



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Dobson Cllr R Carpenter
 Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans Cllr G Pullen (after co-option)

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr P Thorogood joined at 19.43
Members of the Public: 0

198/2021 Chairman Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

199/2021 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Reed. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies.

200/2021 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 204/2021(iv).

201/2021 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 19 October 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Blackburn, seconded by Cllr Evans.

202/2021 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 members of public in attendance.

203/2021 Councillors

To consider any application for co-option

After discussion it was **agreed** to co-opt Graham Pullen to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Dobson. Cllr Pullen signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor.

204/2021 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 October 2021 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

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

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

- iii To discuss and agree whether to change energy supplier for the unmetered supply following a further increase in price from December with Eon

After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the comparison and transfer the supply to SSE. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Evans.

- iv To consider and agree the grant applications which have been received for payment in 2022/2023

After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the following grants:

- History museum - £200
- Kelvedon and Feering Wildlife Group - £250
- Kelvedon and Feering Scouts - £250
- Feering and Kelvedon Garden Club - £100
- Feering Toddler Group - £350
- Royal British Legion - £60

Proposed by Cllr Lees, Seconded by Cllr Blackburn

It was **agreed** to decline the PTA application, proposed Cllr Dobson Seconded by Cllr Evans

It was **agreed** to postpone the decision on the rugby club grant. Proposed Dobson, Seconded Cllr Lees

- v To discuss and agree the budget and precept request for 2022-2023 (previously circulated to councillors)

After discussion it was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the next meeting once the tax base details had been received from BDC. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Dobson

205/2021

Report from District / County Councillor

District – London Road application re-consultation has been started again due to more information which includes mitigation of distance to the Health Centre. Still no news on local plan – BDC still waiting for inspectors letter from July examination. Probably Feb/Mar time for adoption. Parish Council Forums – Still no news, has been some legal problems because of planning members meeting developers at the pre-app stage. Scrutiny Committee looking at enforcement as there have been a lot of problems and not enough staff at BDC.

Essex – Highways re-consultation for A12 widening has opened. Drop in events online taking place. Meeting with National Highways (“NH”) took place last week. NH are not going to do anything with the Gore Pit junction. NH are reliant on Crown Estates providing a link road. Inworth Road junction pathway is on Local Panels Highways Scheme, it is waiting funding and is at the feasibility stage and would require a compulsive purchase for the properties from Gore Pit junction to create a footway. Request for safety audit submitted junction of Coggeshall Road and London Road. Cllr Thorogood has spoken to Highways Buddy regarding A12 slip road street lights. FPC to provide a written report to Essex regarding the power supply. VAS Scheme has been circulated to the Council. Cllr Thorogood still has a councillor grant which will be pro-rata'd per population. Schemes to be submitted by February. Coggeshall Quarry – Bradwell Quarry Liaison committee met Blackwater Aggregates who confirmed submission of application will be made to Environment Agency early next year. Rivenhall IWMF Condition 66 looking to drop bio food waste and composting element of the integrated waste management facility. Will be keeping the recycling element. Indaver are not in breach of any planning

element. Cllr Carpenter asked if we could have sight of the independent legal advice received by ECC in relation to the IWMF. Cllr Thorogood stated that this has been asked for but this has been denied.

Cllr Carpenter asked Cllr Thorogood who has said they would not be improving the junction at Gore Pit. Cllr Thorogood confirmed it was National Highways.

Cllr Dobson asked whether there was any money in the pot for pot holes. Cllr Thorogood confirmed that he is informing ECC of the pot holes which need fixing.

Cllr Lees asked about the staffing levels at BDC as all departments seem to be functioning below the required level. Cllr Lees also raised the issue of the S106 monies which BDC holds but is not being distributed because not enough staff.

206/2021

Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. The clerk also raised an issue which a resident had raised since the report submitted relating to the rugby club and confirmed the actions which have been taken.

207/2021

Planning Matters

Cllr Carpenter 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.

208/2021

Highways & Transport

i VTAG report

Supplementary A12 widening consultation has been circulated by VTAG.

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

A planning meeting to discuss the consultation will be taking place on 29 November.

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

Cllr Lees raised the issue of the green bin collection being stopped earlier this year as it doesn't reflect the current climate changes when the grass still needs cutting.

iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

Nothing to report.

209/2021

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.

ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee

Nothing to report this month.

iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson

Minutes of the EWP were circulated.

- v Employment Committee

No meeting held.

- vi Braintree Association of Local Councils / Essex Association of Local Councils from Cllr P Lees

Nothing to report this month.

210/2021

PROW Committee

After discussion it was **agreed** that the committee should be changed to a working party. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Dobson.

211/2021

Bloor Homes – S106 Agreement

It was noted that an email had been sent to Emma Goodings at BDC asking for an update on confirmation from Bloor Homes but that no response had been received. It was agreed that a further email would be sent to Emma Goodings informing that we intend to take this to a stage 2 complaint if we have not heard anything further by 26 November. It was **agreed** that following the solicitors response we should instruct them to investigate further this issue. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Lees.

212/2021

BDC Open Spaces Action Plan

After discussion it was **agreed** a meeting should be arranged with Alex Evans of BDC to discuss the open Spaces action plan. Proposed by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Evans.

213/2021

Christmas Tree for 2021 / Village Green

The clerk informed the Council that Eastlight have agreed to a 10 year licence for the tree to be planted on the Green. The Clerk has also spoken to the Head Teacher and the Deputy Head teacher at the school who think that the planting through the years is a fantastic idea and will be on board with this.

214/2021

Verge Cutting Trial Consultation

The Clerk confirmed that two responses had been received and a draft response has been put together for agreement. After discussion it was **agreed** that the response be amended and submitted.

215/2021

Awareness of Anti-social behaviour within the village

The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with Essex Police about organising a meeting, but no response has been received yet. This will be chased.

216/2021

Tommy for Remembrance Service

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council remove the tommy and unknown from the church cemetery and stored and returned in October for the remembrance season. They can then be brought out for special occasions if necessary. Proposed Cllr Lees, seconded, Cllr Dobson.

217/2021

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that a working group be set up with members of the parish to help organisation of street parties. A piece would be put into the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers.

218/2021

Meeting Schedule for 2022

After discussion the meeting schedule for 2022 was **agreed** subject to a change to the August date. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.

219/2021

Christmas Fayre Stall

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Lees, and Cllr Evans, will be at the Christmas Fayre, Cllrs Dobson and Blackburn will be circulating between different stands. It was **agreed** that a flip chart should be used with what we do and what others do and what would improve your experience of Feering. It was **agreed** that a donation of 3 £10 book vouchers should be given to the raffle.

220/2021

Items for Next Agenda

- i Essex County Council VAS Scheme – January Agenda
- ii Retractable canopy for outside of the Community Centre.
- iii Publicity and Engagement
- iv School Council
- v Tree planting and bulb planting

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.06 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

21 December 2021

Paul Lees