



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL

held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 20 May 2025 immediately following the Annual Meeting

In attendance: Cllr P Carlaw (Chair) Cllr J Spencer Cllr B Palmer
Cllr I Giles Cllr N Warwick

Also Present: Lisa Collins –Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

104/2025 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

105/2025 Apologies for Absence

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

106/2025 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.

107/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15 April 2025 were **agreed**. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Palmer.

108/2025 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.

109/2025 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 April 2025 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation and budget account for April 2025 was **approved**. It was also **agreed** that the detailed payments schedule be used going forward. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Palmer.

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

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

110/2025 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 – National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Pylons – National Grid have reviewed all consultation responses and will shortly publish its report. They will be contacting landowners to finalise plans for the project and will undertake

geophysical surveys to create maps of subsurface archaeological findings over the next 6 months. There will be a 6-month examination period once the DCO application has been accepted and a 3-month period for the Secretary of State to make a decision; Rivenhall Airfield – Deadline date for comments on applications has been extended. Cllr Thorogood has objected on application ESS/23/25/BTE to the deletion of condition 17 (requirement for no visible plume from stack), deletion of condition 39 (19.00 to 23.00 hours noise limit and condition 29 (waste inputs – amend to define waste types allowed to be imported). He has also objected on application ESS/39/BTE/NMA13 that the application pre-empts the decision on changes to the Environment Agency emissions licence which is still being considered by the EA. He also states that as Indaver seems determined to operate the site purely as an incinerator it should be required to seek a new planning approval, rather than piecemeal by way of applications to change or delete conditions

Braintree District Council (“BDC”) Update – Local Plan – Large scale strategic sites will be considered by the sub-Committee on 24 September, and an extra date has been added. These dates are when we will learn whether Kings Dene at Kelvedon and large sites put forward from Old Lane to Elm Lane and the A12 in Feering have been put forward.

111/2025 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. The clerk raised the issue of the EALC’s lack of communications regarding the loss of members of staff. It was discussed that this has been handled very poorly, and we would be keeping an eye on how this affects our membership going forward.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Managed Detection and Response Monitoring software be deployed as per suggestion from our IT Support Consultants. Proposed by Cllr Palmer seconded by Cllr Giles

112/2025 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 28 April and 14 May 2025.

At the 28 April meeting the following applications were discussed: Various applications for Land at Rivenhall Airfield was deferred to the next meeting; 25/00772/TPO – Amberley, Rye Mill Lane; 25/00733/REM – deferred to the next meeting; 23/00816/OUT and APP/Z1510/W/25/3359441 – Land at Cranes Lane appeal; Bloor Homes Traffic Regulation Order; 25/00775/HH – Cherry Tree House, Coggeshall Road, Feering.

At the 14 May meeting the following applications were discussed: Various applications for Land at Rivenhall Airfield was deferred to the next meeting; 25/00733/REM – Land North of London Road, Kelvedon; ESS/28/25/BTE and ESS/31/25/BTE – Land forming part of Rivenhall Airfield (Greenhouses); Bloor Homes Traffic Regulation Order; 25/00927/TPOCON – Little Patches, Worlds End Lane; 25/01031/TPOCON – Little Patches, Worlds End Lane; 25/00776/LBC – 18 Feering Hill.

113/2025 Highways & Transport

- i *VTAG report*
No report received.
- ii *A12 to A120 widening - A12 Highways England Statutory Consultation*
Nothing to 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.

114/2025 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*

No report received.

- iv Essex Devolution – Cllr E Mitchell and Cllr B Palmer

A report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

- v RCCE Membership Event – Cllr J Spencer

Nothing further to update

115/2025 Grant Applications

- i Update on grant applications

The Clerk confirmed that the application for a grant for new Front Doors to Enover had been successful and was now registered.

- ii To consider and agree to sign the Agreement from Enover for the front door project

After discussion it was agreed that the Agreement from Enover should be signed and the 10% contribution fee paid. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Palmer.

116/2025 Handyman / Grass Cutting Contract

Discussed as part of the Clerk's report.

117/2025 Feering Master Planning

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

The final community panel was held on 15 May at the Community Centre. Cllr Evans attended and circulated a report. Discussion was held around the village hub and its location. Cllr Evans is also attending the BDC Members Forum meeting regarding the application and a note from this will be circulated in due course.

118/2025 Feedback from Annual Assembly

Discussion was held around the Annual Assembly. Community Awards were a success. Not as many people as we would have liked. It was **agreed** that the meeting be moved to the beginning of March 2026.

119/2025 Training

- i To consider and agree Councillor Training for Cllr Ian Giles on 5 and 12 June

After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Giles should attend the training at a cost of £250. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw Seconded by Cllr Spencer.

- ii To consider and agree the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Essex Branch Annual General Meeting

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should attend the SLCC AGM on 17 June 2025 at a cost of £27. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Spencer.

120/2025 Action Plan / 5 Year Plan

It was discussed that the Action Plan had been mentioned in the Annual Report. Amendments were made to the plan. It was **agreed** that the plan be adopted and used as a working document. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Spencer

121/2025 Tree Works

It was noted that information had been put in the Parish Magazine and on the Parish Council website and no comments had been received from residents. It was therefore discussed that the work should take place as soon as possible.

122/2025 Village Green

After discussion it was **agreed** to defer this to the next meeting.

123/2025 Items for Next Agenda

- i Essex Devolution
- ii Village Green
- iii Housing Needs Survey
- iv Approval of year end finances.

124/2025 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.37 and thanked everyone for attending.

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Pam Carlaw

17 June 2025