



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 7.30 pm**

**In attendance:** Cllr P Carlaw (Chair)                      Cllr K Evans                      Cllr J Spencer  
Cllr N Warwick

**Also Present:** Lisa Collins - Clerk                      Cllr P Thorogood (BDC and  
ECC Councillor)

Members of the Public: 0

**027/2026 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**028/2026 Apologies for Absence**

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

**029/2026 Declaration of Interest**

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

Cllr Evans noted that she is attending the KAUS meetings as a resident.

**030/2026 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**

Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 20 January 2026 were agreed subject to the small amendment. Proposed by Cllr Spencer, seconded by Cllr Carlaw.

**031/2026 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

**032/2026 Finance**

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2026 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated prior to meeting).*

After discussion the bank reconciliation and budget account for January 2026 was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Spencer.

- ii *To agree Payments for February 2026 (circulated before meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all February payments be made. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Carlaw.

- iii To consider and agree Braintree Street Scene Partnership Agreement for 2026/2027

After discussion it was **agreed** to continue with the BDC Street Scene Partnership Agreement and that this should be signed and returned. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Warwick.

- iv To consider and agree quote for laptop for Communications Officer, if required.

After discussion it was **agreed** that the quotation for the laptop be approved. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Warwick.

### 033/2026 Report from District / County Councillor

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

Braintree District Council ("BDC") Update – Outline Planning Application for Crown Estates – the submitted report gave a detailed report on the outline planning application, with their summary of key concerns and recommended action; A verbal update was given around the Draft Local Plan and the Regulation 18 Consultation which should start on 19 February but BDC are waiting for a sustainability assessment. Plan is being rushed through because there is a new process from January 2027 which will mean that the plan has to be started again. Waste changes – bins are being rolled out now. Bottle banks will stay in place until there is data to show that they are no longer needed. Budget update – went through. Being propped up with a small amount of reserves. There is a £2.2m black hole coming down the line in the next couple of years.

County Council ("ECC") Update – Discussion was held around the Rivenhall Incinerator, including the application for the greenhouses, they will be quite visible for local residents; There is a current campaign by a Stisted group to set up air quality monitors through Purple Air, but it is unclear whether the data is acceptable to the Environment agency. PT is looking at accredited companies but this is a lot more expensive. Local Highways Panel was supposed to take place in January was cancelled due to lack of business, although PT has a lot of issues to discuss. Next one in March but suspect this will also be cancelled. Budget – This has been agreed for this year there is a funding gap of £6 million and over the next two years there will be a deficit of £110m for the first year and £279m for the second year. Discussion was held around the charging by libraries for reserving books.

### 034/2026 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted following discussion. Discussion was held around the KAUS request for financial support, whether we would be prepared to put a poster on the notice board, whether the Parish Council would be willing to pay the fees for the traffic assessment in order to claim back the VAT, whether the Parish Council would like any help from the Traffic consultant regarding the Crown Estate Plans. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had already discussed funding in a previous meeting and agreed that we would not contribute to a pressure group, we would also not be prepared to have a poster on the Parish Council noticeboard. Discussion was held around whether the Parish Council would like any assistance from the KAUS traffic consultant. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the meeting to discuss the outline planning application.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Spencer and the Clerk should attend the HR Essentials for Councils. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Evans.

## 035/2026 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. Meetings were held on 28 January and 11 February 2026.

The following applications were discussed at the 28 January meeting: 25/02887/TPO – 5 Willow Gardens; 25/02891/TPO – Amberley, Rye Mill Lane; ESS/28/25/BTE – Rivenhall Airfield, Bradwell Quarry – Greenhouses; ESS/31/25/BTE – Bradwell Quarry, Church Road; Toppesfield Parish Council draft Neighbourhood Plan; 26/00108/HH – 1 Langley Farm Cottages – Deferred to next meeting.

The following was discussed at the 11 February meeting: 26/00108/HH – 1 Langley Farm Cottages. All other applications were deferred to the next meeting.

## 036/2026 Kings Dene

The report from Cllr Carlaw relating to the presentation on 2 February was circulated before the meeting and noted. Discussion was held around the viability of the projects and that the costs for the infrastructure could stop the project.

## 037/2026 Highways & Transport

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

A12 VTAG there are questions around whether this should continue. There is an amount of money and discussion was held around what should be done with this. As the DCO is still in place, it was discussed that the money should be kept until the DCO expires.

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

After discussion it was agreed that a new pole would be purchased for the old SID at a cost of £150.

## 038/2026 Feering Crown Master Planning

The outline planning application has been received from Braintree District Council. No meeting has yet been held to discuss this as there are a lot of documents to get through. Discussion was held about the planning statement which shows most of the information needed. A meeting date will be arranged shortly.

## 039/2026 Essex Devolution

Although not related to Devolution, it was noted that County Council elections will be held on 7 May and that Cllr Thorogood will be standing for re-election.

## 040/2026 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. No meeting

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

No meeting taken place.

- iii *Playing Field Working Group – Cllr J Spencer*

Report circulated before meeting and noted. It was proposed that the use of the small field by Feering Falcons be **agreed**. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Carlaw.

i) *To agree the Terms of Reference*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Terms of Reference be approved. Proposed Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Carlaw

ii) *To agree the Standard Terms of Hire*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Standard Terms of Hire be approved. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Carlaw

iv) *BALC – Cllr Carlaw*

Report circulated before meeting and noted. Next Meeting in April. Discussion was held around the LHPs chair.

v) *Feering Community Centre Report*

No report received.

i) *To agree quote for repair to disabled toilet*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the quote for the repair be accepted and the work undertaken. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Warwick.

**041/2026 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was noted that BDC Waste department were unable to provide someone to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Discussion was held around asking RCCE to discuss the Housing Needs Survey. Invitations to the Annual Parish Meeting have been sent out. Discussion was held around the Community Awards, and two candidates were agreed to receive the awards.

**042/2026 Packhorse Bridge Weir**

Discussion was held around the meeting with Kelvedon Parish Council and the response received from Essex Wildlife Trust. It was **agreed** a meeting should be held but that Essex Wildlife Trust, E&S Water, Packhorse Bridge Society and the Environment agency should be present. The meeting may be more appropriate in April / May. No agreement to the structural engineer at this point. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded, Cllr Spencer

**043/2026 Grant Applications**

Update on grant applications

i) *To consider quote for front doors and to agree which option to proceed with*

Cllr Thorogood left the meeting at 21.17

After discussion it was **agreed** that we hold an extra-ordinary meeting on 24 February to discuss and agree the proposal once a further quotation has been received. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Evans

ii) *To consider funding for Rabbit Fencing from the FA foundation*

It was discussed that the Parish Council has not heard from Feering Falcons regarding this proposal. Deferred to next meeting.

**044/2026 Handyman / Grass Cutting Contract**

This was discussed under the Clerk's report.

**045/2026 Allotments S106 Contribution**

The Clerk informed council that BDC were focusing on publishing their community Asset transfer policy to confirm the process of asset transfer.

#### 046/2026 Tree Works

- i To update on Tree Works

The clerk confirmed that the trees in the wooded area had been removed as a matter of urgency. The Tree Surgeon has also confirmed that work is required on the oak tree on Taylors Field. After discussion, it was **agreed** that this work be carried out. The cost of £550 plus VAT was approved. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

#### 047/2026 Village Green

Discussion was held around the bollards and that they should be dug in by hand. After discussion it was **agreed** to contact the contractor and ask them how they were planning to dig the bollards in.

#### 048/2026 Items for the Next Agenda

- i A12 VTAG
- ii Annual Parish Meeting feedback
- iii Housing Needs Survey
- iv Rabbit Fencing
- v Village Green

#### 049/2026 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.47 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

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Pam Carlaw

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