



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Dobson Cllr S Reed arrived at 19.33
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk
Members of the Public: 1

173/2021 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed the Council's sadness of the recent events leading to the death of Sir David Amess MP with condolences to the family. The chairman raised the issue of GDPR and a reminder that all councillors need to follow this.

174/2021 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Carpenter. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Dobson

175/2021 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

196/2021 - Cllr Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest.

176/2021 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record with one small amendment. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Evans.

177/2021 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.

No questions were raised by the member of the public in attendance.

178/2021 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 September 2021 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

- ii *To agree payments for October 2021 (to be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all October payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

179/2021 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood sent his apologies due to other commitments but will be meeting with Councillors for a catch up on 20 October.

Cllr Sandum also sent her apologies due to illness and sent a report which was noted.

Cllr Dobson raised the issue of the Landscape Services together with other departments at BDC which are running on low capacity and staff shortages and would like the District Councillors to raise the issue of what are they doing about recruitment for all areas so that there is a fully functioning staff of a high calibre. Cllr Dobson also wanted the issue of lack of communication to the various departments of changes within other departments, in particular from the Planning Department regarding the Design Code protocols.

It was also mentioned that the S106 monies should be raised with the District Councillors.

180/2021

Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. Thanks was noted for G G Adams and their hard work on the Rye Mill Lane hedge, particularly in the weather conditions they have been working in.

181/2021

Planning Matters

Cllr Evans informed the Council that all decisions have been made by Delegated Authority by the clerk in conjunction with discussions with the Planning Committee and these would be ratified at the next face to face meeting.

182/2021

Highways & Transport

i VTAG report

Nothing to report.

ii A12 to A120 widening – A120 Routes – A120 Community Forum meeting update

A date is still awaited for the meeting with Highways England and Kelvedon Parish Council. Dates have been submitted for the week of 1 November.

iii Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC

Manned refuse was very busy during the weekend.

iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

Discussion was held around the speed of vehicles in the village. No further information received regarding the speed watch.

183/2021

Committee and Representatives Report

To receive a report, consider and agree any actions arising from the report on the following:

i FCC Trustees Meeting from Cllr L Blackburn

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. It was agreed that the snake should be by the entrance to the Community Centre subject to the snake being able to fit.

ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. Cllr Lees had spoken to My Locality who had informed him that there is a further grant available to publicise the consultation. There is also a department who can assist with publicising the consultation to residents.

- iii PRow & Cycleway Committee
Nothing to report this month.
- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson
The report was received before the meeting and noted.
- v Employment Committee
No meeting held.
- vi Braintree Association of Local Councils / Essex Association of Local Councils from Cllr P Lees
The report was received before the meeting and noted. The council were shocked at the amount of unallocated S106 funds held by BDC.

184/2021 Annual Report

The final comments have been received on the report and sent to be implemented. This will go to print in the next few days.

185/2021 Bloor Homes – S106 Agreement

- i Appointment of Management Agent
Discussion was held around the information received regarding the appointment of a management agent for the Bloor Open Spaces.
- ii Response to Emma Goodings
We have heard nothing further from Emma Goodings since her email of 3 September and it was agreed that a chasing email should be sent requesting an update.
- iii Information received through BALC from Neil Jones
Discussion was held around the BALC meeting and the information received from Neil Jones relating to the S106 agreement.

186/2021 BDC Master Planning Meeting

The meeting with Braintree District Council took place on 22 September. Updates were given on the overall master planning for the village and the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 status.

187/2021 Website Hosting Provisions

The Clerk had previously circulated a report for consideration. After discussion it was **agreed** that the recommendations should be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Reed.

188/2021 Christmas Tree for 2021 / Village Green

Cllr Dobson has found a tree which is suitable for the village green. It was **agreed** a tree would be purchased and the school would be approached to plant the tree for the tree to grow with the children. It was also **agreed** that additional lights should be purchased. The Clerk has seen information that the Kelvedon St Marys Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place again this year and it had been previously resolved that the Parish Council would take part in this. Cllr Dobson confirmed that Environmental Group are already working on this. The clerk has sent an email to the organisers requesting further information. It was **agreed** that a Christmas Tree should be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

- 189/2021 Handyman Contract – Maintenance Plan**
After discussion it was **agreed** to look into a 5-year management plan for the open spaces and discuss further once this had been obtained.
- 190/2021 Verge Cutting Trial Consultation**
After discussion it was **agreed** that councillors would send comments on the questionnaire to the Clerk by 10 November in order for this to then be compiled and submitted to BDC.
- 191/2021 Awareness of Anti-social behaviour within the village**
Discussion was held around the number of issues in the village which are of serious concern. After discussion it was **agreed** that a meeting should be set up with a local Police officer and a community liaison officer from BDC to discuss the issues, including graffiti, speeding and littering.
- 192/2021 Tommy for Remembrance Service**
After discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would purchase an unknown Tommy and an Unknown Woman in War to be placed either side of the cemetery gates. It was discussed that the chairman would speak to the Church for their agreement. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Dobson.
- 193/2021 Benches for the Playing Field**
After discussion it was **agreed** that this would be raised at the Christmas Fayre so that we can obtain feedback.
- 194/2021 Queen's Platinum Jubilee**
After discussion, it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would promote having street parties for the village. It was also **agreed** that a working party would be set up to get planning underway.
- 195/2021 Recruitment for Parish Councillors**
After discussion it was **agreed** to reach out to the school and school council and potentially setting up a playing field working group and also to produce a short video for each committee to showcase the Parish Council.
- 196/2021 Feering and Kelvedon Wildlife Group**
- i To consider what the Parish Council can do to support the Hedgehog campaign
After discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would be happy for any printing and laminating to be done through the Parish Office. It was also discussed that a grant would be considered if applied for.
 - ii Pond Funding
Cllr Dobson updated the Council on the pond funding grant which was being applied for.
 - iii To consider where to plant the Elm Hybrid Tree
 - iv After discussion it was **agreed** that this could be planted on Taylors Field
- 197/2021 Items for Next Agenda**
- i Anti-social behaviour.
 - ii Queen's Platinum Jubilee
 - iii Councillor Co-option

- iv Precept
- v PRow Committee change to a working party
- vi S106 Agreement on open spaces.
- vii Meeting Schedule for 2022

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.03 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

16 November 2021

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Paul Lees