

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Feering Parish Council Update - October 2020

There's no denying that Autumn is here now, with the nights drawing in and temperatures dropping. While the year is moving along at a pace, we are sadly still facing issues around COVID-19. From Saturday 17th October much of Essex will be in a "Tier 2" lockdown to try to stem the increase in COVID cases which are on the rise across the country.

These restrictions mean that households cannot mix indoors, either in private homes or in hospitality venues. They can meet outdoors, but the Rule of Six remains in place, and the 10pm curfew on hospitality venues also remains in place.

We appreciate these are difficult times that we are all facing, but ask that all residents follow the current guidelines as well as regularly washing hands and keeping a two metre distance away from other people where possible. We'd also like to remind those who can wear face coverings to follow the current rules on face coverings, and this includes in local shops and on public transport.

COVID-19 Support Available

We would like to congratulate Rebecca Saunders who has been awarded a COVID-19 British Empire Medal for the work she has done here in Feering and Kelevdon during the COVID-19 crisis. Rebecca has been working alongside us here at Feering Parish Council, and with Kelevdon Parish Council and District Councillors Jenny Sandum and Paul Thorogood to ensure residents across both villages receive any support they may need. Feering Parish Council and Kelvedon Parish Council nominated Rebecca for the award so we are delighted she received it.

The Kelvedon and Feering Coronavirus Support Group is still operating, with volunteers lined up to help others in their community with shopping and pharmacy trips. If you are isolating, shielding or have lost your usual support network due to COVID-19 please get in touch.

We also have a number of food parcels and small grants available to support residents who have been affected financially by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please contact Lisa Collins, Clerk to the Parish Council, on 01376 572882 or email clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information on the help available.



Great British September Clean

Feering Parish Council and Environmental Working Party would like to thank all 25 volunteers who turned out for the first organised litter pick around Feering on 20th September. Volunteers collected over 16 bags of rubbish in two hours!

What volunteers reported back:

- There was a lot of cigarette butts and dog poo bags.
- There was a lot of rubbish next to the traffic lights on Coggeshall Road - presumably from idle traffic.
- The worst areas were the A12 slip roads and London Road with large bags of rubbish being left in the public bins – something the Parish Council is aware of and is doing their best to deal with.
- Five bags of household rubbish had been thrown out on Inworth Road into the field hedge (Braintree District Council have been informed).
- The rubbish gets worse as you drive out of Feering (Coggeshall Road and Little Tey Road)
- The usual culprits - Costa cups, McDonalds and KFC - were found, along with a lot of Fruitella wrappers!

What can Residents Do?

- If you catch someone throwing litter out of a car window you can report it to Braintree District Council and they can fine the culprit
https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200443/dont_be_a_tosser_car_litter/620/tosser_campaigns
- Fly tipping can be reported using this link https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200203/keeping_the_district_clean/181/report_fly-tipping or you can email csc@braintree.gov.uk with the details.
- Photographic evidence is needed to prosecute.
- Volunteer to be a litter picker

What Next?

The volunteers requested that a regular organised litter pick should be held with a view to building up an organised group of people that cover all the roads, streets, and footpaths in Feering. A Kelvedon litter pick group already exists with nearly 30 volunteers and a co-ordinator for the group. The aim is to mirror this approach here so if you are interested in joining please contact Christa Dobson at cllr.dobson@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk or leave a message with the Parish Clerk on 01376 572882.



Plastic Free Feering

Feering Parish Council would like to congratulate Feering & Kelvedon Cricket Club on becoming the first business in Feering to go completely plastic free.

We're keen to work with more local business and organisations to help them go plastic free. Please contact the Feering Environmental Working Party if you or your business would like to find out more: cllr.dobson@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk



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 three 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.



Planned Footpath Closure

Essex County Council has sent us warning of a closure to one of our footpaths. Footpath 18, near Threshelfords, will be closed from 5th October 2020 until work in the area is completed. At the moment we do not know when this will be but have been advised that there will be a pedestrian diversion / alternative route in place.

Manned Refuse Lorry Dates for Feering 2020/2021

At the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic Braintree District Council cancelled all manned refuse collections previously agreed. We are pleased to say BDC restarted these services in June, and the dates of the next collections are below.

Please be aware, this service is for residents of Feering only, and residents are responsible for their own items up until they are placed into the lorry. Please do not leave rubbish on the side of the road before the lorry arrives as this causes a hazard for others and will be classed as fly-tipping.

Location	Time	Date
Bottom of Feering Hill	10.00 – 11.00	17.10.2020
Rye Mill Lane	11.00 – 12.00	17.10.2020
Glebe Gardens	10.00 – 11.00	12.12.2020
Hanover Square	11.00 – 12.00	12.12.2020
Bottom of Feering Hill	10.00 – 11.00	16.01.2021
Rye Mill Lane	11.00 – 12.00	16.01.2020
Glebe Gardens	10.00 – 11.00	06.03.2021

Hanover Square	11.00 – 12.00	06.03.2021
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Planning System Reform Consultation

Last month the Government announced a number of planned changes to the planning process which are intended to speed up the planning process and make it easier for development to take place. The Government is asking for responses to this consultation and you can have your say by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>. The consultation closes on 29th October 2020.

Full Council virtual meeting held on 15 September 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 15 September 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 Councillor updates – update was given by District Councillor Paul Thorogood to include the Monks Farm application which can be commented on until 24 September, the Local Plan consultation and comments to be submitted to inspector on the housing projections, the A12 preferred route announcement and the A120 widening scheme, the Rivenhall Incinerator – PAIN are looking to take this to a judicial review.
- County Councillor update – update was given by County Councillor Robert Mitchell to include the A12 preferred route announcement and concerns over the Junction 23 (Kelvedon) scheme, the Earls Colne to Kelvedon Cycle Routes (EC2K), member-led pothole repairs. The Parish Council also raised with Cllr Mitchell the number of times the road at the Bloor Home development have been dug up and why there is not a more co-ordinated approach between the utility companies.
- Parking Permit Zone –It was discussed whether parking permits should replace the current 1-hour parking restrictions as Covid-19 has highlighted the fact that the current parking restriction does not work. It was agreed that NEPP should produce a survey to be sent to residents to see whether they thought there was an issue with parking within the village and whether a change to permits would be welcomed.
- Council for Protection of Rural England – It was agreed that the Parish Council should become members of this organisation.
- Christmas Tree and Lighting – It was agreed that the Parish Council should purchase lights and approach local garden centres to see whether they would be willing to provide the village with a Christmas tree for the village green.

- Village Sign Flower Bed – The Parish Council gave thanks to the volunteer who looks after the village sign flower bed and that a new box should be sourced.
- Wildflower Margin – It was agreed that a wildflower margin should be planted along the hedge at the Rye Mill Lane end of the playing field. Subject to obtaining a grant from the BDC Councillors, it was also agreed that the Parish Council would provide a contingency fund for additional costs if required.

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