

**FEERING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the MEETING of the PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**  
**(byways, bridleways & footpaths) and cycleways COMMITTEE**  
**held on Thursday 4 July 2019 at 8pm**

**Present:**

Mike Bonner (Chairman & FP Councillor, Katherine Evans (secretary), Robert Crayston (farmer), Robert Ward (farmer), John Bellman, Roger Pitt, Kate Thomas (horserider)  
 By invitation: newly elected BDC Green Party Councillor Jenny Sandum re Agenda Item 21/2019 - the proposed wildlife group

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>14/2019</b>	<b>To Elect a Chairman:</b> A Feering Parish Councillor is traditionally elected as Chairman. It was proposed that Feering Parish Councillor Mike Bonner be elected & continue as Chairman (proposed Robert Crayston, seconded Katherine Evans). Elected unanimously.	
<b>15/2019</b>	<b>To Elect a Vice-Chairman:</b> the secretary advised that there are often two FP Councillor members of the Committee. FP Cllr Christa Dobson was appointed to the PROW & Cycleway Committee at the annual Feering Parish Council meeting in May. The Secretary advised that Cllr Dobson, who had sent her apologies, was willing to be Vice-Chairman. It was proposed that Feering Parish Councillor Christa Dobson be elected as Vice-Chairman (proposed Robert Crayston, seconded Katherine Evans). Elected unanimously.	
<b>16/2019</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Noel Brown, Paul Bentley & FP Cllr Christa Dobson <b>Welcome</b> to invited guest, newly elected BDC Cll Jenny Sandum	
<b>17/2019</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> Robert Crayston & Robert Ward (Feering landowners). Other members: no specific, all PROW users & live in Feering.	
<b>18/2019</b>	<b>Agreement of the Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2019 were AGREED & adopted as a true record.	
<b>19/2019</b>	<b>Public Question Time:</b> No members of the public were present apart from the invited guest BDC Green Councillor Jenny Sandum. The Chairman invited Cllr Sandum to participate & speak to the Wildlife Group Agenda item when the item was dealt with.	
<b>20/2019</b>	<b>Matters arising from the previous meeting</b> not dealt with elsewhere (a) Rotten sleepers on the rafted Path, FP17. Sec (KE) had not yet liaised with the Parish Clerk. After discussion, it was agreed that as it appeared to be only one section of the old boardwalk that had a badly rotten sleeper, it would first be reported on the Essex Highways fault reporting system. Sec (KE) to liaise with Parish Clerk regarding who would report the fault & track outcomes. In the longer term, Section 106 money should become available. (b) Rubbish behind the fence along the railway line. The Clerk has contacted Network Rail - NR reference 190702-000118. NR clear litter & graffiti when working in an area but the request has been passed to the team. (c) (Heritage) kissing gate at the termination of FP 13 on Feering Hill not opening fully due to earth build-up. GG Adams Garden Services, who provide the contracted Parish Council handyman & P3 agreed PROW work, discovered that the gate was damaged. The Parish Council have paid for the remedial work & refurbishing of the gate. The earth has been cleared and the gate is back in position. The Committee thanked those involved. (d) Vegetation / hedge cutting back along footpath 13 (off Feering Hill) & footpath 16 (back of Feering Hill). KE has emailed the Clerk maps and a template letter based on letters sent in the past. The Clerk / FPC will be progressing this. (f) Veteran trees & hedgerows - see also item 21/2019 (e). No volunteers with knowledge to identify trees & hedgerows in the countryside of particular note have come forward.	<p>KE / clerk</p> <p>FPC / Clerk/ GG Adams</p> <p>KE / Clerk / FPC</p>

21/ 2019	<b>ECC / BDC / FPC matters relating to PROW &amp; cycleways</b>	
	<p><b>(a) FPC matters &amp; Chairman's report (MB) -</b> Action arising from the April Chairman's report are in 20/2019 "Matters Arising" For other FPC / Chairman matters- see the individual items below.</p> <p><b>(b) ECC matters</b> Essex Highways Hard Winter cut:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Byway 5 (Elm Lane to the railway crossing) has been done. KT confirmed the cut; the animal hole remains.</li> <li>• Bridleway 2 Lordship Lane (N from Skye Green) - was not done as part of the hard winter cut programme as the budget ran out. The PROW Inspector, Nik Leeson, has advised that it is scheduled to be done in August using volunteers. The Secretary (KE) asked to be kept informed &amp; advised that there could be some local Feering volunteer assistance available if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>(c) P3 scheme etc. - first aid training</b> The Clerk had contacted Shirley Anglin, Essex Highways Localism Officer. First Aid training is available to volunteers running P3 PROW working parties. The Clerk has a blank proposal &amp; grant application form that needs to be filled in as and when we have a project. With the dry weather, paths are not muddy &amp; so it was agreed that the need for planings or similar is not a priority.</p> <p><b>(d) Headland Management Scheme (RC)</b> Robert Crayston advised that the field edge sections of footpaths 8, 10, 11 (?) and 19 have recently been cut. The crossfield section of FP 10 has been re-instated. The crossfield section of FP11 is clearly delineated.</p>	<p>KE/ all / Clerk for info</p> <p>All /JB/ Clerk</p>
21/ 2019	<p><b>(e) Proposed wildlife Group -</b> invited guest BDC Green Cllr Jenny Sandum Jenny spoke of her and Christa Dobson's desire the set up a group to engage local people in exploring and surveying the wildlife in Feering and Kelvedon, an also hedgerow for habitats. The wish is to engage local people, including children, in order to establish what we have and to add to the records held by the Essex Field Club. All developers should consult the Essex Field Club records as part of their environmental assessment. Several members of the Committee expressed an interest.</p>	
22/ 2019	<p><b>Infrastructure matters - PRoW &amp; cycleway issues / opportunities</b> e.g. A12, A120, railways</p> <p>The Chairman (MB) is the Parish Council representative on the A12 and A120 forums and on the VTAG Group. No forum meetings. No news - still no action.</p> <p>Railway crossing on Byway 5 / Bridleway 24 - Kate reported that the crossing gates had been padlocked. On contacting Network Rail, the gates were un-padlocked but that they would be secured again in September / October when work was scheduled on the crossing deck which had deteriorated.</p>	
23/ 2019	<p><b>Local Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Garden Communities, Environmental Audits, Developments - PROW &amp; cycleway issues / opportunities</b></p> <p><b>(i) Kings Dene, Parker Strategic Land - see</b> Nothing to report on the development but see links 24/2019</p> <p><b>(ii) Colchester / Braintree borders Garden Community</b> BDC Green Cllr Jenny Sandum advised that BDC had just released the results of further Environmental Assessment/ the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Infrastructure and overall Economic viability work as required to address the Inspector's concerns and letter of last summer. There is a Full BDC Council meeting of 1 August with many associated documents regarding the Draft Local Plan - evidence and proposed amendments. <a href="https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/932/Committee/2/Default.aspx">https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/932/Committee/2/Default.aspx</a></p>	

