

FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the MEETING of the PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
(byways, bridleways & footpaths) and cycleways COMMITTEE
held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 8pm

Present:

Christa Dobson (Vice-Chair & FP Councillor), Katherine Evans (secretary), John Bellman, Kate Thomas (horserider), Paul Bentley, Noel Brown

		ACTION
28/2019	Welcome & Apologies: FP Cllr Mike Bonner (Chair), Robert Crayston, Robert Ward, Roger Pitt	
29/2019	Declaration of Interests: Other members: no specific, all PROW users & live in Feering.	
30/2019	Agreement of the Minutes of the previous meeting: The Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 4 July 2019 were AGREED & adopted as a true record.	
31/2019	Public Question Time: No members of the public were present	
32/2019	Matters arising from the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere (a) Rotten sleepers on the rafted Path, FP17. Clerk to report on Essex Highways fault reporting website. (b) Vegetation / hedge cutting back along footpath 13 (off Feering Hill) & footpath 16 (back of Feering Hill). FPC letters were hand delivered by KE in July to householders adjoining the footpaths reminding them of their responsibility to keep their boundary hedges etc cut-back so that they do not obstruct or encroach on the public footpath. (c) Trees & hedgerows - the Parish Council are commissioning work to be done on trees in the Parish and are identifying trees that could benefit from Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). BDC will be advised of potential TPO trees as TPOs are a Braintree District Council function. KE requested that the 3 Scots Pine trees in-front of numbers 60+62 Feering Hill, which mark the site of the old Quaker burial ground, be put forward for TPOs. Some / all of the trees are on ECC Highways land. (d) There is vegetation in the river Blackwater. This is believed to be the responsibility of the Environment Agency.	clerk / CllrD/ KE Clerk/ KE
33/2019	ECC / BDC / FPC matters relating to PROW & cycleways	
	(a) FPC matters- The Feering Parish Council Design Code will be published before the main Feering Neighbourhood Plan. FPC will request that it is adopted by BDC as a "material consideration" when considering planning applications. The Parish Council have sent a letter to the householder of 41 Feering Hill concerning the parking of vehicles /vans where Footpath 16 leaves Feering Hill. (b) ECC matters Essex Highways postponed Hard Winter cut of Bridleway 2 Lordship Lane (N from Skye Green) has been carried out. It is still rather narrow in parts which means that these parts get muddy and difficult for walkers as horses and walkers are funnelled into a narrower width. But it is much better than it was.	

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33/ 2019	<p>(c) P3 scheme etc. including first aid training No volunteer projects specifically in mind so no requirement for first aid training at present.</p> <p>(d) Headland Management Scheme (RC) No report (RC not present)</p> <p>(e) Feering & Kelvedon Wildlife Group - initial meetings and wildlife "ambles" have been held, including a walk around the Carla Homes Monks Wood development site off Station Road, Kelvedon. An aim is to repeat the hedgerow & tree survey carried out by volunteers some years ago.</p>	
34/ 2019	<p>Infrastructure matters - PRoW & cycleway issues / opportunities e.g. A12, A120, railways A meeting of the A12 forum is being held next week. FPC to advise Highways England etc of new Parish Council and Parish Councillors email addresses.</p> <p>Post-meeting note: Highways England public consultation from 21 October - 21 December on the A12 preferred route between Junctions 19-23 Boreham - Kelvedon south and a non-statutory consultation on proposed new routes between Junctions 23-25 (Kelvedon south - Marks Tey) to take into account a possible (enlarged) Garden Community around Marks Tey.</p>	Clerk
35/ 2019	<p>Local Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Garden Communities, Environmental Audits, Developments - PROW & cycleway issues / opportunities</p> <p>Google Earth has a historical bar which could be useful.</p> <p>(i) Kings Dene, Parker Strategic Land - see Nothing to report on the development but see links 24/2019</p> <p>(ii) Colchester / Braintree borders Garden Community BDC are still progressing the Garden Communities - additional sustainability information has been compiled - see BDC meeting of 1 August. https://braintree.cmis.uk.com/braintree/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/932/Committee/2/Default.aspx</p> <p>Post-meeting note: The Public Inquiry into the proposed North Essex Garden Communities resumed in the week commencing 13 January 2020.</p> <p>(iii) Crown Estates / Bloor Homes, Feering Bloor Homes have a submitted a reserved matters application for the site. FPC & many local residents have & are objecting. Post-meeting note: BDC deferred a decision on this application. Bloor Homes have submitted a new REM application 19/02234/REM - see the FPC website Minutes & latest news www.essexinfo.net/feeringparishcouncil/noticeboard/land-at-inworth-road-19-0223/</p> <p>(iv) other local sites Prested Hall is under new ownership, which appears to be positive.</p>	
36/ 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) Nothing to report.</p>	

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36/ 2019	<p>ii) Off-road link Feering to Kelvedon along river Blackwater The Kelvedon & District Angling Assoc (KDAA) should be re-contacted for a copy of their document.</p> <p>(iii) Off road Coggeshall - Kelvedon foot / bridleway route Parker Land now control the land on both sides of Coggeshall Road between Pointwell Lane, past Scrips Road & south to the corner where Feering footpath 22 exits onto Coggeshall Road (ex Kings Seeds land). Katherine is following-up with the Parker Land farm manager who is responsibilities include the ex Kings Seeds land.</p>	<p>MB/ NB</p> <p>KE</p>
37/ 2019	Individual PRow / footpath Reports: - see the attached table	
38/ 2019	Items for the next meeting: A12, Local Plan	
39/ 2019	Date of next meeting: Thursdays is not preferred by the majority so the next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 8pm	

Minutes confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Signed

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