

**Notes of the Feering Parish Council Planning Working Group
held virtually on Monday 7 March 2022 at 8.00 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 839 5537 8703)**

In Attendance: Cllr Robert Carpenter Cllr Paul Lees
Cllr Katherine Evans Cllr Simon Reed
Lisa Collins – Clerk

1) DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

a) **Essex County Council call for sand and gravel extraction sites**

Comments by Councillors: Cannot do anything about as it is only people who want to put sites forwards. Cllr Evans will read the policy and circulate to councillors any comments to be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council which may relate to the site owner to put money aside in an account for the purpose of restoration.

Delegated response:

b) **22/02128/REM** – Land Adjacent to Watering Farm

Comments by Councillors: Green source technologies including no solar panels. No streetlights on shared use street still which the applicant has said is not BDC Policy therefore we may wish to pursue at a further date. 1.2m metal railings are not characteristics of Kelvedon. Still cannot see any two-wheeler or disabled parking spaces. Reduced landscaping on the open spaces. Support the BDC Health and Safety report of May 2021. Flood plan only reviews the site itself it does not review the effects of the downstream potential flooding and would like BDC to review this. Electrical vehicle points have been included. The Climate emergency which has been declared by FPC, BDC and ECC therefore this should be reflected in the planning permission.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council continue to object to this application.

A letter based on points 2, 8 and 9 together with the issues raised by BDC Environmental Health Team on 11 May 2021 and the Ardent Flood report has been drafted for submission.

c) **22/00370/TPO** – 3 Franklin Gate, London Road, Feering

Comments by Councillors: Submit comments sent by Tree Warden

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council's Tree Warden has commented on this tree. The Tree Warden has stated that the tree is probably in the wrong place as they can grow very large. Crown reducing should not hurt the tree, although the advice with blue cedars is not to cut into the interior or bare wood as they do not regenerate. If it is top heavy, then it is the safest option and removal of dead wood is fine.

d) **21/01402/FUL** – 3 Franklin Gate, London Road, Feering

Comments by Councillors: Comment was made that part of the application was for hedging, which was refused, but the hedges have been put in anyway. Seek clarification from enforcement and Chris Paggi as to whether this is an enforcement issue.

Delegated response: An email was sent to the BDC Enforcement Team requesting clarification as to whether any action can be taken with regard to the planting of the hedging which formed part of the original planning application that was refused.

e) **22/00412/TPO – 8 Barnfield, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Submit comments sent by Tree Warden.

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council's Tree warden has commented that Sycamores are notorious for self-sowing and can be very dangerous to buildings. They have also suggested that a different species of tree could be planted in place of the sycamore.

f) **22/00430/TPO – Barnfield Lodge, Barnfield, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: Submit tree wardens concerns but note that BDC have refused it previously and would welcome discussions with BDC if necessary. Has this application been notified to the neighbouring property?

Delegated response: Feering Parish Council's tree warden has commented that she is concerned at the mention of damage being done to the tree when the site was developed as tree roots are very vulnerable and that might have set it in a downward spiral. She has also commented that the tree is likely to be suffering from Ash Die Back although there is little evidence of that in any of the owner's pictures, however it is really only visible / noticeable when in leaf but there were signs on the tree inspectors' pictures. If the tree has Inonotus Hispidus that is a sign that the tree is dying. The Shaggy Bracket attacks weak trees and can cause branch drop as it weakens the wood. She has also noted that the report states that the tree should be felled or pruned back to previous points but in view of its probable ill health no objection is raised to the tree being felled.

Feering Parish Council also note that this application was previously refused by BDC and would welcome discussion with the BDC tree wardens in regard to this application if they see fit. We would also welcome clarification that the neighbour to this property has been notified of this application.

g) **22/00502/PLD – 29 Sherwood Way, Feering**

Comments by Councillors: No comment to be made.

Delegated response: The application was noted but given the PLD status of the application there was no comment to be made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting to be held on TBC pending applications.