



**Minutes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Committee
held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at 7.00 pm
in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre**

Present: Cllr R Carpenter (Chair) arrived at 7.10 Cllr P Lees
Cllr D Leach – arrived at 7.05 Lisa Collins (Clerk to the Council)

Members of the Public: 0

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm

031/2019 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN

Cllr Carpenter was nominated to be Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Leach.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Carpenter be elected as chairman for the coming year.

032/2019 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Newton and Cllr Bonner.

033/2019 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were received.

034/2019 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To agree the minutes of the meeting on 1 May 2019.

It was **resolved** that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Lees proposed, Cllr Carpenter seconded.

035/2019 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of up to 5 minutes when members of the public can speak about planning matters.

No questions from the public.

036/2019 CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

i **19/00105/TPO** – 5 Barnfield, Feering

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 51a/00 – T1 Horse Chestnut – Reduce crown by up to 30% - no more than 2.5-3m maximum off any one branch – General tree maintenance to safeguard the future life of tree.

After consideration it was agreed to submit the comments received by our Tree Warden and we have no further objections.

It is assumed that this application is to reduce the size rather than because of disease.

Firstly, horse chestnuts must be pruned after mid summer (mid June to mid Aug) or disease may set in. They are prone to a fungal disease called bleeding canker and this is much more likely to get into the tree earlier in the year - when bleeding sap stops fast scabbing over of the pruning wounds. So, once new growth has hardened up and matured.

Secondly, large scale pruning can put horse chestnuts under stress - and the leaf mining moth already causes some. Clearing out the crown to allow more air circulation and less potential disease will be beneficial. As is the removal of dead/dying/diseased branches.

I would err on the side of caution and keep the meterage cut off to a minimum - though appreciate it is in an area with lots of people/homes. A decent tree surgeon would know what is best for the tree.

037/2019 DECISIONS MADE BY BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

18/0192/FUL – On the basis that Highways England have no objections we have no further objection.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 12 June 2019 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.23 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Robert Carpenter

12 June 2019