



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Carlaw (Chair) Cllr E Mitchell Cllr B Palmer
Cllr I Giles Cllr J Spencer

Also Present: Lisa Collins –Clerk
Members of the Public: 0

071/2025 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

072/2025 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr K Evans. It was **agreed** that these apologies be accepted. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer

073/2025 Declaration of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were received.

074/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 March 2025 were **agreed**. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

075/2025 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.

076/2025 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2025 and 2024/25 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation and budget account for March 2025 was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Palmer.

- ii *To agree payments for April 2025 (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- iii *To review and agree Direct Debit and Standing Order payments for 2025-26*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all Direct Debits and Standing Orders for the financial year 2025-26 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Palmer.

077/2025 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Thorogood and Cllr Finch both gave apologies for the meeting. A report was submitted before the meeting which was noted.

Essex County Council ("ECC") Update – A12 Update – Cllr Thorogood understands that the Witham MP has been informing constituents that the A12 Widening Scheme is to be postponed, but the announcement has been postponed from May until June; Local Highways Panel – meeting cancelled to allow chairs of Essex LHPs to discuss the future of LHPs.

Braintree District Council ("BDC") Update – Local Plan – A schedule for future Local Plan Sub-Committee meetings has been scheduled. Meetings will consider sites put forward for development following call for sites. Feering will be considered on 5 June 2025 (subject to change).

General News – Devolution – Essex County Council disagree with how the proposed Greater Essex Mayoral authority is set up and the proposals for votes between Southend, Thurrock and Essex, as Essex represents a far greater population than Southend or Thurrock; Rivenhall Incinerator – Indaver have applied for changes to a slew of planning conditions or for them to be deleted. Some relate to increase of hours of operation and noise and access for non-HGV traffic from Woodhouse Lane. Cllr Thorogood mentioned that one of the applications is to delete the condition that the plume from the stack should be invisible which if allowed will industrialise the area of countryside between Kelvedon, Silver End and Coggeshall.

078/2025 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Clerk's mobile should be agreed as option 3. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Palmer

079/2025 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. A meeting was held on 24 March 2025.

At the meeting the following applications were discussed: 25/00439/FUL – ex Police Houses, London Road; National Grid – Norwich to Tilbury route and pylons; 25/00505/HH – 61 Feering Hill; 25/00459/HH – Chandlers, Inworth Road; 24/02658/FUL – Solar Farm East of Littlebury and Feeringbury Manor.

080/2025 Highways & Transport

- i *VTAG report*
No report received.
- ii *A12 to A120 widening - A12 Highways England Statutory Consultation*
Nothing to report. This was raised in Cllr Thorogood's report.
- iii *Councillors to discuss any issues to report regarding Transport / Refuse to BDC and/or ECC*
Nothing to report
- iv *Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village*
Nothing to report.

081/2025 Committee and Representatives Report

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

i *PRoW & Cycleway Working Group*

No report received.

ii *IWMF Rivenhall Airfield Site Liaison Committee – Cllr Carlaw*

No report received.

iii *Playing Field Committee*

The report was circulated before the meeting. After discussion it was **agreed** that the signage was not necessary for the byelaws or the MUGA.

iv RCCE Membership Even – Cllr J Spencer

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

082/2025 Pant and Blackwater – Restoration Plan

After discussion it was **agreed** that a response be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council

083/2025 Grant Applications

Nothing to update

084/2025 Handyman / Grass Cutting Contract

Discussed as part of the Clerk's report.

085/2025 Feering Master Planning

i *To update on Crown Master Planning (if available)*

A meeting has been arranged with Essex County Council Education department. We are currently awaiting confirmation of a date for a meeting with BDC planning officers and an email has been sent to NHS ICB to request a meeting. However no response has been received to date.

086/2025 Annual Assembly / Annual Report

It was **agreed** that the format remain the same as last year and that we would ask Simon Garwood to present the community awards.

087/2025 Policy Review

GDPR Policy

After discussion it was **agreed** that the revised Data Protection and Privacy Policy be adopted subject to the minor amendments made to the document. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Mitchell.

088/2025 Allotments

After discussion it was **agreed** that subject to the few amendments made, the new contract for all tenancy holders be adopted and circulated to all holders before 1 June 2025. Proposed Cllr Mitchell, seconded Cllr Palmer.

089/2025 Housing Needs Survey

After discussion it was **agreed** that a Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken as the previous survey was undertaken just under 10 years ago. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

090/2025 BDC Call for Sites – Further Sites

After discussion it was **agreed** an objection response would be sent in response to this further site. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Mitchell

091/2025 Action Plan / 5 Year Plan

Discussion was held around the document and amendments to be made and comments to be submitted by 23 April. This will then be presented at the Annual Assembly as a work in progress document and ask for feedback and thoughts.

092/2025 Tree Works

Following confirmation from the Tree Warden that two of the three trees on the playing field are dead, after discussion it was **confirmed** that the two trees and cages on the playing field would be removed and not replaced. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Mitchell.

093/2025 Village Green

After discussion it was **agreed** to defer this to the next meeting. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Palmer

094/2025 Items for Next Agenda

- i Greater Essex Devolution
- ii Housing Needs Survey
- iii Standing Order / Financial Regulations Review
- iv Action Plan / 5 Year Plan
- v Village Green

095/2025 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.27 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

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Pam Carlaw

20 May 2025