



Cllr J Giles Cllr N Warwick

Members of the Public: 0

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Maddison. It was **agreed** that these apologies be accepted. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

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

No declarations of interest received. Cllr Carlaw stated that she is a recipient of a payment of the September finances.

- i Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 28 July 2026 were approved. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Evans.
- ii Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the minutes of the reconvened Full Council Meeting held on 6 August 2026 were approved. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes (3 minutes per attendee) will be allowed.

No members of the public present.

i To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 July 2026 and 2026/27 budget account (circulated prior to meeting).

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

ii *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 August 2026 and 2026/27 budget account (circulated prior to meeting).*

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

- iii *To retrospectively agree Payments for August 2026 (circulated prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was retrospectively **agreed** that all August payments be made, the payments having been made in August after email authorisation. Proposed Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Giles.

- iv *To agree Payments for September 2026 (circulated prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all September payments be made. Proposed Cllr Giles, seconded Cllr Warwick.

- v To receive update on the External Audit of the Accounts for 2025/2026

After discussion the External Auditor's report was noted and accepted and action will be taken on this. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Evans.

188/2026 Report from District / County Councillor

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

County Council ("ECC") Update – **Minerals Plan** – Due to new planning regulations there have been further delays and ECC are now expected to announce its preferred sites in the autumn. ECC has been in discussion with BDC about the A47 proposed quarry at Monks Farm and the risk of sterilisation of the quarry should houses be permitted and built first; **Local Highways Panels** – The new administration have announced they are scrapping the LHP system from April 2027. No LHP meetings have been held since the new administration took office in May and none diarised. No decision of the LHP replacement system to introduce new safety schemes. Existing schemes are under review. All highways requests now have to go through Members Enquiries which can take 10 days to reply, as workload has increased significantly. Whilst some potholes have been prioritised, other issues such as footpath repairs and overgrown vegetation have been neglected despite requests; **School Buses** – Parents in Feering are being charged £999 to send their children to Honywood in Coggeshall and unfortunately some children have been left stranded at the New Lane bus stop due to lack of space on the bus. The bus service provider are treating the service as a scheduled service which means members of the public can also use the service. This is because it means they do not have to provide one seat per child and therefore fewer buses and some children can be forced to stand (this would not happen if it was a school bus service). Cllr Thorogood has requested that the school bus service and safeguarding team at ECC investigate.

Braintree District Council ("BDC") Update – **Monks Farm Planning Application** -Further objections have been submitted, particularly in relation to recent information obtained from Anglian Water regarding existing pressure on the local mains network. This raises an important additional concern about whether existing supply has sufficient capacity to accommodate the 600 homes at Monks Farm, alongside the much larger housing growth proposed locally. Essex Highways have withdrawn its previous objection to the application. There are fundamental highway constraints affecting Kelvedon, Feering and Coggeshall which have not disappeared and would generate significant additional traffic onto the already constrained local road network. They are continuing to press both BDC and ECC on these issues; **Local Plan Key Dates** – 9 September was the publication of the latest draft of the Local Plan in the agenda for the Local Plan Sub-Committee. 17 September, the committee will be asked to send the draft plan to full council, 21 September an Extraordinary meeting of BDC full council will be held to send the plan to Regulation 19 public consultation. 23 September Regulation 19 to commence for six weeks and two days. December 2026 BDC extraordinary meeting to agree Local Plan be

submitted to the Planning Inspectorate before 31 December keep the plan under the legacy system.

Cllr Thorogood has no further information regarding the Local Government Reform and Devolution but updated on the current thinking.

189/2026 Clerks Report

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted following discussion. Discussion was held around the Code of Conduct Training and the residents correspondence was raised with Paul Thorogood.

190/2026 Public Participation Comments – 28 July 2026

After discussion it was noted that the comments made by the first member of the public has been responded to and the situation explained and the schedule of works has been put on the website.

The second member of the public's comments were discussed. It was **agreed** that the drains on Coggeshall Road by the railway bridge, would be reported and Cllr Thorogood will escalate this.

191/2026 Housing Needs Survey

A face-to-face meeting will be held with English Rural in October 2026 to continue discussions around the rural exception site.

192/2026 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. Meeting were held on 29 July 2026 and 21 August 2026:

The following applications were discussed at the 29 July meeting: 26/01497/PLD – 106 Feering Hill, Feering; 26/01460/HH and 26/01461/LBC – Cockerells Farm, Skye Green Road, Feering; 26/01366/HH – Alderbrook, Worlds End Lane, Feering;

The following applications were discussed at the 21 August meeting: 26/01633/FUL – Police Houses, London Road, Feering; 26/01575/HH – 106 Feering Hill, Feering; 26/01629/FUL – 31 Feering Hill, Feering; 26/01661/HH – Bridge Barn, Coggeshall Road, Feering.

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

This has been updated by Cllr Thorogood in the District / County Councillor report. Nothing further to add.

193/2026 Highways & Transport

- i *A12 VTAG*

A meeting was held on 24 August 2026.

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

Nothing to report. Cllr Warwick mentioned it had been reported that street lights on The Street are not working and this will be actioned by the Clerk.

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

Discussion around the SID was held as part of the Clerk's report.

Cllr Carlaw reported that they had had a representation from a resident who asked whether there could be a 20s plenty area on Feering Hill. Discussion was held around this and that it was a priority route and would not be allowed, nor is it enforceable.

194/2026 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.

A meeting was held with Braintree District Council around S106 monies and community assets on 24 August. A note of the meeting was circulated, which will form the basis of our response to BDC. A request for the Heads of Terms to be sent to the Clerk will be made. Discussion was also held around the new community centre which has been allocated to Witham Town Council and we will ask for a meeting to discuss the process.

195/2026 Essex Devolution

Local Government Review has been cancelled for Essex but is under review. Devolution is due to continue with Mayoral elections expected to take place.

196/2026 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. Discussion was held around the footpaths, and reports will be submitted to the relevant people for work to be undertaken. It was **agreed** that letters would be sent to residents to ask them to cut back their hedges.

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

No report received.

iii *Playing Field Working Group – Cllr J Spencer*

No report received. Work is still being undertaken for funding for play equipment and rabbit funding.

iv *BALC – Cllr Carlaw*

No report received.

v *Feering Community Centre Report*

No report received. Discussion was held around the AGM which was held on 10 September 2026. Thanks given to Cathy Stewart for all her hard work organising the AGM. Cllr Carlaw invited Priti Patel MP to open the new doors but no response received.

vi *Kelvedon & Feering Health Centre Patient Participation Group – Cllr P Carlaw*

Report circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

197/2026 Review of Standing Orders following events of 28 July and addition of exceptional circumstances clause

After discussion, it was **agreed** that, subject to the repositioning of the paragraph, the Standing Orders be approved and adopted. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

198/2026 Packhorse Bridge Weir

A report was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

199/2026 Grant Funding Request

To consider and agree community grant request from Arena Karate to support two Feering residents selected as part of the Team GB squad to represent GB at the WTKA unified World Championships in Italy in October 2026

After discussion it was **agreed** that a grant of £250 would be awarded to Arena Karate. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

200/2026 Grant Applications

Update on grant applications

All grant funding has been received. No outstanding grant requests. Need to submit a request to Cllr Thorogood for his County Councillor Grant. Need to check whether there will be CIF 2026/7 grants (ECC/EALC).

- i To update on funding for Rabbit Fencing

Nothing to update.

201/2026 Norwich to Tilbury Community Fund

A report from Cllr Carlaw as circulated prior to the meeting. After discussion it was **agreed** a response to the consultation should be made. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Spencer.

202/2026 Allotments S106 Contribution

Nothing to update. Discussion was held around this with Cllr Thorogood and to speak to Neil Jones at BDC who is dealing with S106 monies.

203/2026 Tree Works

- ii To update on residents' preference to Tree Works on the playing field and to consider and agree the quotation

After discussion it was **agreed** that option 2 be accepted for the works to the tree on Rye Mill Lane playing field adjacent to footpath 16. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles

204/2026 Bridge Meadows

- i *To consider and agree quote for new posts at Bridge Meadow*

After discussion it was **agreed** that we should defer replacing the posts pending investigation as to what can be done to the area, including the possibility of seats and planting with low maintenance, dry resistant shrubs and grasses. Proposed Cllr Evans, seconded Cllr Carlaw.

205/2026 Website Accessibility Update

Discussion was held around this and in particular councillor input and councillors committing to producing news stories on a regular basis. A meeting will be held of the Communication Working Group Party on 23 September at which the new live site will be agreed. It was **agreed** that the Working Group be delegated authority to approve the live implementation of the Home Page, Council Meeting Page and News Page. Proposed Cllr Carlaw, seconded Cllr Giles.

206/2026 Items for the Next Agenda

- iii Bridge Meadows
- iv Norwich to Tilbury response

207/2026 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.36 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

20 October 2026

Pam Carlaw

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