



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr K Evans Cllr S Taylor

Cllr E Mitchell (after co-option)

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr C Finch

Members of the Public: 0

114/2023 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

115/2023 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs B McCarthy, N Warwick and P Carlaw. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor

116/2023 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr Evans declared an interest as Chairman of the FCC in items 127/2023(i) and 134/2023

117/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting were **agreed** proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lees and the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23 May 2023 were **agreed** proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Evans.

118/2023 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 members of the public present

119/2023 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 May 2023 and 2022/23 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- ii *To agree to the continuation of membership to BALC*

Cllr Lees declared an interest in this item as a member of the committee.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Council would continue to be members of BALC. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

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

After discussion it was **agreed** that all June payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lees.

120/2023 Co-option

After discussion it was **agreed** to co-opt Ed Mitchell to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

121/2023 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood submitted a report and sent his apologies for the meeting due to undertaking training at Braintree District Council. Cllr Finch updated on the report received from Cllr Thorogood.

Braintree District Council ("BDC") – Cllr Thorogood's report updated on Cllr Thorogood's appointment as a substitute for the Planning Committee and a member of the Corporate Policy Development Committee; the mold issue in a small number of Eastlight homes; Cllr Thorogood has decided to "call in" plans for four facias on the Kelvedon Post Office. Cllr Finch confirmed that she had also called in the plans. ; and BDC have announced its 280 affordable homes were built in 2022/23. Cllr Thorogood submitted a question to BDC regarding the homes and also when the next 5-year housing supply number is going to be updated.

Essex County Council ("ECC") –Cllr Thorogood's report gave an update on ECC's bid to cut black bin food waste with eligible households being send tools to help them recycle food at the curbside; the six week consultation on a new Essex Electric vehicle charge point strategy; the date of the next Local Highways Panel meeting; ; junction of Coggeshall Road /London Road update regarding the visibility; update on the Coggeshall, Kelvedon & Feering Flood alleviation scheme which has now been renamed the Blackwater Flood Alleviation; Rivenhall IWMF update regarding the original planning permission and the update to delete condition 66.

Questions were asked to be sent to Cllr Thorogood regarding the 280 homes and how many should have been built for the year given that 40% of housing should be affordable. Cllr Lees also to discuss this with BALC. Discussion was held around the rumour regarding the Green and Independent split which is incorrect Discussion was also held around the Local Highways Panel and the reconstitution of the panels.

122/2023 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. Discussion was held around the strimming of the Rafted Path. Clerk to contact BDC to see if there is a better way of doing this. There was also discussion around a branch on the bridge over the River Blackwater. Discussion was also held around the disabled access and the issue with the mobility scooter accessing the community centre.

123/2023 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 will be ratified at the next face to face meeting. The applications include: The Tree House, London Road, Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility, Feering Lodge Barns and Heathersett Spa Road.

124/2023 Highways & Transport

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

Cllr Evans submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council to Deadline 6 regarding Hinds Bridge and Gore Pitt Corner. General arrangement plans and PRoW plans have been redone by National Highways. ECC has listed all sites that they want included which

includes the sites requested by FPC. Prested Hall will be dealt with at the next hearing. Cllr Evans to request to speak at the next hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Lees mentioned the cycle path along the A12 but this is a National Highways issue. Discussion was held around the signs which are missing and a number were mentioned to be passed to Cllr Thorogood.

- iv *Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village*

The clerk informed the Councillors that the speedwatch group have been active.

125/2023 To elect a Vice-Chair

A nomination was received for Cllr Pam Carlaw. After discussion it was **agreed** Cllr Carlaw be appointed as Vice-Chair. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor

126/2023 To appoint members to serve on Committees, Working Parties and Outside Bodies

- i *Planning Working Group*

This was **agreed** to be deferred to the next meeting.

- ii *Internet Banking Authorisers / Signatories*

It was **resolved** that Cllr Mitchell be appointed to the Internet Banking authorisers / signatories Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lees.

- iii *Environmental Working Party*

Cllr McCarthy has confirmed that he is happy to be appointed to this working party.

- iv *External Communications*

It was **resolved** that Cllr Mitchell be appointed to the External Communications group

- v *Playing Field Management Working Party*

It was **resolved** that Cllr Taylor be appointed to the Playing Field Management working party

- vi *Strategic Growth Working Party*

It was **resolved** that Cllr Lees be appointed to the Strategic Growth working party

- vii *Bradwell Quarry Liaison Committee / Flood Alleviation Scheme*

Cllr Evans informed Council that the Bradwell Quarry Liaison Committee have said that Feering Parish Council should not be represented.

127/2023 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 K Evans*

Report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

- ii *PRoW & Cycleway Committee*

No report received.

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

Report was circulated before to the meeting and noted.

- iv *IWMF Rivenhall Airfield Site Liaison Committee*

No report received.

- v *Bradwell Quarry / Flood Alleviation Scheme from Cllr Evans*

No report received.

128/2023 Community Centre Maintenance

- i *To discuss ongoing Community Centre Maintenance need to be undertaken by the Parish Council and agree any actions to be taken*

Discussion was held around the clearing of the rear loft. It was **agreed** to accept the clerk's recommendation to accept quote 2 and to arrange for this to be undertaken as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Discussion was also held around removing the loft ladder at the front of the centre.

- ii *To discuss and agree the setting up of a maintenance committee for Feering Community Centre*

After discussion it was **agreed** that this be deferred until after the FCC AGM on 24 July to confirm the members.

129/2023 Training

- i *To agree attendance at the EALC Annual General Meeting*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Clerk should attend the EALC Annual General Meeting as Feering Parish Council's representatives. Proposed by Cllr Lees Seconded by Cllr Taylor. It was **agreed** that a further councillor representative would be discussed at the next meeting.

- ii *To discuss and agree whether Councillors should attend the EALC Councillor Training Sessions*

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllrs Carlaw, Taylor, Warwick and Mitchell should attend Training sessions.

- iii *To agree the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Planning Summit regarding crucial planning updates for Clerks*

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend this session. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Evans.

130/2023 Grant Applications

- i *To update on grant applications*

The Clerk informed the council the Community Ownership Fund was only available to organisations where the facility would be lost without the funding and should be applied for by the organisation taking the lead in the works.

The Clerk also informed Council that an extension had been agreed with Enovert until October to undertake the loft installation.

The Clerk also informed Council that the BDC grant is still live for the bike shelter and the Environmental working group signage.

131/2023 Feering Master Planning

- i *To agree strategy for Crown Estates master planning.*

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

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

Nothing to update.

- iii *S106 Monies for Allotments*

Nothing further heard from National Association of Allotments. Clerk to chase.

- iv *Lady Meadow*

Nothing to update.

- v *Bloor Homes – Attenuation Basin*

After discussion it was **agreed** to write to BDC (Chris Paggi) regarding this issue asking when the attenuation basins should be completed and where in the planning decision this was noted.

132/2023 Village Green

The clerk informed Councillors that title plan has been received and we are now waiting for the final transfer documents to be received which can then be signed and the transfer undertaken.

133/2023 Resolution to exclude public and press

It was resolved to exclude public and press. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Mitchell

134/2023 Feering Community Centre

- i *To discuss report from FCC and decide on most appropriate strategy moving forward*

After discussion it was **agreed** to put forward Trustees as requested. A meeting to be held with the FCC after the AGM to set out a management plan Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

- ii *To agree members to serve on the FCC Trustees.*

It was **resolved** that Cllrs McCartney be appointed to the FCC Trustees as the FPC Representatives.

135/2023 Items for Next Agenda

- i Planning Working Group members
- ii Strategy for the Crown Estates Master Planning.
- iii EALC AGM representation

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.26 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Paul Lees

18 July 2023