



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr C Dobson (Chair) Cllr W McCartney Cllr L Blackburn arrived 19.35
Cllr K Evans Cllr H Marks Cllr R Carpenter
Cllr N Warwick

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr P Thorogood (ECC and BDC)
Members of the Public: 1

049/2023 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

050/2023 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lees and Cllr Pullen who may make the meeting later. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies. Proposed Cllr Dobson, seconded Cllr Marks.

051/2023 Declaration of Interest

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

No declaration of interests was received.

052/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2023 were **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Evans seconded by Cllr Marks.

053/2023 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 comments from the member of the public.

054/2023 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 28 February 2023 and 2022/23 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- ii *To agree Insurance Premium for Mower*

After discussion it was agreed that the renewal quote from BHIB be accepted and paid. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Evans.

- iii *To agree payments for March 2023 due (to be circulated prior to the meeting)*

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

055/2023 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood submitted a written report which was noted. The report noted the following issues:

Braintree District Council ("BDC") – An update was given on the green bin collection charge which is still being considered but will not be decided upon until after the election, however the BDC approved the allocation of £200,00 to be spent to set up the payment system for green bin collections. It was also raised that ID would be needed for voters to be able to vote at the elections on 4 May.

Essex County Council ("ECC") – Rivenhall Incinerator was discussed. Condition 66 -Appeal has been postponed and if the new application comes through and is approved then the appeal will be dismissed. An update was given on the booking system for all recycling centres which started on 13 March; Potholes along Coggeshall Road have been validated in the pothole moratorium near Feeringbury Manor and Frame Cottages and repairs are being programmed; A12 widening response received from Cllr Wagland to Cllr Thorogood's email regarding lack of mitigation for the impact of Feering on the new junction at Inworth.

Questions were asked of Cllr Thorogood regarding Green bin collection and the £200,000 spend for setting the scheme up. Cllr Dobson asked whether the system is going to be more labourious for the bin operatives. It was raised again that Braintree Town is not a precepting authority and Cllr Dobson would like it raised formally at BDC as to why the other towns and parishes should subsidise Braintree Town. The clerk raised the issue of road markings at the return slip road towards the North bound A12.

056/2023 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. It was **agreed** that the end of the handyman contract should be noted and a gift should be presented. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Evans. It was also agreed that the allotment tenant should be allowed a shed. It was also agreed that the coronation flags and spend for the bunting be approved. Proposed by Cllr McCartney seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

057/2023 Planning Matters

- i All decisions have been made by Delegated Authority by the clerk in conjunction with discussions with the Planning Working Group and these would be ratified at the next face to face meeting. The applications include the Ecological Mitigation at the Land at Prested Hall where we had questions, but BDC have not responded to these or acknowledged them in their planning report. A further marquee at Prested Hall was objected to on behalf of the Parish Council.

058/2023 Highways & Transport

- i VTAG report
No meeting held.
- ii A12 to A120 widening - A12 Highways England Statutory Consultation

Cllr Evans circulated a report prior to the meeting. It was proposed and **agreed** that the Parish Council should formally request ECC to include the locations for inclusion in the post-Operational Monitoring Programme. Including Inworth Road North, including Hinds Bridge, Gore Pit junction (Inworth Road/London Road/Feering Hill), New Lane, Coggeshall Road/London Road Feering and The Railway Tavern junction. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

Cllr Blackburn asked that Cllr Evans be commended and thanked for her work on the documents and meetings relating to the A12 Widening.

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

The Clerk updated that the sign at the corner of Coggeshall Road/London Road junction has been removed. First green bin collection there was a trail of green bin waste along Watermill Road. It was raised that there is no bin at the bus stop outside Ridgeons. It was discussed the Clerk would look into using one of the bins removed for the double bins to be installed.

- iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

Nothing to update. Cllr McCartney asked about cycling on footways as there are many people cycling on footways. It was discussed that a post be put out on Facebook to remind cyclists not to cycle there.

059/2023 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

Report was circulated before the meeting and noted. The issue with the solar panels was raised by the FCC. The Clerk will investigate further and email information to Councillors.

- ii PRow & Cycleway Committee

No report received.

- iii Playing Field Management Working Party from Cllr P Lees

No report received.

- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson

No report received.

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

Report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

- vi IWMF Rivenhall Airfield Site Liaison Committee

Report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

060/2023 Manned Refuse Service

After discussion it was **agreed** to continue with the Manned Refuse Service as this is a well used service and the schedule of dates for the next financial year were **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson. Cllr Dobson asked Cllr Thorogood to raise the idea with BDC of having a manned green waste collection service which is separate to the general waste offering.

061/2023 Annual Assembly

After discussion it was proposed that a budget of £200 should be **agreed** to spend on the annual awards. Proposed by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

062/2023 Grant Applications

- i *To update on grant applications*

The clerk updated that the application for the King's Coronation had been rejected.

063/2023 Feering Master Planning

- i *To update on the Kelvedon and Feering Health care provision*

Nothing to update.

- ii *S106 Monies for Allotments*

The clerk had spoken to the allotment association and they suggested a water collection or boorhole for underground water. They are going to come back to the Clerk and come and visit the allotments to give further advice.

- iii *Lady Meadow*

The clerk confirmed that the Asset of Community Value application had been rejected by BDC and the decision letter had been circulated. It was also noted that an offer had been received on the land before the auction. It was asked that this item remain on the agenda.

064/2023 Village Green

The Clerk informed Council that she had chased Eastlight again and the contact at Eastlight has left. We are waiting for a further update from Eastlight.

065/2023 Policy Review

- i Environmental Policy

After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the Environmental Policy. Proposed by Cllr Dobson seconded by Cllr Carpenter.

066/2023 Braintree Street Scene Partnership Agreement 2023/24

After discussion it was **agreed** to continue the Street Scene Partnership with BDC and that the Agreement should be signed for the 2023-2024 financial year. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

067/2023 Gigaclear Update

The Clerk informed Council that an email had been received regarding an upcoming online event and has offered the use of the Community Living Room to Gigaclear for drop-in sessions.

068/2023 Items for Next Agenda

- i Pylon scheme update
- ii Community Centre Maintenance

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.57 and thanked everyone for attending.

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Christa Dobson

18 April 2023