

FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING of the PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
(byways, bridleways & footpaths) and cycleways COMMITTEE
held on Monday 20 February 2017 at 8pm

Present:

Mike Bonner (Chairman & FP Councillor, Katherine Evans (secretary & FP Councillor), Maggie Eddolls (FP Councillor), Robert Crayston (farmer), Robert Ward (farmer), John Bellman, Paul Bentley

		ACTION
01/2017	Apologies: Roger Pitt, Noel Brown	
02/2017	Declaration of Interests: Robert Crayston - landowner, re A12 & A120 potential routes. Paul Bentley - lives in the vicinity of one of the proposed A12 routes. Other members: no specific, all walkers & live in Feering	
03/2017	Agreement of the Minutes of the previous meeting: The Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 12 October were AGREED & adopted as a true record.	
04/2017	Public Question Time: No public present.	
05/2017	Matters arising from the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere None.	
06/2017	FPC & PRow related matters (a) Chairman's report: Mike B reported that the hedge along the pavement at the east end of London Road still needed cutting back. Litter on the sides of the A12 - a problem on all A roads.	RC/ MB
06/2017	(c) ECC matters, P3 scheme, etc – see also the individual footpath reports Feering Parish Council are a P3 parish and receive a small annual payment from Essex Highways towards cutting upgrowth on near village paths. Essex Highways have advised that there will be no hard winter cut back of byways & bridleways as they have no money left. Byway 5, Elm Lane to the railway, was due to be cut hard back. (d) Headland Management Scheme – up-growth cut on field edge paths for Essex Highways by local farmers for a small annual payment. Robert Crayston advised that he was still cutting the field edge footpaths 8, 10, 11 and 19 under the scheme. The rate /meter by Essex Highways has not changed.	
07/2017	(i) Network Rail: intention to extinguish /change non-vehicular railway crossings – 2nd round consultation September 2016 Network Rail 2 nd round proposals maps were tabled. A new land agent - Bruton Knowles - has been appointed by Network Rail. Nothing further to report. The second round closure proposals were discussed at the previous committee meeting in October 2016 and our recommendations were passed to the full Parish Council meeting.	
07/2017	(ii) A12 widening / junction improvements & A120 route options The public consultation on the proposed A12 widening etc. project from Boreham - Marks Tey and on a preferred route for the A120 between Braintree and Marks Tey / A12 is ongoing. A120: From a PROW viewpoint, it was considered that the D or E route options, with the A120 joining the A12 near the current Kelvedon South junction, would be the least disruptive of PROWs.	

	A12 widening etc: From a PROW viewpoint, there was no preference - all proposals would be taking PROWs into account and would be making provision for cyclists. The A12 would be improved to expressway standards.	
08/2017	<p>LINKS - new routes, use of verges, permissive paths</p> <p>(i) Grass verge on Coggeshall Road (Feering) between FP8 (Frame Farm corner) & FP4 (Old Mill Lane) Nothing to report.</p> <p>(ii) revival of off-road link Feering to Kelvedon along river Blackwater KDAA (Kelvedon & District Angling Association) own a 12 foot strip of land along the river bank. They have a "right of access" from their river bank strip to the road bridge at the bottom of Feering Hill. It is not clear whether KDAA can pass their right onto the general public. The Impey family own the land by the riverbank at the Rye Mill Lane end and are understood to be willing to grant access.</p> <p>(iii) off road Coggeshall - Kelvedon cycle route, proposed by Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan. Still being pursued. A public footpath exists for much of the way except for a short stretch along Coggeshall Road between Feering footpath 22 and Pointwell Lane.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>MB</p> <p>KE</p>
09/2017	Individual PROW / footpath Reports: - see the attached table	
10/2017	Items for the next meeting: no other	
11/2017	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 22 May 2017 at 8pm</p> <p>Post-meeting note: this date clashed with a meeting of the Feering Neighbourhood Plan and so had to be re-scheduled.</p>	

Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

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