

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Merry Christmas from Feering Parish Council December 2020

Happy Christmas from all the team here at Feering Parish Council!

We are sure everyone will agree that it's been an incredibly difficult year. As we welcomed in 2020 almost a year ago, none of us could have imagined what the year would bring.

There is no denying this year has been hard, with residents here in Feering losing loved ones, others losing their jobs and all of us experiencing restrictions like never before. However, along with the difficult parts came a community spirit that we should all be proud of. Neighbours pulling together to help those living close by, strangers coming together to ensure elderly residents had shopping and medicines when needed. Generous individuals donating food and money to ensure that families living here in Feering and the wider Braintree District could get through this unbelievable year.

We're now just a few weeks away from Christmas and once again the community has

pulled together to make sure that the children in Feering can celebrate the festive season in style. Our residents have put up Christmas lights and decorations that Oxford Street would be proud of! Keep an eye on our social media pages over the next few weeks as we will be awarding the title of Best Decorated Street to our favourite here in Feering.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Fingers crossed for a much better 2021!



Welcome to two new Parish Counsellors

Following successful co-option applications on 17 November, Feering Parish Council would like to welcome Rebecca Miedziedz and Philippa Onno as Parish Councillors.

We still have one vacancy to fill, so if you would like to be more involved in making decisions about your local community, 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.

Kelvedon and Feering Coronavirus Support Group

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.

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Christmas Day Lunch 2020

If you or someone you know are alone for Christmas Day this year, Joe Birkin from Birkin & Sons have teamed up with Christ Church in Coggeshall to offer traditional Christmas Lunch to the community on Christmas day and they have extended this to residents of Feering and Kelvedon. Please contact Joe on 01376 561969 for further details. All orders need to be made by Saturday 19 December.

Councillor Surgeries

In January, the Parish Council started holding Councillor Surgeries in order to engage with the parish and enable members of the community to access councillors more easily, to raise issues, put forward suggestions or seek clarification on important local concerns. These surgeries were well attended and successful with residents but unfortunately Lockdown meant that meetings face to face could no longer take place.

Whilst we are still in Lockdown and face to face meetings are still unable to take place, the Parish Council would like to resume the councillor surgeries held over Zoom video conference or via telephone conference. If you would be interested in discussing any issues with the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk on 01376 572882 who will make arrangements for a call / video call.

A12 Night Closures

As part of the scheme development, Highways England is continuing with important surveys and ground investigations in the area between junctions 19 and 25 of the A12.

The next round of night closures will be on the southbound road. From Monday 7 December until Friday 18 December, between 9pm and 5am the following morning

Advance warning of northbound night closures. Monday 4 January to Friday 15 January, between 9pm and 5am the following morning.

Further information can be found on the HE website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/.../a12-chelmsford-to-a120.../>

Traffic information can be found on the Traffic England website or on Twitter: @HighwaysEAST.



Water Refill Point

The Parish Council have agreed that a water refill point will be fitted outside the community centre for all residents to use. We hope to have this installed by January. A grant has been received from the Braintree District Councillors to fund this installation.

Full Council virtual meeting held on 17 November at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 17 November 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 regarding Kelvedon & Feering Coronavirus Support Group availability, the numbers of cases across the district and Kelvedon and Feering; BDC are looking to roll out the one cut scheme for verges which will include Feering; update on the Scheme of Delegation

for Planning which will go to Full Council on 7 December; Local Plan Inspector's report expected soon; Parker Strategic have been in contact with officers to arrange a meeting for the King's Dene application; Bloor Homes environmental off-set no longer being undertaken. Cllr Thorogood has written to Bloor and will inform FPC of any response.

- County Councillor update – update was given by County Councillor Robert Mitchell to include Essex County Council's response to the Government's White Paper on Planning. The Parker Strategic application for King's Dene; A12 closures and changes in timing over the weekend; Extra funding received by ECC for new infrastructure across 5 schemes in Essex; Feering parking survey regarding the change to the 1 hour parking restrictions within the village.
 - Finances – The Parish Council considered and agreed the grant applications which had been received as follows: Feering Good Companions - £200; Feering and Kelvedon History Museum - £200 and Age Concern Colchester and North Essex - £100.
 - Finances – The Parish Council's budget for 2021-2022 was discussed and agreed by all councillors. The precept amount of £64,947 was agreed which will amount to an approximate increase of £1.56 per household per year.
 - Councillor Co-option – Rebecca Miedziewicz and Philippa Onno were co-opted to the Council.
 - Water Refill Point – Subject to the water refill point being added to the Council's insurance, it was agreed in principle to accept a quotation from WaterLogic to install the point as soon as possible.
 - Tree Survey Work – It was agreed that work should be undertaken on Taylors Field and Feering Playing field as soon as possible.
 - Website Compliance WCAG 2.1 – It was agreed to accept the quotation from a local business to ensure that the Parish Council's website is compliant and future proof the website.
 - Councillor Surgeries – It was agreed that Councillor Surgeries should recommence via Zoom / telephone consultation. The first surgery will take place on Saturday 5 December at 10.30 am.
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Parking Permit Zones

Feering Parish Council has previously discussed with County Councillor Robert Mitchell that the one hour parking restrictions installed in 2004 are, in many village areas & especially during lockdown, including working from home, not really fit for modern purpose.

It appears that there may be some confusion within the village regarding this. The Parish Council has been reassured that no changes are planned, but an initial parking survey is proposed by North Essex Parking Partnership. This will start with a small area only, to see whether residents might wish to learn more about alternative flexible parking options. This will either result in no further action, or a public meeting to understand in more detail, before even considering any changes.

Manned Refuse Lorry Dates for Feering 2020/2021

As the time of writing this article, we are still in lockdown until 2 December. Feering Parish Council are hopeful that the manned refuse collection will go ahead on 12 December but this will be dependent upon whether the restrictions are lifted. Please check the Parish Council website and social media posts before attending the manned refuse location.

Location	Time	Date
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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