

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Feering Parish Council Update - July 2020

Yesterday marked 100 days since we entered "lockdown" and we are incredibly proud at the way all residents here in Feering have dealt with these difficult times. We have seen neighbours coming together to support each other, and volunteers stepping up to support people they had never even spoken to before lockdown began. Meanwhile, our key workers have all worked exceptionally hard to keep us all safe from this awful virus. While the past 100 days have been far from ideal, we couldn't think of a better place to have experienced "lockdown".

We are now seeing a lifting of some restrictions and life beginning to return to some sort of normality. We'd like to assure all those residents who are still shielding, or those vulnerable members of our community who don't yet feel ready to return to the shops or to the pharmacy that help is still available here in Feering thanks to the Kelvedon and Feering Corona Support Group. Please see below for details.

If you have volunteered your time over the Covid-19 lockdown and would like to continue to volunteer here in Feering we have a number of opportunities for you. We are looking for two Parish Councillors to join our team here at Feering Parish Council, and we need people to come forward to support a Speed Watch scheme here in the village. We are also continuing to support Essex Police with the recruitment of two Special Constables to work here in Feering. Please see below for information.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Have you been spending more time within the village during the lockdown period and thought about making a difference to the community you live in? Would you like to be involved in making decisions about the local community and local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work? Would you like to provide a voice for the residents of Feering?

Feering Parish Council currently has two vacancies to join the Parish Council. If you want to make a positive difference to your community then please apply.

You must be aged 18 and over, eligible to vote and have lived or work in Feering within 3 miles of it for 12 months or more. You must also be able to commit time to monthly meetings, mainly held on the third Tuesday of the month, and other committee meetings held during the week.

If you would like to be considered, please contact our clerk, Lisa Collins, at clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01376 572882.

Full Council virtual meeting held on 16 June 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 16 June 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:

- District / County Councillor updates – updates were given by both District Councillors, Jenny Sandum and Paul Thorogood and the Essex County Councillor, Robert Mitchell to include the news on the Garden villages situation, the Incinerator, funding for cycling routes approved by BDC, cycling routes being installed through the larger cities and towns, library re-opening and safer greener healthy initiative.

- Marks Hall Estate Proposed Cycle Path between Coggeshall and Earls Colne – It was agreed that a letter of support should be sent in favour of this scheme.
- Relocation of Bottle Bank from Glebe Gardens – The Council had been asked to consider the possibility of the relocation of the bottle bank from its current location in Glebe Gardens to the Community Centre. After discussion, particularly around the fact that there would be health and safety issues around the relocation and the bottle bank being accessible at all times from 8 am until 8 pm, it was agreed that the bottle bank should remain in Glebe Road, but that the Parish Council would review the recycling facilities in the village as a whole.

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 Still Available

While some of the restrictions designed to stop the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted, we know that there are still people shielding here in Feering. We are also aware that people due to go into hospital for operations are being asked to shield for two weeks beforehand, and we would like to reassure all those shielding, or those who don't quite feel ready yet to face the "new normal" that there is still support for them here in Feering, and our team of amazing volunteers are still on hand to help with shopping trips and prescription collections.

Since the start of lockdown we have worked with Kelvedon Parish Council and the Braintree District Ward Councillors for Feering and Kelvedon, Paul Thorogood and Jenny Sandum to form the Kelvedon and Feering Coronavirus Support Group. The purpose of this group is to ensure those living within the two parishes receive the support they need with shopping and

collecting essential medication. We also have a phone buddy scheme running with volunteers regularly checking in with those residents who are isolating themselves, and are 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.



Keep Feering Tidy!

During the lockdown period our village was looking lovely and tidy thanks to the hard work of our village handyman and those in the village who have been clearing up after themselves. Unfortunately over recent weeks we have seen an increase in the amount of rubbish being left behind or thrown on the ground. Please can we remind residents that there are litter bins within the village for litter to be placed in, or we would ask you to take your litter home to recycle. Please do not leave the litter lying around and make our village untidy.

We have also seen an increase in the amount of dog excrement which is being left. We have been informed that whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dogs, some do not and we would ask you to be considerate to your neighbours and the village residents in making sure that you clean up after your dogs. We would also ask that you do not bag the dog excrement up and then leave the bags in the side growth along the Rafted Path. Our village handyman strimmed along there to ensure that the area is clear for everyone to use and was covered in excrement from people leaving their dog bags in the growth. Please

be considerate to all users of the village.



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.

Speed Watch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to run a village speed watch scheme. To get this scheme off the ground we need a minimum of 10 volunteers. You will be given training and further information on what would be required for this role. If you are interested in finding out more information,

please contact our Clerk, Lisa Collins, at clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01376 572882



Planning Committee virtual meeting held on 22 May 2020 at 11.30 am

The Planning Committee meeting was held on Friday 22 May virtually via Zoom. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the website once they are approved.

The following was considered:

- 19/01222/REM - Land at Inworth Road – The committee discussed and agreed the contents of the written submission to BDC ahead of the Planning Committee held on 26 May 2020.
- 20/00672/HH – Feeringbury Manor, Coggeshall Road

Planning Committee virtual meeting held on 27 May 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Planning Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 27 May virtually via Zoom. Minutes of this meeting will be available on the website once they are approved.

The following was considered:

- 20/00105/TPOCON – Trebah, Worlds End Lane
 - 20/00106/TPOCON – Northwood House, Worlds End Lane
 - Feering Parish Council's response to the Marks Tey Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 consultation.
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Feering are supporting Essex Police to increase local and visible policing in their area.

Visit www.essex.police.uk/Specials/Feering to find out more

Special Constable Recruitment

Feering Parish Council agreed at the last Annual Parish Assembly that they would recruit two Special Constables to provide a police presence without our village. Would you like to make a difference to the village in which you live by providing that police presence? Would you be able to commit to a minimum of 16 hours per month to respond to community concerns, assist with speeding issues in the village and provide foot patrols through the village. Special officers have the same powers and uniform as a regular officer, but they are volunteers. We are working with Essex Police to recruit 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, Lisa Collins on 01376 572882 or email

clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk or visit the Essex Police Specials

Website: <https://www.essex.police.uk/communityspecials>

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