

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Feering Parish Council Update - June 2020

This is our first newsletter for a while as, like the rest of the world, we have spent the last two months trying to navigate our way through this global pandemic. COVID-19 has impacted everyone in one way or another, whether it's changed the way we work, the way we shop or, for many of our residents, the way we live on a day to day basis. We are aware there are people living here in Feering who haven't left their homes for over two months now because they are shielding. We know that there are people who haven't seen friends or family, and we are also sad to say that people living here in Feering will have lost loved ones from this awful virus. We are thinking of you all at this very difficult time.



While there is no denying that the last two months have been very hard for the majority of those living in Feering, it's also given us the opportunity to build on the amazing community spirit that surrounds us here. Within days of "lockdown" being announced a whole team of volunteers from across Feering and Kelvedon had come together to help protect the most vulnerable. From shopping trips and prescription pick-ups through to cooking meals for those unable to receive their usual level of care and just being a friendly voice on the end of the phone, the response to this pandemic here in Feering has been outstanding. Every single one of our volunteers should be incredibly proud of themselves and we thank you for stepping up and helping your community at this difficult time.

We are also very proud of our key workers who have worked tirelessly over the last few months. Our doctors and nurses, our care workers and paramedics, teachers, retail staff, refuse collectors and all the other amazing individuals have kept us all going over the last 10 weeks and we thank you so much.

Full Council meetings held on 21st April and 19th May 2020

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, the Parish Council has not met in person since the last Full Council Meeting in February. New legislation has been brought in to allow for holding of virtual meetings and the Parish Council held their April and May Full Council meetings via Zoom.

Full Council virtual meeting held on 21 April 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 21 April 2020 virtually via Zoom. Copies of the full minutes 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:

- Councillor Co-option – A presentation was given by Katherine Evans and following a successful application, Katherine was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. Following the co-option, the Council appointed a new Vice-Chairman (Cllr Christa Dobson) and committee appointments.
- Annual Report – In view of the postponement of the Annual Parish Assembly, it was agreed that a report would be put together to be delivered to all residents.
- Manned Refuse Collection – The dates for the manned refuse collections were agreed, but unfortunately due to the Covid-19 situation Braintree have cancelled these for the foreseeable future.

Full Council virtual meeting held on 19 May 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 19 May 2020 virtually via Zoom. Copies of the full minutes can be found on the Parish Council Website once they have been agreed at the following Full Council Meeting.

- District Councillor Update – The District Councillors confirmed that the West Tey Garden Village had been reported by the inspectorate to not be a viable option and should not proceed.
- Marks Tey Neighbourhood Plan - A Planning Committee meeting will be held on 27 May to discuss the Parish Council's response to the draft plan.
- MUGA – After discussion it was agreed that the MUGA should remain closed until such time as Government advice allows for this to be fully opened as the MUGA is not bookable. This will be reviewed constantly.

Coronavirus Support Available

Feering and Kelvedon Parish Councils have joined forces to support their villages during the lockdown, alongside the Braintree District Ward Councillors for Feering and Kelvedon, Paul Thorogood and Jenny Sandum. The Kelvedon and Feering Coronavirus Support Group has been running since the middle of March to ensure those living within the two parishes who need

help with shopping and collecting essential medication can get the support they need. There is also a phone buddy scheme running with volunteers regularly checking in with those residents who are isolating themselves. We are also assisting those who need support through food banks and food donations.

A dedicated Facebook group has been set up and this can be found by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/KelvedonFeeringCoronavirusSupport/>

If you or someone you know needs any assistance, please contact the Parish Clerk by calling 01376 572882 or email clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk. All requests are confidential and will not be shared other than with those co-ordinating the help.



Upcoming Dates

- 16th June - Full Feering Parish Council Meeting (via video link)
- 27th June - Manned refuse service due to recommence (Glebe Gardens 10am-11am & Hannover Square 11am-12pm)

New Parish Website

At the end of March, the Parish Council website supplied by EssexInfo.net was closed. The parish council commissioned a new website to be built and this is now live. The new website address is www.feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Feering Neighbourhood Plan

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. The detail in your considered responses has been much appreciated. Your comments, and those of statutory consultees, are being processed and in the coming months these comments will be analysed and considered. The Plan will then be updated and we hope to move to the next stage of the process next year in line with the Government's announcement that Neighbourhood Plan Regulations will be postponed until 6th May 2021. Please see the below government link for more details

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2# covid-19>

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Planning Committee virtual meeting held on 16 April 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Planning Committee meeting was held on Thursday 16 April virtually via Zoom. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the website once they are approved.

The following was considered:

- 20/00097/FUL - Land at rear of 1-1D Feering Hill

Planning Committee virtual meeting held on 5 May 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Planning Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 5 May virtually via Zoom. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the website once they are approved.

The following was considered:

- 20/00590/HH – Thimbles, London Road
- 20/00598/HH – Toadshole Cottage, Old Road
- 20/00316/HH – Freebourne Lodge, London Road

The planning application for the Land at Inworth Road (19/01222/REM) was heard by Braintree Planning Committee on 26 May at 7.15 pm, and approved the reserved matters application on the design and layout. Feering Parish Council submitted a representation against this application.

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