

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE held on
MONDAY 10 April 2017@ 7.30 pm in the Acorn Room,
Feering Community Centre**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mrs L Blackburn (Chairman)
Mr P Lees (Finance Officer)
Mrs K Evans
Mrs M Lakin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mrs L Atkinson
Mrs M Browning
Mr R Carpenter
Mrs C Dobson
Mr M Leslie
Mrs A Rees
Mr I Standingford
Mrs A Diggins (Secretary)

ALSO ATTENDING

Miss Ellingham
Cllr J Elliott
Cllr R Mitchell

45/2017 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Cllr Blackburn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs J Stobart and Mrs S Merritt

46/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mitchell declared a theoretical pecuniary interest as his property backed on to land allocated for development in Braintree District Council's Draft Local Plan.

47/2017 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of 13 March were **AGREED**, proposed Mr Carpenter, seconded Mrs Dobson and signed by the Chairman.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S PERSPECTIVE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Elliott said that he strongly suggested that residents comment on the second draft of Braintree District Council's Local Plan when it came out for public consultation. He advised that there were issues regarding the unknown improvements to the A12, the two way junction at Feering, capacity in the schools, nurseries, doctors and healthcare provision in a wider sense.

Cllr Elliot advised that he was concerned that there was a very real risk of the area becoming over developed and would be making clear his concerns about the proposals in the draft local plan. He added that until it was clear what the transport infrastructure improvements were going to be, how much money was going to be spent and where, development on the scale proposed should not take place.

Cllr Mitchell said that he believed that the only appropriate option for the A12 improvements would be the double bypass option. The draft local plan stressed that development would not go ahead without a four way junction.

An understanding as to how the numbers for Feering had been arrived at was needed. The required open space should be located within the development area.

Crown Estates were being asked to put in the whole development in a staged progress plan. There was an option for FFE10 to be sold to Crown Estates, however access to Feering Hill would be required.

Crown Estates were keen to be involved in workshops with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. They were resistant to changing the 165 OUT application but were keen to work with the Committee on the rest of the development.

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BUDGET

The first grant period had ended on 31 March. **Cllr Lees** would be writing a report and submitting this together with all the invoices. The surplus of £98.01 could be used for additional reprographics.

Cllr Lees would be applying for the next tranche of funding within the next few weeks, but did not want to trigger the application too early.

There was still the grant put aside by the Parish Council for 2016-2017 which could be used, and also a grant from the Parish Council for 2017-2018.

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TIME PLAN / PROJECT PLAN

Public consultation on the second draft of Braintree District Council's Local Plan would start in June / July – the consultation period would last for six to eight weeks.

Miss Ellingham would update the Time Plan for the next meeting.

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UPDATE FROM HTA DESIGN

Miss Ellingham stated that "the Vision" required some revision, it should not stipulate the number of homes.

Aecom were starting to gather information and had suggested a workshop after a six week period.

Crown Estates were stating a density of 36 dwellings per hectare – this was far in excess of the density in Watermill Road and Millers Mead which were 22 to 24 dwellings per hectare. Evidence would be needed to show that a high density was not in keeping with the character of the village.

It would be important to incorporate the requirement for open space and green buffers within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy writing – three key issues should be identified for each policy.

The 'vision' of the Neighbourhood Plan would need to be sold to all the residents of the village.

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PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION

A further leaflet would be produced updating residents on progress and the Braintree District Draft Local Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee would also have stall at the May Fayre – volunteers would be needed to help on the day.

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UPDATES FROM FOCUS / WORKING GROUPS

- **Asset Mapping** - nearly complete
- **Education** – Feering School would be becoming an academy. Honeywood School was vulnerable.
- **Environment** – no further progress
- **Housing** – analysis would start to feed into questionnaire. There was some interesting feedback on character. Lots of people had indicated that they were extending, or had extended their homes, because they were unable to find what they needed in Feering parish. There appeared to be little interest in self-build.
- **Medical / Community Wellbeing** – no update
- **Transport** – 79 questionnaires had been returned indicating that the number of people who travelled by car was high. 48 out of the 79

questionnaires returned indicated that a four way junction on the A12 was needed. There was significant interest in a community bus. A parking policy would be needed.

55/2017 DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A policy writing workshop would be arranged for the next meeting.

56/2017 QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire should be structured to follow the Neighbourhood Plan policies. It was necessary to know what answers were required in order to build the questions.

57/2017 TRAINING AND SUPPORT

Mrs Dobson to send round information from the policy training recently undertaken by herself and some other members of the Committee.

58/2017 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- **Policy writing** – this would be included under the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Agenda item.

59/2017 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

The next Committee meeting would take place on **Monday 8 May** at 7.30 pm in the Acorn Room.

A meeting with members of Kelvedon and Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan Steering Groups had been arranged for **Monday 22 May** at 8 pm in the Acorn Room.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

DATE OF NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 8 May 2017 @ 7.30 pm

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Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

A. Blackburn

Dated

8/5/2017