



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 9 December 2025 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Carlaw (Chair) Cllr K Evans Cllr J Spencer
 Cllr I Giles Cllr J Maddison

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

245/2025 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

246/2025 Apologies for Absence

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

Apologies for Absence were noted from Cllr P Thorogood (District and County Councillor and Cllr C Finch (District Councillor). The Parish Council sent their best wishes to Cllr Finch for quick recovery from her injury and season's greetings to both councillors with thanks for their input throughout the year.

247/2025 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr Giles declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 255/2025.

248/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the amendments to the minutes of 21 October 2025 were approved and the minutes were signed. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Maddison.

Following further discussion, the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18 November 2025 were **agreed** subject to the minor amendments. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Giles.

249/2025 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

250/2025 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 November 2025 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated prior to meeting).*

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

ii *To agree Payments for December 2025 (circulated before meeting)*

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

251/2025 Report from District / County Councillor

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

County Council ("ECC") Update – Members Nomination Scheme – Cllr Thorogood asked that any pothole, missing or damaged signs or bollards which have been reported be notified so that he can put these through the Members Nomination Scheme. The Clerk had notified of a tree root on Coggeshall Road, where a resident had tripped; Local Highways Panel – ECC Full Council meeting being held on Tuesday 9 December. Cllr Thorogood has proposed a motion calling for the resurrection of the LHP process or an alternative scheme to submit new safety schemes / traffic measures as ECC winds down towards LGR. Quarries/Minerals – Cllr Thorogood has had an update regarding the site allocation methodology. The current intention is to publish a preferred approach version of the plan in Summer 2026 for consultation. Regarding King's Dene and the mineral plan ECC will keep in communication with Braintree regarding the matter. Housing does not necessarily trump minerals and the mineral that is there should not be sterilised; Incinerator – The application for the greenhouses to be constructed is expected to be submitted in December.

Braintree District Council ("BDC") Update – Local Plan – Officers at BDC are still considering the Kings Dene proposals. They are waiting for the results of strategic modelling work to come back in January, which Cllr Thorogood is hopeful will confirm that Kings Dene is not viable without the A12 and A120 strategic upgrades. KAUS – still looking to raise funding to appoint a transport consultant to undertake a Targeted Transport Review for Kings Dene. The review will also look at the impact of the 600 houses at Coggeshall Road on the Station / High Street junction and local roads if the 600 houses are allocated to the Local Plan alone; Crown Estates – They are due to submit the planning application for 850 houses in Feering this month; Bins – Residents have been receiving letters from BDC to explain which type of collection they will get from June 2026.

252/2025 Clerk's Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted following discussion. It was also discussed that the grant to Enover for new Windows, Doors and Curtains in the main hall had been submitted, but they only accept one application per year, so we need to re-submit in February 2026. It was proposed by Cllr Carlaw and seconded by Cllr Giles that support be given to Feering School for better signage outside the school.

253/2025 Planning Matters

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 1 December 2025.

The following applications were discussed: 25/02484/TPO – Feering Vicarage, 11 Feering Hill; 25/02518/HH – 1 Prested Hall Cottages, London Road; 25/02588/HH – 13 Feering Hill.

It was noted that the appeal to the Secretary of State in relation to the Marquee at Prested Hall had been refused.

254/2025 Essex Devolution

After discussion around the Local Government Reorganisation, it was **agreed** that the response would be delegated to the Planning Working Party and discussed at the meeting to be held on 6 January 2026, which all Councillors have been invited to. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Maddison.

255/2025 Feering Community Centre – Changing Room

After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the quotation from SLS Projects, and the work be undertaken to the changing room to provide more storage space. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Evans.

256/2025 Meeting Dates

After discussion, it was **agreed** that the schedule of meeting dates for 2026 be approved. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Maddison

257/2025 Items for the Next Agenda

- i Social Media / Communications Officer proposal
- ii Village green
- iii Feering Community Centre drains

258/2025 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Pam Carlaw

20 January 2026