



MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held virtually on Tuesday 27 April 2021 at 7.30 pm
via Zoom (Meeting ID 813 9470 2629)

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr C Dobson Cllr S Reed
Cllr L Blackburn Cllr K Evans Cllr R Carpenter

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk Cllr J Sandum (BDC)

Members of the Public: 0

073/2021 Chairman Welcome

The meeting started at 19.39. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Cllr Miedziedz had resigned from the Council with immediate effect.

074/2021 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

075/2021 Declaration of Interest

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

No disclosable interests were declared.

076/2021 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council

- i After discussion, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 16 March 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Evans.
- ii After discussion, it was **agreed**, that the draft minutes will be published within a week in elapsed time following the meeting after consultation with the Chair or Vice-Chair. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Evans.

077/2021 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.

078/2021 Finance

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2021 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*
After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.
- ii *Councillors to agree payments for April 2021 (circulated to Councillors before the meeting)*
After discussion it was **agreed** that all April payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.
- iii *Review and agreement of Risk Assessment*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Risk Assessment be adopted for 2020-21 and to review at July's meeting to approve for 2021-22. Proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.

079/2021

Report from District / County Councillor

Cllr Sandum gave an update on Braintree District Council issues as follows: BDC local plan meeting to discuss response minerals plan consultation – draft response expressing disappointment that A7 Bradwell has been allocated and has planning consent; Parker Strategic planning application consultations – good level of support in the villages against this; BDC seeking meeting with Highways England about the damage caused to verges by the weed spraying; BDC trying to make it easier for those who need to self-isolate to obtain the £500 grant; Kelvedon library opening times have changed.

Cllr Dobson question who had sprayed the verges, Cllr Sandum confirmed that it was Highways England. Cllr Dobson also asked about the trials of not cutting the verges. Cllr Sandum confirmed that this has not be circulated yet to Parish Councils. Cllr Dobson also asked about the glyphosate use trials. Cllr Sandum has asked for an update, but this has not been received.

No report received from Cllr Mitchell on Essex County Council issues.

080/2021

Clerks Report

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. The clerk also informed the Council that the Street Cleaning Agreement had been received and signed.

081/2021

Planning Matters

Cllr Carpenter gave an update on the meeting held on 27 April, which was a delayed meeting, where 6 applications were discussed including 50 Feering Hill, Essex Minerals Local Plan Review, 10 Kings Gardens, Land adjacent to Cockerells Farm, The Quillet – Inworth Road and 102 Feering Hill. Four members of public attended in relation to the land adjacent to Cockerells Farm.

082/2021

Highways & Transport

i VTAG report

No meeting held.

ii A12 to A120 widening – A120 Routes – A120 Community Forum meeting update

No report given. Cllr Dobson noted that the Design Guide and the Open Spaces Action plan should be submitted to Highways England in relation to the projects once approved.

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

Cllr Reed raised the issue of dog waste bins being full, particularly around the cricket club. The Clerk said that she would raise this with BDC and find out whether we can have a larger bin when the new bin is installed near Toadshole. The Clerk to speak to Network Rail to see if we can put a sign up to direct to another bin.

iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

No update received.

083/2021

Manned Refuse Collection

After discussion it was **agreed** that the manned refuse service would resume from 24 July. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Evans

084/2021

Committee and Representatives Report

To receive a report, consider and agree any actions arising from the report on the following:

- i FCC Trustees Meeting from Cllr L Blackburn
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.
- ii Neighbourhood Plan Committee from Cllr L Blackburn
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.
- iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee
No meeting held. Aecom NP report noted that there was a Feering Cycling Club who would be interested in joining the committee.
- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr C Dobson
Cllr Dobson gave an update on the working party.
- v Employment Committee
No meeting held.
- vi Braintree Association of Local Councils
The report was circulated before the meeting and noted.

085/2021

Emergency Powers Policy

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Emergency Powers Policy should be activated. .
Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Dobson and Cllr Carpenter due to 3 councillors being required to activate the policy.

086/2021

Feering Community Centre

- i To update, consider and agree progressing of the Management Agreement
After discussion it was **agreed** that the Management Agreement should be progressed before the current FCC Chairman steps down. It was agreed that Cllr Carpenter discuss with the FCC the heads of terms for the Management Agreement and ask for their comment. It was agreed that the heads of terms would be circulated to councillors before submission to FCC.
- ii To consider request from FCC to have a tab on the website
After discussion it was **agreed** that a tab should be put onto the Feering Parish Council website.

087/2021

Bloor Homes – S106 Agreement

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to BDC confirming the S106 open space transfer to FPC and that she had chased a response.

088/2021

Bloor Homes – Site Wide Strategy Response

Cllr Evans informed the Council that there was nothing to report.

089/2021

Christmas Tree for 2021

Cllr Dobson has still not heard anything back from Eastlight.

090/2021

Community Centre Energy Efficiency

Cllr Evans gave an update on the grant application status. The decarbonisation scheme was not submitted for the second round as the funds were allocated before any application was processed. Cllr Evans attended the FCC meeting to discuss a plan for the community centre. It was agreed that an application would be put together in August ahead of the next round of the decarbonisation scheme in September. The landfill tax grant will be decided end of May / beginning of June. There has also been a

communication from Solar Together regarding the solar panel for the Community Centre. A discussion was also held around the brick wall around the MUGA.

091/2021

Tree Works

The Clerk informed the Council that the work to be undertaken was being scheduled for the last week of April / beginning of May, following a period of dryer weather. It was agreed that we could ask Be Green Tree Services if they would be able to take away the additional green waste at the end of the car park and what the cost would be. We would also speak to a resident who supplies this service.

092/2021

2021-2022 Development Plan

After discussion it was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

093/2021

Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean

After discussion it was **agreed** that a group effort should be undertaken later in the year once restrictions are lifted.

094/2021

ECC Information / Consultations / Safety Advisory Group

Cllr Evans asked whether there was any information around the safety Advisory Group which has been set up by ECC. It was discussed around whether there would be any interest in running a self-defence class for residents. With regard to Consultations, we can ask the ECC County Councillor to inform us of these going forward.

095/2021

Items for Next Agenda

- i Development Plan
- ii Bloor S106 Agreement
- iii Feedback on Youth Engagement Conference
- iv ECC Consultations / Information / Safety Advisory Group

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

Signed

Paul Lees

24 June 2021