



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Carlaw (Chair) Cllr K Evans Cllr B Palmer
Cllr I Giles Cllr J Maddison (after co-option)

Also Present: Lisa Collins –Clerk Cllr P Thorogood (BDC and ECC Cllr M Finch (BDC Councillor)
Councillor)

Members of the Public: 0

169/2025 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Carlaw thanks Cllr Evans for chairing the last few meetings.

170/2025 Apologies for Absence

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

171/2025 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.

172/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

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

173/2025 To approve the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting offering Parish Council

After discussion, the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 12 August 2025 were agreed. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

174/2025 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 in attendance

175/2025 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 July 2025 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- ii *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2025 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

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

- iii *To retrospectively agree payments for August 2025 (circulated prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all August payments be retrospectively approved. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw seconded by Cllr Palmer

- iv *To agree payments for September 2025 (circulated before the meeting)*

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

176/2025 Street Lights – Unmetered Supply Contract

After discussion it was **agreed** that the renewal of the contract with SSE from February 2026 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw seconded by Cllr Giles. It was also discussed that we would try to check the amount of electricity used by the street lights.

177/2025 Co-option of Councillors

After discussion it was **agreed** to co-opt Jane Maddison to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Palmer. Cllr Maddison signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor.

178/2025 Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Finch and Cllr Thorogood submitted a report before the meeting which was noted.

Braintree District Council (“BDC”) Update: Local Plan Draft Review – during the summer a large number of “small sites” were considered by BDC’s Local Plan Committee for potential inclusion of the revised Local Plan. Need to find about 10,000 houses still Most proposed sites were rejected as unsuitable. Larger sites (over 500) will be considered in late September / Early October, with Kelvedon being reviewed on 6 October; Pylons – The Development Consent Order has been submitted to Government and will be decided by the Secretary of State following public examination which is expected to last 6 months during 2026. The pylons will have an impact on Feering and Kelvedon with haul roads and compounds built across the countryside; Local Government Review (“LGR”) – BDC will be holding two meetings in September to consider the various bids for LGR in Essex. The Government will conduct a public consultation on options and the Mayor of Essex election will be held on Thursday 7 May 2026 with the Unitary Authorities to take place in May 2027 and possibly County Council elections in May 2026; New bin System – Residents are due to get letters from BDC in the autumn stating whether they will be on a “standard” or non-standard” bin system when the arrangement comes into place in the Summer of 2026. Standard is three wheelie bins plus a green bin for those who subscribe. Non-standard will take into account the 15% of properties who do not have space for the extra bins. Recycling calendars to be reinstated.

Essex County Council (“ECC”) Update – Rivenhall Waste Incinerator – This has now started burning following weeks of testing. There have been visible steam and black smoke. There is a planning enforcement case which has been opened by ECC due to the commissioning without the “integrated” facility that planning permission was granted for and requests for a “call-in” of the applications have been made due to ECC sending all the County black bin waste to the site. Two current public consultations in regard to the incinerator by the

Environment Agency (<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/co5-9df-indaver-rivenhall-limited-epr-cp3906lp-v3/>).

179/2025 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted following discussion.

180/2025 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 20 August 2025.

The following applications were discussed: 25/01671/HH – Brooks Barn, Little Tey Road, Feering; 25/01781/TPO – 3 Franklin Gate, London Road, Feering; 25/01758/HH – 40 Feering Hill, Feering; 25/01808/TPO – 3 Barnfield, Feering.

181/2025 Highways & Transport

- i *VTAG report*

No report received. It was **agreed** that this can now be removed from the agenda.

- ii *A12 to A120 widening - A12 Highways England Statutory Consultation*

Nothing further to report. It was **agreed** that this item could be removed from the Agenda.

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

Cllr Evans pointed out that the bus timetables at the bus stop by Huws and Gray is incorrect as it shows the route to Tollesbury.

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

Cllr Carlaw pointed out that the new SID is 'delightful'.

182/2025 Feering Master Planning

It was noted that a date for a meeting with The Crown Estate and Councillors has been pencilled in for Thursday 16 October with a Community Engagement Panel to follow that evening before submission of the application to BDC is made.

183/2025 Essex Devolution

Cllr Thorogood's report discussed this. The Clerk informed councillors that she had received a set of slides from the BDC Community Support Panel last week that she would circulate.

184/2025 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 Evans*

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

- iii *Playing Field Working Group*

The report was circulated before the meeting and noted. It was **agreed** that we undertake the repairs to the wet pour, rockers and roundabout. Proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Carlaw. It was further **agreed** that we take out a contract with Reliant

Leisure to undertake a 6 monthly maintenance inspection in November and May. Proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr Giles.

Cllrs Finch and Thorogood left the meeting at 20.34.

iv Martyn's Law Report

A report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

185/2025 Portable Toilet for Playing Field

After discussion and consideration of the advice received from the Design Out Crime Officer at Essex Police it was reluctantly **agreed** that this facility would not be offered. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Maddison.

186/2025 Office Door Quote

After consideration it was **agreed** that the quote Q10683 be accepted, and the door should be replaced to enhance the fire rating and security for staff. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Palmer. It was also **agreed** that we would ask Cllr Finch whether there were any available funds for grant towards this.

187/2025 Grant Applications

i Update on grant applications

Nothing to update. It was discussed that we would look at putting in an application for a grant for curtains and windows through Indaver and Enover.

188/2025 Handyman / Grass Cutting Contract

This was discussed as part of the Clerk's report.

189/2025 Handyman and Grass and Verges Cutting Contract 2026-2029

After discussion it was **agreed** subject to the changes discussed and circulation of the documents to the Handyman Specification and this be circulated for tender. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Giles. It was further **agreed** that subject to the changes discussed and circulation of the documents to the Grass Cutting, Verge cutting specification and this be circulated for tender. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Giles.

190/2025 Policy Reviews

i *To consider and adopt the IT Policy*

After discussion it was **agreed**, subject to amendments the policy be adopted. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Maddison.

191/2025 Housing Needs Survey

It was noted that the Housing Needs Survey has now been distributed throughout the parish. Thanks were given to Councillors who had helped with the distribution of the Survey throughout the Parish.

192/2025 Tree Works

i To update on Tree Works

No update on the walk around with the Tree Surgeon yet.

ii To note the update on the Packhorse Bridge Society tree works

It was noted that part of the Willow Tree has been removed by an unknown Tree Surgeon but that the Ash and the removal of the Willow has not yet been undertaken. 3 quotes were requested for the Willow work by Kelvedon PC which will be discussed at the next meeting.

193/2025 Village Green

After discussion it was **agreed** to obtain more quotes for low level fencing / post and chair or rope fencing and bring them back to the next meeting.

194/2025 Items for Next Agenda

- i Christmas Banners
- ii Village Green
- iii Community Centre Update

195/2025 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

21 October 2025

Pam Carlaw