

Clerk - Feering Parish Council

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Feering Parish Council Update - August 2020

Earlier this month restrictions on those who have shielded throughout lockdown were lifted, and it's great to see so many of our residents now out and about, enjoying the August sunshine. We know that there are still vulnerable people who are choosing to shield here in Feering, as well as those who are shielding as they are due to go into hospital for operations or procedures. We would like to reassure all those shielding that there is still support for them here in Feering. Since March we have been working 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. Many of the volunteers who came forward to offer their help via this group are still able to help, so if you need support please do get in touch.

As restrictions are lifted on some outdoor sporting activities you may see an increase in the number of organised groups using our playing field and MUGA. Please be assured, each of these groups have provided us with a full COVID assessment and will be working

in line with their industry guidelines. Users of the playing field are politely reminded that, other than these organised groups who have permission to use the field, you should not be meeting in groups larger than six people from different households, or bigger groups consisting of more than two households. If you are an organised sports team and would like to use our playing field or MUGA, please contact the Clerk by emailing clerk@feeringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Feering Book Exchange

Feering has a lovely book exchange in the telephone box located on Feering Green. Unfortunately, recently people have been leaving bags of books in the telephone box rather than using the exchange in the way it was set up. If you would like to take a book, please help yourself and leave a book in exchange but please do not leave large quantities of books as this just clogs the telephone box up and leaves no room for residents to enter the telephone box to see what is in there.



Parking Enforcement

During lockdown the North Essex Parking Partnership announced that residents would not be issued fines for parking on residential streets in Feering where there are parking restrictions. Enforcement of the one hour parking restriction has now resumed. We have contacted North Essex Parking Partnership to ask what can be done for those residents working at home, but unfortunately their advice is that residents should move their cars during the restricted period to avoid being fined.

Mobile Defibrillator

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that a mobile defibrillator has been purchased in conjunction with the Kelvedon & Feering Cricket Club. The defibrillator will be kept at the Cricket Club during the cricket season and we will then find a home for it during the rest of the year. We are aiming to put this with a local first responder and are looking into finding out who this may be.

Join the Great British September Clean

The Feering Parish Council Environmental Working Party would like to invite residents to join them for a Great British September Clean on Sunday 20th September at 11am. The group will be meeting on the playing field by the MUGA and will be covering various areas around Feering to pick up any litter that's been dropped, helping to keep our village looking clean and tidy.



Planning System Reform Consultation

Last week 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.

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 21 June 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Full Council meeting was held on Tuesday 21 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:

- Finance – The internal audit has been carried out and the report given to the Parish Council. The overall report shows that all procedures have been followed and policies in place. 3 recommendations were made which will be implemented shortly. It was agreed that Section 1 and Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return be signed. The notice of Public rights and publication of unaudited annual governance and accountability return will commence on Monday 3 August and end on Monday 14 September 2020.
- District Councillor updates – update was given by District Councillor Paul Thorogood to include the Local Plan committee meeting where option 1 for the West Tey and West of Braintree Garden villages were accepted to be abandoned and section 2 will now hopefully go ahead; Moves are being made to launch a judicial review against the permit granted by the Environment Agency for the Integrated Waste Management Facility (Rivenhall incinerator).
- Woodland Area Proposal – residents of the village would like to undertake a tidying of the wooded area at the edge of the playing field. It was agreed that this could go ahead, provided the necessary risk assessments are completed. It was also agreed that the intention to make the area better in the long term should be agreed in principal, but further discussions would need to be held.

- Council Insurance Policy – The current insurance policy is due to expire at the end of this month. The Clerk has received 3 quotes and it was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed with the Clerk’s recommendation and purchase quote 2 for a 3-year term, saving the Council over £2000 for the 3-year term.
- August Meeting – it was agreed that a meeting would take place in August this year. The date for the meeting is 18 August 2020.

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 have now confirmed that these will be restarted, and the dates of the collections are below.

Glebe Gardens	10.00 – 11.00	05.09.2020
Hanover Square	11.00 – 12.00	05.09.2020
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

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. If we have not received any interest in this scheme by the August Parish Council meeting we will no longer be looking to run this scheme.



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