



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr P Carlaw Cllr S Taylor

Cllr B McCartney Cllr K Evans arrived at 19.03

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr P Thorogood (ECC/BDC)

Members of the Public: 0

223/2023 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their work over the past year.

224/2023 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E Mitchell. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies. Proposed by Cllr Lees seconded by Cllr McCartney

225/2023 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr McCartney declared an interest in item 236/2023(I) and (ii) as a resident on the Bloor estate.

226/2023 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21 November 2023 were **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

227/2023 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 public in attendance.

228/2023 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 November 2023 and 2022/23 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation for November was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr McCartney, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

- ii *To agree payments for December 2023 (to be circulated prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all December payments be made. Proposed by Cllr McCartney, seconded by Cllr Carlaw.

229/2023 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood reported the following at the meeting:

Braintree District Council ("BDC") – Cllr Thorogood updated on a motion having a community development plan showing how funds are distributed across Braintree, which was accepted; Cllr Thorogood has asked for BDC to look into why Colchester are

producing 100 tonne of rubbish per household less than Braintree. It was also discussed that there should be more education around what can be recycled.

Essex County Council ("ECC") – Cllr Thorogood gave an update on motion by Labour to make the introduction of 20mph zones easier, the majority party voted against the motion and the motion was rejected; Boundary review taking place which will affect Cressing leaving the Braintree Eastern division with Silver End joining as well as Bradwell and Pattiswick. The Rivenhall IWMF will be purely in Braintree Eastern and will involve two County Councillors going forward; Rivenhall IWMF – involvement of independent air quality monitoring with Essex University, which is very expensive. There may be inset money (similar to S106 monies) available to use for the air quality. A lengthy discussion was held around the issue

230/2023 Feering Master Planning

i Bloor Homes – Attenuation Basin

Discussion was held around the situation with the attenuation basin. The Clerk is preparing a file to send over to the enforcement officer and planning officer with details of issues. It was discussed that the large attenuation basin is currently full of water. There is no life buoy or "danger deep-water sign". However there was a life buoy and deep-water sign on the small attenuation basin. It was discussed that we could ask for the risk assessment from Bloor regarding the attenuation basins.

ii Bloor Homes – Hemlock Issue

Hemlock is throughout the site, not just at the playground. A second opinion has been sought from the horticulturalist who lives on Bloor. Crown Estates have also taken some of the plant away to confirm whether it is indeed Hemlock. The Clerk has also put-up signs on the playpark to warn residents.

Cllr Thorogood left the meeting at 19.40

231/2023 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted.

232/2023 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. Cllr Evans updated on the following applications: 30 November discussion meeting – Essex Planning Officers Association Parking Guidance Consultation for Essex; Earls Colne Neighbourhood Plan; 23/02686/ELD – 40 Hunt Close.*

233/2023 Highways & Transport

- i VTAG report . To consider Council's position regarding the VTAG Group*
Nothing to update.
- ii A12 to A120 widening - A12 Highways England Statutory Consultation*
Nothing to update
- iii Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC*
Nothing raised.
- iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village*
Nothing to update.

234/2023 Committee and Representatives Report

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

i *FCC Trustees Meeting*

No report received.

ii *PRoW & Cycleway Committee*

No report received. Letters sent to residents around Footpath 15 and 14 asking to be cut. Highways England to be made aware of the damage to the accommodation bridge on footpath 18 following their works.

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

Report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

iv *IWMF Rivenhall Airfield Site Liaison Committee and consideration of an additional representative at the Committee Meetings*

No report received.

235/2023 Meeting Dates Schedule for 2024

After discussion the meeting date schedule for 2024 was **agreed**.

236/2023 Grant Applications

i *To update on grant applications*

Nothing to update.

237/2023 Village Green

i *Update on Village Green transfer*

Nothing to update

238/2023 D-Day 80 Celebrations

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would not purchase a beacon but that we would look at ways to commemorate the event.

239/2023 Resolution to exclude public and press

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

240/2023 Feering Community Centre

i *To consider and discuss Feering Community Centre and to agree next steps and budget implications.*

Cllr Carlaw left the meeting at 20.54 and returned at 20.56.

After discussion it was **agreed** that subject to satisfactory due diligence of the community centre finances the Parish Council will work with the FCC to secure the community asset. A meeting to be arranged as soon as possible to start discussions. An extra meeting will be called for the Parish Council on 30 January for finalisation of the budget and precept.

241/2023 Items for Next Agenda

i RCCE Housing Officer

- ii Open spaces action plan
- iii Environmental Working Group

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.33 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

16 January 2024

Paul Lees