



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 7.30 pm**

**In attendance:** Cllr P Lees (Chair)                      Cllr C Dobson                      Cllr R Carpenter  
Cllr L Blackburn                      Cllr K Evans  
**Also Present:** Lisa Collins – Clerk                      Cllr J Sandum (BDC)  
Members of the Public: 0

**102/2021              Chairman Welcome**

The meeting started at 19.32. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting 18 months.

**103/2021              Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Simon Reed. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies.

**104/2021              Declaration of Interest**

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

No disclosable interests were declared.

**105/2021              To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Feering Parish Council**

After discussion, it was **resolved** that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 24 June 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Carpenter.

**106/2021              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.

**107/2021              Emergency Powers Policy**

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Emergency Powers Policy should remain in place until the pandemic has eased. It was **agreed** that all delegated decisions should be made in consultation with Councillors as had previously been happening. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Evans. It was **agreed** to revisit this at the September meeting.

**108/2021              Finance**

- i *To approve the bank reconciliation as at 30 June 2021 and 2020/21 budget account (circulated before the meeting)*

After discussion the bank reconciliation was **approved**. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

- ii *To retrospectively agreement payments made in May and June under Delegated Authority*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all May and June payments be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Blackburn.

- iii *To agree payments for July 2021 (to be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)*

After discussion it was **agreed** that all July payments be made. Proposed by Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Evans.

- iv Review and agreement of Risk Assessment for 2021-2022

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Risk Assessment be adopted for 2021-22. Proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Dobson.

#### 109/2021 **Report from District / County Councillor**

Cllr Thorogood submitted a report in relation to County Council issues which was noted by Councillors.

Cllr Sandum gave an update on Braintree District Council issues as follows: Local Plan inspections has been completed; result will be a couple of months. She reported it was felt it could be demonstrated that BDC have a 5-year housing supply. Planning enforcement task force has been set up. Highway England consultation, lots of concern about the Inworth Road. Kevin Bentley hosted a meeting at Messing where he was aware of the issues. Amendment to the Bloor Homes site to include solar panels on 28 homes. Wildlife group has another recruit who has lots of ideas including hedgehog connected villages.

Cllr Evans asked about the pre-application scheme of delegation. Cllr Lees asked about the Green Climate scheme focus area on the River Blackwater and Colne.

#### 110/2021 **Clerks Report**

The report had been circulated previously and was noted. It was **agreed** that the basketball backboards should be installed as soon as possible. Discussion was held around the Rafted Path.

#### 111/2021 **Planning Matters**

Cllr Carpenter informed the Council that all decisions had been made by Delegated Authority by the clerk in conjunction with the Planning Committee and these would be ratified at the next face to face meeting.

#### 112/2021 **Highways & Transport**

- i VTAG report

Meeting to be held on 23 July at Tiptree Parish Council's office to discuss the A12 widening consultation and Tiptree's requirement for a Braxted Park route not on Inworth Bypass.

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

Public consultation is now underway. A community public forum will be held at Feering Community Centre on 27 July. FPC have met with Messing Parish Council regarding the bypass through Inworth Road. A further meeting is due to be organised with Messing, Tiptree, Kelvedon and Feering.

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

Manned refuse to be resumed from 24 July.

- iv Village Speeding Issues and Cycle routes for the village

The Speedwatch organisers have been in contact and it has been confirmed that the Parish Council will be going ahead with the scheme as soon as training is organised.

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### **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

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 15 documents had been submitted and acknowledgment had been received from BDC that they will be looking at the documents to take the plan forward. It was discussed that a meeting with BDC regarding master planning should be held and a date should be set as soon as possible.

- iii PRoW & Cycleway Committee

No report was given. It was noted that a letter had been received stating that there was no public right of way across land in Feering, it was agreed to respond seeking clarification as to which map they are referring to. A site meeting will be taking place to walk the A12 route.

- iv Feering Environmental Working Party from Cllr S Reed

No report received.

- v Employment Committee

No meeting held.

- vi Braintree Association of Local Councils / Essex Association of Local Councils from Cllr P Lees

The report was circulated before the meeting.

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### **Annual Report**

Most reports have now been received and will be forwarded to Rebecca Saunders to put the report together. A draft will be circulated as soon as possible ready for printing.

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### **Bloor Homes – S106 Agreement**

- i Update and Consideration of S106 Agreement

The clerk informed Councillors that there had been no further information received from Braintree District Council regarding this. The Clerk chased Neil Jones on 8 July again. It was **agreed** that the issue would be raised with the governance officer as the response for this has been well over the 20 days in which a response should be received.

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### **Christmas Tree for 2021 / Village Green**

Cllr Dobson informed the council that the Christmas tree is no longer usable. It was **agreed** that we would look into a rooted tree to plant on the village green in the autumn.

It was **agreed** to investigate with Eastlight as to whether they would be interested in giving the village green back to Feering Village.

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### **Open Spaces Action Plan Complaint**

It was **agreed** that a meeting would be held with Alex Evans at BDC before the next open spaces action plan to discuss this.

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### **Tree Works**

The Clerk informed the Council that a large amount of work had been undertaken. The Clerk is waiting on invoices to confirm the work completed.

The green waste has started to be removed from the bottom of the car park. More will be taken imminently.

Discussion was held around the bank on the small pitch to stop the slumping along the footpath. It was **agreed** to look into grant applications.

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### **2021-2022 Development Plan**

After discussion it was **agreed** that this item be deferred to the next meeting and a workshop be held on 16 August the next meeting to discuss ideas.

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### **Village Wilding Project**

After discussion it was **agreed** that an annual wildflower meadow should be sown on Bridge Meadow and if available seeds and manpower also on Taylors Field which will be organised by the Environmental Working Group. Proposed by Cllr Dobson, seconded by Cllr Lees.

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### **ECC Information / Consultations / Safety Advisory Group**

No further information received. Cllr Evans to look into this further.

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### **Items for Next Agenda**

- i FCC Webpage
- ii Trees by footpath 16 owned by school
- iii Lady Meadow land
- iv Master planning meeting
- v Development Plan
- vi A12 Widening Consultation

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 22.15 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

17 August 2021

**Paul Lees**