

**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE held on  
Monday 6 January 2020 @ 7.30 pm in the Acorn Room,  
Feering Community Centre**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Cllr L Blackburn (Chair)  
Cllr C Dobson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mrs K Evans  
Mrs Lakin  
Mrs A Diggins (Secretary)

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Mrs J Stobart (RCCE)

**001/2020 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from: Cllr Carpenter, Cllr Lees, and Mrs Atkinson

**002/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**003/2020 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Amendment made to paragraph 2 of 123/2019 text to read "Committee members to review neighbourhood plan together with Design Code – in particular, Mrs Evans to look at the documents from a public rights of way angle, Cllr Blackburn to review the Vision Statement, Cllr Dobson to review regarding Design Guide and Mrs Lakin to review in relation to Parish Plan. Minutes then AGREED and signed by the Chair.

**004/2020 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

**005/2020 FINANCIAL**

Cllr Blackburn confirmed that funds had been put aside for the work relating to the Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement.

Some monies had also been put aside by the Parish Council for costs associated with the input of responses to the Reg14, however Cllr Blackburn was unable to confirm details.

Support package for SEA – this needed to be secured, Cllr Blackburn to speak to Cllr Lees regarding the application.

**ACTION: CLLR BLACKBURN**

**006/2020 UPDATE REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION BY BLOOR HOMES (19/02234/REM)**

The application by Bloor Homes was deferred at the Braintree District Council Planning hearing on 17 December – some of the issues raised were the gettoisation of the affordable housing, the fact that 25% of the housing was below the standard size allowance and that no consultation by Bloor Homes had taken place with Feering Parish Council or local residents. Link to webcast of hearing - <https://braintree.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts>

A letter with a copy of the Design Guide had been sent to Christopher Paggi (Planning Development Manager at Braintree District Council). Savills who are acting as Agents for Bloor Homes have also been sent a copy.

Alec Scragg (AR Urbanism) had advised that he was willing to attend a meeting with Bloor Homes and Feering Parish Council / Feering Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Section 106 – clarification was needed as to whether the changes that Crown Estates had wanted had gone through or whether the Section 106 Agreement remained the same as when the Outline Planning application was made.

**Post Meeting Note: The Section 106 Agreement currently on the planning portal for the outline planning application 16/00569/OUT is the Agreement dated 19 December 2017.**

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#### UPDATE REGARDING A12 / A120

It was not known when feedback relating to the last consultation on the A12 widening was due.

**Post Meeting Note: Update from <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/>**

**“Now we have announced our preferred route between junctions 19 and 23, we will continue to develop our designs for that section of the road in more detail. We’re carrying out more surveys and ground investigations between November 2019 and April 2020. We expect to announce our preferred route between junction 23 and 25 in 2020. Following that, we will hold another public consultation to get feedback on more detailed designs for the overall project (between junction 19 and 25). In the meantime, we’ll continue to engage with our stakeholders and the local community to help us refine the design, before inviting the public to submit further feedback”.**

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#### TIME PLAN / PROJECT PLAN

The Time Plan had been updated to reflect the dates of the REG14 consultation. Revised Time Plan circulated to Feering Neighbourhood Plan Committee members. Mrs Stobart advised that it was possible that the SEA screening on the Submission draft plan could take longer than the time allowed on the Time Plan (currently scheduled to be screened June 2020 and full SEA / HRA undertaken June / July 2020).

It was believed that the examination into the strategic part of the Local Plan would start shortly.

**Post Meeting Note: According to BDC’s website – further Examination Hearings will take place from 14 - 30 January 2020 at the JobServe Community Stadium (formerly Weston Homes Community Stadium), United Way, Colchester, CO4 5UP**

**Link to website and hearing documents -**

**[https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200643/section\\_1/1065/section\\_1\\_examination\\_publication/ocal\\_plan/3](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200643/section_1/1065/section_1_examination_publication/ocal_plan/3)**

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#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Blackburn reported that the Neighbourhood Plan would go to Feering Parish Council on 21 January to be signed off.

**Post Meeting Note: Approved 21 January**

Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Toolkit – Mrs Stobart recommended that a high level assessment of the plan policies to see if they contributed positively to the environment be undertaken by committee members, however if there was insufficient time to do this before going to REG 14 this could be done for REG15 and the Committee would be fully justified in doing so.

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#### REG 14 CONSULTATION

Mrs Stobart advised that although it was useful if respondents to the REG14 questionnaire gave a post code, it was not vital, it wouldn’t matter whether comments came from residents of the parish or from those living outside. What the consultation was looking for as regards the comments was new evidence that the committee were not previously aware of, the evidence was important not where the commenter lived. REG 14 would not be a consultation for residents of Feering Parish only – other stakeholders were consulted in any case.

**Post Meeting Note: Mrs Atkinson has produced the questionnaire and this is with the Clerk**

Advance warning of the REG14 consultation would need to go into the Parish Magazine and on Facebook and if possible in the school newsletter. Mrs Atkinson to post on Facebook, Cllr Dobson to send information to Parish Magazine and approach School.

**ACTION: MRS ATKINSON, CLLR DOBSON**

*Post Meeting Note: Social media updated*

Posters and boxes for REG 14 responses – Cllr Carpenter would design the banners, posters and leaflets, Cllr Blackburn would make the boxes for the responses. Cllr Dobson to draw up a list of locations for posters and for boxes. Owners / managers of all the suggested locations would need to be approached for their agreement.

**ACTION: CLLR CARPENTER, CLLR BLACKBURN AND CLLR DOBSON**

**Post Meeting Note: Banners etc. designed and printed**

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A REG 14 Communications Meeting would be arranged – Cllr Blackburn to come back on date following the Workshop on 10 January.

**ACTION: CLLR BLACKBURN**

*Post Meeting Note: Cllr Blackburn has advised that there is now no requirement for this meeting*

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#### **TRAINING AND SUPPORT**

Mrs Stobart reported that the RCCE's programme of events for 2020 was not yet finalised – it would be circulated when available.

Mrs Stobart advised that the next RCCE coffee morning would be regarding the practicalities of REG16 and Examination – there would be a speaker from Eight Ash Green (their Plan was made just before Christmas) and Alan Mascow from BDC (who would be speaking about his insights into what the Examiners are picking up in the Neighbourhood Plan Examinations.

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#### **MEETINGS TO BE ARRANGED**

Meeting with Bloor Homes had been requested by the Parish Council and would be arranged through them. It was noted that members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would also like to meet with Bloor Homes. In addition it was suggested that Bloor Homes should also be meeting with local residents.

*Post Meeting Note: Initial meeting between Parish Council and Bloor Homes arranged for 27 January*

Date of Communications Meeting to be confirmed by Cllr Blackburn (see 010/2020 above).

*Post Meeting Note: Cllr Blackburn has advised that there is now no requirement for this meeting*

#### **DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

The next Committee Meeting would take place on **Monday 3 February 2020 at 7.30pm** in the Acorn room.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

#### **DATE OF NEXT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING**

**3 February 2020**

Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 3/2/2020