12 A120 discussions which had been held. Useful discussions. Meeting with Parker Strategic did not take place with Cllr Mitchell. Cllr Mitchell met with Highways England regarding the roadworks on the A12 as to the signage through the villages which caused a lot of traffic through the village. The rafted path has been

repaired, however it is currently unusable due to the weather. The wilding project on Essex Highways land has been discussed within the Environmental group and Essex County Council. This will hopefully be progressed early next year. Parking survey – discussions are ongoing to make this future-proof, but it is slightly delayed. Will be looking at the Watermill estate as a starting point sending out a satisfaction survey of how parking works on the estate.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting at 19.49

Cllr Thorogood gave an update on the Braintree District Council full Council meeting. He confirmed that the Planning Scheme of Delegation was approved. From 1 January any applications of 9 or less properties will not go to the Committee if the Parish Council object or a councillor calls it in it will go to the Chairman or vice-chairman who will decide whether it should go before committee. Green and Independent tried to propose that it should be applications of 5 or less but this was rejected. The Forum will also go ahead and means that the ward members and town / Parish Councils will get early sight of the applications. G&I fear that it will favour the developer and give some priority to them as there will not be any public objectors able to attend. The question of the site wide strategy was raised at the Full Council meeting and can now be responded to. Cala homes application will be brought to Planning Committee next Tuesday, 14 December and Cllr Thorogood will be attending the meeting to raise concern. Parker Strategic meeting was held regarding Kings Dene. There are two developments they are looking at. 280 homes by the Kings Seed lane and a further 500 homes on Cranes Lane but this is dependent on the London Road development going forward. Parker Strategic are in pre-application with BDC already. Cllr Thorogood will be raising the flooding with more development coming into the area. The cricket bat company fires are going to be investigated by the Environmental Committee as these caused issues earlier in the year to residents. Cllr Dobson asked what the impression was from the Kelvedon Councillors regarding the development proposed. Cllr Thorogood said that KPC were against the Kings Dene proposal. Cllr Carpenter raised the issue of the Blackwater Quarry proposal, particularly in light of the flooding. There is a consultation in progress about this which ends at the end of March and could be decided by ECC Minerals Department by the end of April. It was raised that the flood alleviation scheme would run concurrently with the A7 Scheme with both of them taking place.

Cllr Thorogood left the meeting at 20.18.

206/2020 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted.

207/2020 Planning Matters

Cllr Carpenter gave an update on the meeting held on 24 November 2020 where 4 applications were discussed relating to Land West of Kelvedon Station, Feering Vicarage and 52 Feering Hill. The Parish Council also agreed the response to the Proposed A12 to A120 widening scheme EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation and discussed the Site Wide Strategy Response from BDC relating to Bloor Homes which it was decided to bring to Full Council at this meeting.

208/2020 Highways & Transport

i VTAG report

No report received.

- ii A12 to A120 widening – A120 Routes – A120 Community Forum meeting update
Highways England meeting update which had shown a change to the road off the A12 and the possible link road between the slip road and the end of Feering village. All still quite fluid. Cllr Evans attended a meeting in capacity of Ramblers Association, and they were very positive in terms of the provisions.
- iii Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC
The next Manned Refuse truck will be in the village on 12 December.
- iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village
No update.

209/2020 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
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. It was agreed in principal that we would discuss the Covid Snake location and assist with finding a suitable location.
- ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. It was proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan should be progressed to Regulation 15 and beyond. Proposed by Cllr Blackburn, seconded by Cllr Carpenter and resolved to progress.
- iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee
A meeting is likely to be agreed shortly.
- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson
Cllr Lees congratulated the working party for their efforts with the newly planted trees and comments have been received regarding the progress which has been made. Thanks was also given to G G Adams for his hard work in making the tree guards. Cllr Onno asked how long the tree guards would be needed. Cllr Dobson said that they would be 3-5 years.
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. Thanks was also given to Danielle Levart for her hard work on the Plastic Free Feering to get the village to the plastic free status. Bridge Meadow is the next target for the Environment Working Party.
- v Employment Committee
No update.

210/2020 Bloor Homes Site Wide Strategy Response from Braintree District Council

After discussion, it was **agreed** that a complaint should be raised against BDC regarding the issue. Thoughts should be sent to Councillors following review of Cllr Evans comments this evening and a complaint should be drafted for further discussion.

211/2020 Water Refill Point

The Clerk informed the Council that a site visit is being carried out on 9 December.

212/2020 EALC Health and Wellbeing Conference

After discussion it was **agreed** to form a Health and Well Being working party. Cllrs were asked to consider whether they would like to join and let the Clerk know before the next meeting.

213/2020 Christmas Tree and Lighting

After discussion it was agreed that a decision would be made early next week as to the best street. It was agreed to run a piece to highlight the community spirit which has been shown throughout the village. It was raised whether a tree could be planted on the Village Green and this will be discussed with the owners of the village green.

214/2020 Training

- i *To agree to Cllr Reed and Cllr Onno's attendance at the Introduction to Planning Briefing EALC Training*

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Reed and Cllr Onno should attend the Introduction to Planning Briefing Training at a cost of £70 plus VAT each. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

- ii *To agree attendance at the EALC Climate Change Conference on 28 January*

After discussion it was **agreed** that 2 places should be booked for Cllrs to attend the Climate Change Conference in January.

215/2020 Councillor Surgeries

The council was updated that the Councillor Surgery did not take place on 5 December as there were no residents wishing to raise issues. It was agreed that the next Councillor Surgery should take place on Saturday 30 January 2021

216/2020 Funding to make the Public Buildings more energy efficient

Cllr Evans updated the Council on the grant application which was signed off and submitted for the project development grant which if approved, will lead to the Capital Grant. The Capital Grant needs to be submitted by the 11th January which is before the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to call an extraordinary council meeting on Saturday 9th January 2021 to approve the application if the first application is successful.

217/2020 Parish Council Meeting Schedule

After discussion it was **agreed** that the schedule of meetings be published. Proposed by Cllr Onno, seconded by Cllr Miedziedz.

218/2020 Local Open Spaces Action Plan

After discussion it was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow further time for review.

219/2020 Kelvedon & Feering Rugby Club

After discussion it was **agreed** to explore further the possible use of the playing field by KFRC. It was **agreed** that a meeting should be set up with the organisers of the team and then take it to the Playing Field Committee for further exploration.

220/2020 Items for Next Agenda

- i Greater Anglia Timetable Consultation
- ii CCTV Equipment
- iii Bloor Site Wide Strategy Response
- iv Health and Well Being Working Group – presentation by Danielle Frost
- v Local Open Spaces Action Plan
- vi Christmas Tree for 2021

vii Kelvedon & Feering Rugby Club

viii Climate Change conference to agree attendance.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.56 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

8 December 2020

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Paul Lees