



**Minutes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Committee
held virtually on Wednesday 5 August 2020 at 7.30 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 854 8429 2966)**

Present: Cllr Robert Carpenter (Chairman) Cllr Paul Lees
Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Simon Reed (joined the meeting at 19.35)
Lisa Collins (Clerk to the Council)

Members of the Public: 1

054/2020 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting started at 19.33. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the rules of the committee meeting as it is being held virtually.

No apologies were received from Cllr Bonner.

055/2020 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 declaration of interests were declared.

056/2020 AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 22 July 2020 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

057/2020 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of up to 15 minutes when members of the public can speak about planning matters.

The member of the public raised issues around the Threshelfords Business Park application. The plan for the current application is different from what they were in the since the 1988 original TPO.

058/2020 CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

i 20/00193/TPO – Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road, Feering

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 33/88 - See attached schedule of Tree no's & works. General tree maintenance to safeguard future life of trees & Health & Safety works. Various trees touching buildings, low canopies over parking bays, being hit by high sided vehicles. T2 - Atlantic Cedar - crown reduction due to failure of branches. T10 Cherry - lifting pavement, causing trip hazard. T14 Downy Birch - poor specimen, being suppressed by neighbouring Sycamore. T18 Common Laurel - tree in decline, reduce. G3 Dead Elm remove, Yew branches with overextended branches, reduce to safe. G7 Dead Lime remove, others ivy covered - Threshelfords Business Park, Inworth Road, Feering

This matter was deferred from the last meeting. Cllr Carpenter informed the committee that he has been trying to speak with Kieran McGrath of BDC for the last 10 days but that Mr McGrath is now on annual leave. After discussion, it was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Chris Paggi and the Landscape Department at BDC asking for an extension of time to submit our formal response to this application and to request they hold off dealing with the application until we are able to have this conversation particularly in light of the TPO which has recently been received which changes the nature of the application submitted. .

Member of the public left the meeting at 19.44.

ii **20/00097/FUL** – Land Rear of 1 to 1D Feering Hill

Re-consultation due to additional documents being received.

After discussion, it was **agreed** that we continue to strongly object to this application on the same grounds as our previous submission dated 16 April 2020. We acknowledge that since our previous submission the BDC's ecological officer has submitted a report dated 20 May which has raised issues and concerns concerning the ecological impact on the site and we support the requirement of an ecological assessment.

iii **20/01048/HH** – Brooks Barn, Little Tey Road, Feering

Erection of detached 2 bay garage space with store room, WC and external staircase to provide access to first floor room in roof space.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Council has no comments to make on this application other to ensure that BDC Historic Buildings experts and Tree experts are consulted. We note that there is a proposal for a games room, should there ever a change of use application submitted to a habitable space, the application should become a separate application and not be dealt with as permitted development.

iv **20/00203/TPO** – 5 Barnfield, Feering

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 51a/2000 – Holm Oak as shown on sketch marked as tree 12 (T21) 30% crown reduction, reducing height by 3 to 4 meters and spread by 2 to 3 metres, removal of any dead wood. Tree needs to be brought back from neighbours' land. The adviser in this matter is John Fryer, JF Tree Specialist Limited

After discussion, it was **agreed** that the council understand from the description given in the schedule of works that this reduction is quite meaningful to this tree and we would ask that BDC's tree officer review this and give an expert opinion on the impact of the reduction.

059/2020 DECISIONS MADE BY BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

No decisions received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed pending applications.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.16 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

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Robert Carpenter

14 September 2020