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Feering Parish Council Update November 2020

When we sent out our last newsletter most of Essex was just entering a Tier 2 lockdown to try to stem the increase in COVID-19 cases. Unfortunately, local lockdowns haven't worked and we now find ourselves back in a full nationwide lockdown. We'd like to thank all of our residents who are helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 by following the rules put in place by the Government, and we will keep our fingers crossed that one day soon the country will be free of this awful virus.

While blanket "shielding" hasn't been reintroduced, there is guidance in place which says that those who are clinically vulnerable or over the age of 70 should try to limit their contact with other people as much as possible. We understand that many of our residents fall into this category, and we'd like to reassure everyone that there is help available to support you if you are shielding.

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.



Is it too early to mention Christmas...?

This December we are calling on the residents of Feering to help spread some much needed festive cheer by decking their halls with boughs of holly (and your driveways, front gardens, windows and doors).

Nearer Christmas we'll be awarding the title of "Best Decorated Street" to one road here in Feering.

Whether it's lights, Christmas trees or inflatable Santas, we want them all. Let's see out what has been an incredibly difficult year in festive style!

Village Sign Planter

You may have noticed that there is a new planter at the bottom of the village sign. Feering Parish Council would like to thank Marks Tey Products (www.marksteyproductsessex.co.uk) for their very kind donation of the new planter. We would also like to say a very big thank you to Hazel Edridge and her husband David for their continued hard work ensuring the planter is kept in bloom and keeping the area around looking lovely for our village.

Essex Playing Fields Awards

We are delighted to say that we have been awarded the runner up place in the Essex Playing Fields awards for "The Gerald Snook Award for Children's playgrounds whether on or off playing fields but judged apart from any playing field on which they are situated". Our thanks go to G G Adams for their hard work in keeping the play area maintained and safe for all residents to enjoy.



A12 Road Closures

Highways England is currently resurfacing and repairing potholes and cracks in the concrete road surface on the A12 between junction 22 and junction 24, in both the northbound and southbound directions.

The repair work will be carried out between 6th November and 1st December 2020. During this period the road will be closed with diversions in place.

Closures will operate 10am Thursday evening - 6am Tuesday morning.

Northbound - Thursday 12 November – Tuesday 17 November

Southbound - Thursday 19 November – Tuesday 24 November

Southbound - Thursday 26 November – Tuesday 1 December

Note: We may also require overnight closures during weekdays from 8pm to 6am. If so, we will use electronic signing along the A12 to notify drivers of additional closure dates.



Full Council virtual meeting held on 20 October at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 20 October 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 Jenny Sandum regarding Braintree District Council's response to the Government's Planning White Paper. BDC are also undertaking a consultation on a Planning Scheme of delegation which will commence for 3 weeks on 26 October. An update was given on the Coronavirus support group and that BDC are looking for volunteers to record clips for the Volunteers Voice initiative to give an insight into the volunteering which took place during the pandemic. A large number of fly tipping incidents have been reported and a BDC CCTV camera will be placed at various locations throughout the village to try to tackle this issue. Rivenhall incinerator judicial review has been ruled that it cannot be taken any further.
- County Councillor update – update was given by County Councillor Robert Mitchell to include Essex County Council's view on the Government's Planning white paper. Issues

which have been raised over the Kelvedon & Feering Health Centre, and the A12 preferred route meeting which will be held with ECC and Highways England. The main topic has been Essex going into Tier 2. This decision was taken by all leaders of all councils in the county and this is a preventative measure.

- Water Refill Point – This was brought back to the Council to progress the installation at the Community Centre. Further information is needed and will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- Tree Survey Work – It was agreed that work would be undertaken at the Bridge Meadows site as soon as possible.
- Christmas Tree and Lighting – It was agreed that lights would be put up in trees on the village green provided that a licence is given by green owners as we have been unable to source a Christmas Tree for this year. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would ask residents to decorate their street for the title of Best Feering Street Decoration.
- Website Compliance WCAG 2.1 – It was agreed that quotations would be obtained to get the Parish Council website up to compliance regulations and to future proof the website.

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.

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