



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL

held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 19 May 2026 immediately following the Annual Council Meeting

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

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

110/2026 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

111/2026 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr K Evans, Cllr N Warwick and Cllr E Mitchell. It was **agreed** that these apologies be accepted. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Maddison. Apologies were also noted from Cllrs Paul Thorogood and Milli Finch.

112/2026 Declaration of Interest

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

No declarations of interest received.

113/2026 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 21 April 2026 were approved. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Spencer.

114/2026 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 present.

115/2026 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 April 2026 and 2025/26 budget account (circulated prior to meeting).*

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

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

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

- iii *To consider and agree the Service Level Agreement for the Paid Vegetation Cutting Contract for 2026*

After discussion it was **agreed** that Service Level Agreement be signed by the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

116/2026 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 – Elections – Cllr Thorogood has retained his seat on ECC with Reform UK winning a majority of 53 seats. Peter Harris of Tendring has been chosen as County Council Leader. One of the first things Cllr Harris has announced is the cancellation of the reservation charge at Essex libraries and he has pledged to take legal action against the Government over plans for Local Government Reorganisation.

Braintree District Council ("BDC") Update – Draft Local Plan – Timetable for the draft local plan has been published with dates for LP sub-committee meetings and an extraordinary Full Council Meeting in September to put the LP out for Regulation 19 Public consultation; BDC still waiting for the detailed Essex Highways Report for Kings Dene and Monks Farm. It was noted that Highways have only been asked to look at the impact of 1800 homes because that is what BDC is expecting to be built in the Local Plan up to 2041; New Bins – BDC will continue delivering new containers and write to all households with guidance on using the new service and collection date calendars. Items must be put into the bins loose, not bagged and bin lids must be fully shut; Absorbent Hygiene Products – Applications are now open for collections to start from June 2026 onwards

117/2026 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted following discussion. It was confirmed that the bin cleans are being carried out as part of the Handyman Contract and the contractor will also look at the repairs for the benches which need to be undertaken.

118/2026 Housing Needs Survey

Nothing to update at this time. An email has been sent to Crown Estate and we are waiting for a response to this.

119/2026 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. No meetings have been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Carlaw attended the Planning Members Forum relating to the Care home on the Land North of London Road, Kelvedon. The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

- ii **To receive update on Kings Dene / BDC Local Plan**

Nothing to update. Local Plan currently being reviewed ready for Regulation 19 in the summer. The Planning Working Group will be discussing the Kings Dene application at the next meeting on 21 May.

120/2026 Highways & Transport

- i *A12 VTAG*

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to update. New bins will be in action from beginning of June

iii *Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village*

Discussion was held around where the SIDs would be positioned.

iv *Street Lighting*

Discussion was held around the street lighting for the village and the report for street lighting usage over a 6-month period. It was also confirmed that SSE had confirmed how the supplies are invoiced.

121/2026 Feering Crown Master Planning

To update on planning application number 26/00119/OUT received from Braintree District Council for outline planning permission of 835 homes in Feering.

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent the email received from Essex County Council regarding the Road Safety Audits to Mathew Wilde, BDC Planning Officer. Mathew Wilde has confirmed that the Applicant has been asked by ECC to provide a road safety audit for all new proposed junctions and that the work is ongoing. ECC have also advised that the traffic modelling needs updating. He has confirmed that once all information is received there is likely to be a re-consultation with the Parish Council and members of the public who have comment on the application so far.

They would also like to set up a meeting about the S106 for the site, specifically relating to the ownership / management of the new civic and open spaces, play equipment and sports facilities. It was confirmed that a meeting should be arranged with Cllr's Carlaw, Evans and Spencer attending together with the Clerk.

122/2026 Essex Devolution

Nothing further to update from Cllr Thorogood's report.

123/2026 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.

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

No report received.

iii *Playing Field Working Group – Cllr J Spencer*

No report received.

iv *BALC – Cllr Carlaw*

No report received.

v *Feering Community Centre Report*

No report received. Update was given on the May Fayre.

124/2026 Action Plan / 5 Year Plan

There was nothing to update on this. Cllr Carlaw still has to undertake the review.

125/2026 Packhorse Bridge Weir

Update was given on discussions with the Bluespaces officer and the weir repairs.

126/2026 Grant Applications

Update on grant applications

It was confirmed that the new front doors have been discussed further and subject to the slight change this work would be undertaken during the summer holidays. It was also discussed that the new windows and doors for the main hall have been invoiced to enable the units to be ordered and this work will be also be undertaken during the summer holidays. The invoices to order the curtains for the Community Centre have also been received and once paid the material will be ordered. It is intended to get the Acorn Room and the Oak Room installed as soon as possible with the remaining curtains in the Main Hall being installed after the new windows and doors have been put in during the Summer Holidays.

- i To update on funding for Rabbit Fencing

Nothing to update on this.

127/2026 Handyman / Grass Cutting Contract

This was discussed under the Clerk's report. It was agreed that this item be removed going forward and the contract be dealt with by the Clerk's report.

128/2026 Allotments S106 Contribution

Nothing to update.

129/2026 Tree Works

- i To update on Tree Works / Survey

Nothing to update on tree works / survey. The Clerk informed Council that a tree on Coggeshall Road has been hit resulting in the removal of a branch. Tree Surgeon has been asked to look at this.

130/2026 Village Green

- i *To update on the installation of posts on Village Green*

Nothing to update. Waiting to hear from Danbury Fencing on installation date.

- ii *To consider and agree request for new posts to be installed at Bridge Meadow.*

After discussion it was agreed that the Council would ask Danbury Fencing to have a look at this and get a cost for replacing the post. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

131/2026 July Meeting Date

After discussion, it was **agreed** that the meeting date would be changed to 28 July. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Maddison.

132/2026 Resolution to exclude public and press

To consider and agree to pass a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meeting) Act 1960 to exclude public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business to be discussed.

After discussion it was **agreed** to exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Proposed by Cllr Carlaw, seconded by Cllr Spencer.

133/2026 Employment Matters

After discussion it was **agreed** to increase the hours of the Communications Officer as per the clerk's recommendation. Proposed Cllr Maddison, seconded Cllr Giles.

134/2026 Items for the Next Agenda

- i Litter picking group

135/2026 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43 and thanked everyone for attending.

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Pam Carlaw

19 May 2026