

FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING of the PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
(byways, bridleways & footpaths) and cycleways COMMITTEE
held on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 8pm

Present:

Mike Bonner (Chairman & FP Councillor, Katherine Evans (secretary & FP Councillor), Robert Crayston (farmer), Robert Ward (farmer), John Bellman, Paul Bentley, Noel Brown, Kate Thomas (horserider) - new member.

		ACTION
01/2019	Apologies: Roger Pitt Welcome to new horseriding member Kate Thomas	
02/2019	Declaration of Interests: Robert Crayston - re Agenda items Braintree-Colchester Borders Garden Community (landowner) & Crown Estates land (farms). Other members: no specific, all PROW users & live in Feering / Kelvedon.	
03/2019	Agreement of the Minutes of the previous meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017 were AGREED & adopted as a true record.	
04/2019	Public Question Time: Cllr Dobson, FPC & Feering Neighbourhood Plan was present.	
05/2019	Matters arising from the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere None.	
06/2019	FPC & PROW related matters see also the individual footpath reports (a) Chairman's report (MB) - see also Open Spaces Action Plan & Links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the sleepers are rotten on the old section of the rafted Path, FP17. Sec (KE) to liaise with Parish Clerk - funding was applied for but was not successful. • Is the map of the permissive path from the Lordship's Lane bridleway 2 across Coggeshall Road and then north to FP23 on the Parish Council web site? Post-meeting note: yes as a link on the PROW & cycleway page but it is not very prominent. • There is a considerable amount of rubbish behind the fence along the railway line. Clerk to contact NR. • Vegetation / hedge needs cutting back along footpath 13 (off Feering Hill). Clerk to write to householders. Sec note: the earth also needs clearing on the ground around the (heritage) kissing gate so that it open more fully. Clerk to ask GG Adams 	<p>KE / clerk</p> <p>MB / clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ KE</p>
06/2019	(b) ECC matters Bridleway 2 - Lordship Lane and Byway 5 (to the railway line) were on the Essex Highways January-March 2019 hard winter cutting back programme. Essex Highways clear saplings, brambles, shrubs etc. that have grown up inside the legal width of the path which results in muddy paths as walkers and riders are funnelled through the same narrow space. Neither of these paths have been hard winter cut & horse riders still have to duck under overhanging branches. KE has advised Essex Highways - action / a response is awaited. (c) P3 scheme etc. Essex Highways continues to pay Feering Parish Council to carry out one cut per year on near village paths - footpaths 16, 17 and parts of 13 & 18. The rate is unchanged. More cuts are financed from the precept. The cuts are carried out by the Parish handyman contractor GG Adams. Other work was discussed. It was agreed to look at volunteer work to put down plannings or similar on footpath 13 off Feering Hill (near Lulworth) where it is very narrow and between fences & hedges. JB volunteered to go on Essex	<p>KE</p> <p>Clerk / KE JB/ SA</p>

	<p>Highways financed first aid training as it is believed this is a requirement. The clerk to investigate with Shirley Anglin of Essex Highways.</p> <p>(d) Headland Management Scheme (RC) Robert Crayston advised that field edge footpaths 8, 10, 11 and 19 are still being cut under the scheme. Essex Highways only pay for one cut per year but the paths are cut more often. The rate /meter paid by Essex Highways has not changed.</p> <p>(e) Open Spaces Action Plan 2019 This was updated to include matters arising from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, including a footbridge across the river Blackwater in the vicinity of the Station Road railway bridge - see 10//19 link Feering - Kelvedon</p> <p>(f) Veteran trees, hedgerows & Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) TPOs are not usually made on trees in the countryside. In the light of potential housing developments, volunteers with knowledge to identify trees & hedgerows in the countryside of particular note would be welcome. .</p>	
08/2019	<p>(i) Public Inquiry into Network Rail's proposed closure of non-vehicular railway crossings under the Transport & Works Act</p> <p>The inquiry finally finished in March this year. Local landowners Robert Crayston and Mr Cocks are affected. The landowners and Feering Parish Council had made written representations. KE was involved in the Ramblers written and in person representations. The Inspector expects to submit his written report to the Secretary of State for Transport in November this year.</p>	
07/2019	<p>A12 widening / junction improvements & A120 route options - PROW & cycleway perspective</p> <p>A12 widening: Work on the A12 widening & junction improvements between J19 Boreham and Marks Tey J25 was due to have started in 2019/2020 (RIS1). Highways England are delaying the scheme to RIS 2 2020-2025 until there is clarity over the timing & size of the proposed development around J25 (West Tey / Braintree-Colchester Garden Community). ECC have applied for £229 million funding to improve the section of the A12 between Kelvedon by-pass and Marks Tey (see ECC article attached). How the ECC proposals fit in with Highways England's un-published A12 improvement is unclear.</p> <p>A120: Having followed Highways England procedures in their work & consultations, Essex County Council decided on option D as their preferred route. This joins the A12 near the current Kelvedon South junction. ECC have put this route forward to Highways England to be included in HE RIS2 2020-2025 investment programme. The schemes to be included in RIS2 are expected to be announced in late autumn 2019..</p>	
09/2019	<p>PROW implications of Neighbourhood Plans, Garden Communities, Environmental Audits, Developments including..</p> <p>(i) Kings Dene, Parker Strategic Land Following on the Inspector's directive last summer, the authorities are assessing alternatives to the three Garden Communities proposed in the Joint Strategic Part 1 of the Braintree, Colchester & Tendring draft Local Plans. Kings Dene is a 1,400 acre, 5000 homes proposal which has been submitted by Parker Strategic Land for consideration as an (alternative) site. Monks Farm and Watering Farm in Kelvedon are Parker Land sites that already have planning permission. A briefing was held at on 3 April. The proposed Kings Dene site stretches west-east from the proposed A120 (approx. Cranes Lane) to Coggeshall Road and north from Kelvedon, around Felix Hall, to Pantlings Lane (see attached map from BDC). About 6 local landholdings are involved including the ex-Kings Seeds land and land belonging to the Siggers family. Blue and green proposals were spoken of including a green corridor along the high pressure gas line which runs SW-NE across the site. A road link across the</p>	

	<p>site from Coggeshall Road to the proposed A12/A120 junction with a connection to the north side of Kelvedon station was proposed. A public consultation event is planned for late summer / early autumn which should include footpath, bridleway & cycleway proposals.</p> <p>(ii) Colchester / Braintree borders Garden Community Extra work on Environmental Assessment/ the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Infrastructure and overall Economic viability of the three North-East Essex Garden Community proposals is ongoing following the Inspector's concerns and letter of last summer. A briefing on the SA work was held on 29 March. Results are expected in October. A question was raised from the floor as to why 3 Garden Communities were needed to deliver the 7,500 homes required in the Plan Period to 2033 that were not being delivered in the Part 2 Local Plans.</p> <p>(iii) Crown Estates, Feering Outline planning permission has been granted for 165 homes on the part of the proposed strategic growth location (up to 750 - 1000 homes) behind Gore Pit corner (London Road / Inworth Road) to Threshelfords. A connection through the estate to Feering footpath 18 around Threshelfords is envisaged. The application for Full planning permission is expected shortly.</p> <p>(iv) Kelvedon sites - Monks Farm and Watering Farm, off Coggeshall Road Outline Planning permission was granted for both sites. Site details for Monks Farm are being negotiated on now.</p>	
10/ 2019	<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) No progress since the last meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Off-road link Feering to Kelvedon along river Blackwater No progress since the last meeting. The issue is still consent to pass from the river bank to the Feering Hill road bridge (by the hairdresser/ the Tavern). Consent from KDAA (Kelvedon & District Angling Association) and from the Impey family / Sarah Impey (nee Bonner) who own the land of the second cricket ground off Rye Mill Lane. Crown Estates own the adjacent land. It was noted that access around the second cricket ground off Rye Mill Lane is permissive.</p> <p>(iii) Off road Coggeshall - Kelvedon foot / bridleway route, included in the Reg 14 draft Kelvedon NP and Coggeshall Neighbourhood Plan. PROWs exist for much of the way except for a short stretch along Coggeshall Road between Feering footpath 22 and Pointwell Lane. Kings Seeds / E W King & Co Ltd of Monks Farm had previously refused permission for a link across their land. Parkers of Leicester acquired ownership / control of King's land about 6 years ago. KE approached Mr Adrian Lott, a director of Parker Strategic Land, after the meeting on 3 April regarding the proposed Parker's Kings Dene development, and raised the issue of a permissive link. Feedback is awaited.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>MB</p> <p>KE</p>
11/ 2019	Individual PROW / footpath Reports: - see the attached table	
12/ 2019	Items for the next meeting: no other	
13/ 2019	Date of next meeting: after discussion it was decided to have meetings every 3-4 months. NEXT meeting: Thursday 4 July 2019 at 8pm	

Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

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