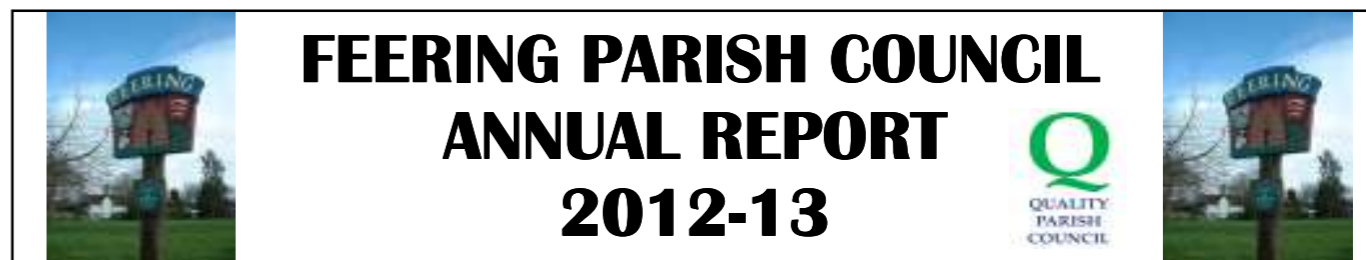


**FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013**

| | 2011/12 | 2012/13 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Balance Brought Forward | 19804.33 | 42706.29 |
| Precept/Parish Support Grant | 41876.00 | 40966.00 |
| Other | 4150.22 | 3610.23 |
| Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust | 900.00 | 912.00 |
| Open Spaces | 2391.75 | 1749.55 |
| Community Centre | 360.33 | 428.50 |
| Miscellaneous | 15742.81 | 780.21 |
| Grants Received | 2000.00 | 300.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 67421.11 | 48746.49 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Street Lighting | 1238.82 | 1195.29 |
| Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust | 5370.08 | 9150.68 |
| Open Spaces | 12055.31 | 8289.78 |
| Community Centre | 701.48 | 450.00 |
| Grants | 1810.00 | 695.01 |
| Administration | 23343.46 | 26662.67 |
| Car Park | 0 | 3340.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 44519.15 | 49783.43 |
| RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY | | |
| Balance brought forward 1 April 2012 | 42706.29 | |
| Add Total Receipts (as above) | 48746.49 | |
| Less Total Payments (as above) | 49783.43 | |
| Balance carried forward 31 March 2013 | 41669.35 | |
| These cumulative funds are represented by:- | | |
| BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES | | |
| Community Account | 5309.24 | |
| Tracker Account - Skatepark | 4880.43 | |
| Tracker Account - No 1 (BPA) | 6273.60 | |
| Tracker Account - No 2 (Bus Res) | 24888.15 | |
| Play Equipment Repairs | 126.89 | |
| Play Equipment Refurbishment | 12.83 | |
| Village Sign Account | 159.60 | |
| Petty Cash | 18.61 | |
| TOTAL | 41669.35 | |

Rye Mill Lane Playing Field is owned by a Trust. All members of the parish council are trustees. Income is generated from contributions to pitch maintenance, grant funding and the parish council. All income received is used by the Trust towards the maintenance and improvement of the pitches and facilities on the playing field.



Welcome to our Annual Report for 2012-13, informing you about what the Council has been doing during the past year and including plans for the year ahead.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT from Paul Petto

I was re-elected as Chairman, and John Wyatt as Vice Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting in May. This year, nine councillors who make up your parish council have attended thirteen council meetings, as well as representing Feering at over thirteen other organisations both locally and at District and County level. The Planning Committee has met fifteen times and considered no less than forty seven applications. The Council is grateful to Jane Palmer our Tree Warden for continuing to provide helpful advice on all local issues relating to trees, and also to Mark Leslie who represents the parish on passenger transport issues. Our thanks also go to Graham Adams, the village handyman, who tirelessly tidies and maintains the village and was instrumental in helping Feering achieve runner up in Class 3 for Best Kept Village in 2012. Our thanks are also extended to County Councillor Nigel Edey for his support and we wish him well in his retirement whilst looking forward to welcoming his successor.

PARISH PLAN PROJECT

Councillors would like to thank all members of the Parish Plan Group who produced the Parish Plan in December 2012, which was the culmination of two year's hard work. It recently proved its worth in forming a large part of the Council's representation for objecting to Braintree District Council's site allocation plan. For the year ahead we are actively seeking volunteers to form a steering group to implement the action plan it has produced.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

With increasing development of surrounding villages, the volume and speed of traffic continues to be an issue. The Planning Committee has fought hard for Essex Highways to consider the impact that development has on traffic on a cumulative basis rather than in isolation, though concludes that there is little appetite from both Essex Highways in Braintree and Colchester to unite to address this issue collectively. Councillors continue to try to find ways of alleviating these problems.

PLAYING FIELD

The Council has been successful in obtaining significant funding from SITA Trust for refurbishment and replacement of new equipment in the Play Park, to be enjoyed by many for years to come. Funding was also received for the new disability picnic table from Essex Playing Fields Association.

Feering Parish Council would like to thank Peter Irons for his dedication to maintaining the playing field to its current high standards having won numerous awards, including recognition again this year from the Essex Playing Fields Association for a Best Kept Playing Field. Simon Gibbs is now contracted to continue its maintenance at a very competitive price, whilst Peter still assists voluntarily when necessary. We are sure their efforts are recognised by the village and specifically appreciated by the football teams and the school who play and train on the pitches.

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RESURFACING OF CAR PARK

Pot holes are a continuing and worsening problem throughout the village that the Council reports to Essex Highways. However, those in the car park reached dangerous levels as a result of deteriorating weather conditions and continuous use from visitors to both the community centre, playing field and school. Feering Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has secured funding towards the cost of repairs. Longer term solutions have been sought and it is intended that a suitable drainage system be implemented to minimise deterioration of the newly laid surface when completed. It is anticipated that work will commence in the summer holidays. The Council thanks everyone for their continued support in parking sensibly whilst the pot holes continue to be fenced off in the interim.

FUNDING

This year the Council has secured funding totalling £18,416 for the refurbishment of the Play Park, including new items of equipment from SITA Trust and a new picnic table from the Essex Playing Fields Association. The Big Society Fund has awarded £5,500 for the year ahead for repairs to the car park and it is hoped that funding will be secured for improvements to the bus shelters on both A12 slip roads north and south bound

SECURITY LIGHTING/CCTV

This was installed recently to provide security for all users of the Community Centre and car park.

PRECEPT

The amount of money the Council needs to raise to run the Parish for next year has been set at £40,966, and is known as the Precept. This is an increase on last year, but the Council has retained the same Parish Element of the Band D Tax Rate at £43.06, following receipt of a Parish Support and Council Tax Grant from Braintree District Council who have restructured how they support Parish Councils. This sum enables the Council to light and maintain the 29 Parish-owned street lights, clear up litter, empty all litter bins in the village, and maintain bus shelters and seats.

The Council manages and maintains the Playing Field, the Play Park and the Skatepark. It is also responsible for keeping the footpaths in Feering clear and passable, including the scenic rafted path. Funding towards this is obtained from the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme run by Essex County Council.

Additionally, the Council maintains the parish office and pays for the salary of the part time Parish Clerk. The Council also pays for the Parish Handyman, Graham Adams, maintenance of all verges throughout the village with Chris Mortimer Grounds Maintenance Ltd, and the maintenance of the Playing Field with Simon Gibbs.

YOUR SAY

The Council is always available to hear your thoughts on how you would like to see Council money spent in the year ahead

COUNCILLORS CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE PARISH OFFICE OR ON THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS :

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Mr Paul Petto (Chairman) | 01376 570305 | Mrs Maggie Eddolls | 01376 571530 |
| Mr John Wyatt (Vice Chairman) | 01376 570738 | Mrs Helen Edwards | 01376 570743 |
| Mr Mike Bonner | 01376 570124 | Mr Peter Irons | 01376 571774 |
| Mrs Muriel Carrick | 01376 570323 | Mrs Michele Lakin | 01376 570471 |
| | | Ms Chris Collins | 01376 571855 |

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|--|---|------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|
| PARISH CLERK | - | Martique Freathy | PARISH HANDYMAN | - | Graham Adams |
| PARISH TREE WARDEN | - | Jane Palmer | PITCH INSPECTOR | - | Peter Irons |
| PASSENGER TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE - Mark Leslie | | | | | |

The Community Information Point within the Parish Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 12pm for information about local services, activities and groups. Clear recycling sacks (free) and doggie poop bags are also available from the office.

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SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2013

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

take place every third Tuesday in the month (except in June and August) at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.. Dates for the remainder of 2013 are:-

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday 14 May | Tuesday 25 June | Tuesday 16 July | No meeting in August |
| Tuesday 17 September | Tuesday 15 October | Tuesday 19 November | Tuesday 17 December |

MANNED REFUSE LORRIES

will visit Feering at the following places dates and times in 2013

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Glebe Gardens | 1000-1100 | 13 04 13 |
| Hanover Square | 1100-1200 | 13 04 13 |
| Rye Mill Lane | 1000-1100 | 18 05 13 |
| Bottom of Feering Hill | 1100-1200 | 18 05 13 |
| Glebe Gardens | 1000-1100 | 15 06 13 |
| Hanover Square | 1100-1200 | 15 06 13 |
| Rye Mill Lane | 1000-1100 | 13 07 13 |
| Bottom of Feering Hill | 1100-1200 | 13 07 13 |
| Glebe Gardens | 1000-1100 | 17 08 13 |
| Hanover Square | 1100-1200 | 17 08 13 |
| Rye Mill Lane | 1000-1100 | 14 09 13 |
| Bottom of Feering Hill | 1100-1200 | 14 09 13 |
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| Rye Mill Lane | 1000-1100 | 09 11 13 |
| Bottom of Feering Hill | 1100-1200 | 09 11 13 |

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 14 and 28 May | 11 and 25 June | 09 and 23 July |
| 06 and 20 August | 03 and 17 September | 15 and 29 October |
| 12 and 26 November | 10 December | |

Visits Feering on:-

AND FINALLY . . . SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

To report an incident to the police – 101 (in emergency dial 999)

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