

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Feering Parish Council Update - August 2019

Following the retirement of two of our councillors earlier this year we are looking to co-opt two new councillors on to Feering Parish Council. If you like to get involved in making decisions about your local community and local issues while making a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, are aged 18 or over and have lived or work in Feering or within three miles of it for 12 months or more then you are eligible to apply to become a Parish Councillor. For more information on what the role involves please contact our Parish Clerk on clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

One of the areas we have to consider as councillors is planning applications, and last week we held an Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss the planned development on London Road / Inworth Road. We have sent our full response to Braintree District Council, but in summary we have strongly objected to the Reserved Matters Application and we have asked that it is refused, in its entirety, by Braintree District Council. There were a large number of reasons for this objection, including:

- The proposed homes are not consistent with the character and setting of Feering Village

- The plans show that 21% of the total development is 2.5 storey or above, compared to just 5% of the rest of Feering, and the proposed three storey properties are not in keeping with the rest of the village
- We have serious concerns about infrastructure, including the already severe traffic congestion at the Gore Pit Corner and general traffic levels through Feering. We also have no retail or medical provision here in Feering and our school is already at capacity.

This is just a handful of our concerns, and we have included many more in our formal objection to Braintree District Council. If you would like to see a copy of this please contact the Clerk by emailing clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Change of Email Address

Please note, our email addresses for councillors and our Clerk will be changing from 1st September. The Clerk's email address will be clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk and councillors emails will be [cllr.\[surname\]@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.[surname]@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk) Please can we ask you to update your records.



Braintree District Council Conservation Area Consultation

Braintree District Council is currently consulting on the Feering and Kelvedon Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans. You can respond to this consultation by following this link: https://braintree.objective.co.uk/portal/ca_appraisals/feeringca/feering_conservation_area_appraisal?tab=info

The consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 23rd September 2019.

If you would like to know more about the consultation, Braintree District Council is holding a drop-in event at Feering Community Centre on Wednesday 4th September, 5.30-8pm.

Upcoming Dates - Members of the public welcome to attend council meetings unless otherwise stated

- **31st August** - Feering & Kelvedon Gardening Club Annual Show

- **3rd September** - Mobile Library (9.20am - 9.50am, Community Centre)
- **7th September** - Manned Refuge Collection (Glebe Gardens / Hanover Square)
- **17th September** - Full Council Meeting
- **15th October** - Full Council Meeting

Full Parish Council Meeting - 16th July 2019

The Full Council meeting was held on 16 July 2019. Copies of the full minutes for the meeting can be found on the Parish Council Website once they have been agreed at the following Full Council meeting.

During the meeting the following items were discussed:

- **Update from County / District Councillors** – District Councillor Paul Thorogood joined the meeting. An update was given by the District Councillor regarding the library service. The Green party have stated that they would prefer a professional service rather than a community run Service. County Councillor Robert Mitchell, although unable to attend the meeting, had informed the Chairman that he would like to stress that the library position should remain that the library is run as a community hub and that the expression of interest should remain in place. Cllr Thorogood informed the meeting that there are many meetings taking place in relation to the Local Plan and that the Green Party are pushing for part 2 of the plan to go through ahead of part 1.
 - **Playing Field Committee** – An update from the Playing Field Committee meeting held on 10 July was given. The small playing field proposal was agreed and the field will be closed for maintenance from mid-August until November/December.
 - **Salt Bag Partnership** - The Council discussed the salt bag partnership initiative which is run by Essex County Council. It was agreed that as the council still had a large quantity of salt from previous initiatives they would not sign up to the official plan, however they would ask for volunteers to assist the village handyman in distributing the salt during the winter if required.
 - **War on Plastics** – Following a meeting with the FCA, it was agreed that the council would look to provide a water refill point at the Community Centre and we would look to see whether there were any grants available to assist with this initiative. It was also agreed that an Environmental committee should be created and this would be discussed at the next meeting.
 - **Picnic Benches for the playing field** – It was agreed that the council would try to make the playing field a more social area and it would look into local businesses sponsoring picnic benches.
 - **Skip Papworth** – It was agreed that the Parish Council would reach out to the Scout Hut to ask for an item they required which could be donated on behalf of the Parish in memory of Skip Papworth.
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Braintree District Council - Garden Communities Consultation

Braintree District Council has started to distribute information to residents regarding its Local Plan and its three proposed garden communities, working in conjunction with Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council. This includes a site on the Colchester / Braintree borders (around Marks Tey) consisting of 24,000 homes to be built over the next 40-50 years.

The Local Plan Section 1 document was submitted to the Secretary of State in October 2017 and an Examination in Public was carried out at the beginning of 2018. Following the appointed Planning Inspector's post-hearing session findings the three local authorities have been working on a revised evidence base, an Additional Sustainability Appraisal and suggested amendments to Section 1 to address the issues raised by the Inspector.

The additional work has been approved by elected members at the three authorities. The evidence is now subject to public consultation. Responses will be forwarded to the Inspector ahead of further hearing sessions. If you would like to comment on any of the additional evidence now presented by Braintree District Council, Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council please visit <https://braintree.objective.co.uk/portal/nea/s1tech/>



Hire of Playing Field and MUGA

If you would like to organise an event or training session on either the Playing Field or MUGA, please contact the Clerk. Booking details are now on our [website](#) together with a booking form and Standard Conditions of Hire.

Please note that Feering Community Centre does not take bookings for the Playing Field or MUGA.

Closure of the Small Playing Field

The small playing field is in a poor state of repair at the moment and we intend to undertake remedial work during the summer holidays. Whilst we understand that the playing field is a well-used resource there is no “good” time to close the area, but the work must take place when it is to have the most effect. The field will be closed from mid-August until November. There will be a cordon around the area but we would ask that residents and users of the area do not enter the cordoned off area in order for the remedial work to be able to take effect and ensure that we have an improved playing surface for many years to come.

Special Constables for Feering

We are working with Essex Police to recruit the best candidates for the role of special constables for Feering. If you are interested in finding out about the Special Constable scheme or apply for one of the roles, please contact our Clerk on 01376 572882 or email clerk.feeringparishcouncil.com.



Community Notices





NHS
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EXTENDED GP SURGERY HOURS

You can now get an appointment with a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional in the evening and on Saturday and Sunday

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