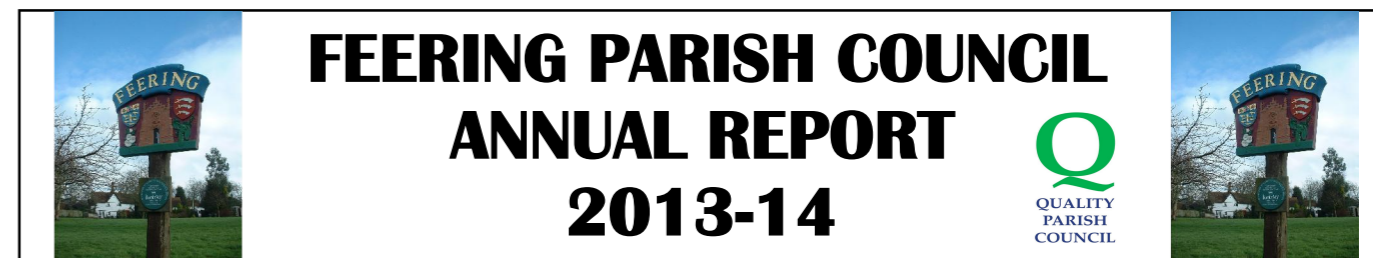


**FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014**

	2012/13	2013/14
INCOME		
Balance Brought Forward	42706	41669
Precept/Localism Grant	40966	41414
Other	3610	4268
Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust	912	1400
Open Spaces	1750	2352
Community Centre	428	145
Miscellaneous	780	576
Grants Received	300	5540
TOTAL INCOME	48746	55,695
EXPENDITURE		
Street Lighting	1195	1722
Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust	9151	2630
Open Spaces	8290	13596
Community Centre	450	24
Grants	695	1770
Administration	26662	25033
Car Park	3340	7035
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	49783	51,809
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY		
Balance brought forward 1 April 2013	41669	
Add Total Receipts (as above)	55,695	
Less Total Payments (as above)	51,809	
Balance carried forward 31 March 2014	45,555	
These cumulative funds are represented by:-		
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Community Account	1625	
Tracker Account - Skatepark	4883	
Tracker Account - No 1 (BPA)	20747	
Tracker Account - No 2 (Bus Res)	16861	
Play Equipment Repairs	127	
Play Equipment Refurbishment	1000	
Village Sign Account	300	
Petty Cash	11	
TOTAL	45,555	

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 2013-14, 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, though sadly Cllr Wyatt resigned in July and has not since been replaced. Two other valued Councillors, Peter Irons and Chris Collins also resigned and I would like to thank them all for the service they provided. The Council would also like to give special thanks to Muriel Carrick, who retires in April 2014 and has generously served 41 years on the Council as both a Councillor and Chairman and whose knowledge will be greatly missed by all. Recently, Councillors were pleased to welcome both Katherine Evans and Paul Lees who were co-opted onto the Council. Ideally Feering Parish Council would like to fill all its vacancies before elections in 2015 and co-opt two more Councillors. If this is a role that you think would suit you, please contact the Clerk on 01376 572882.

This year, councillors 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 eighteen times and considered no less than forty seven applications. The Council continues to be 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 to such a high standard.

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

As ever, with increasing development of surrounding villages, the volume and speed of traffic continues to be an issue. The Planning Committee has continued to fight hard for Essex Highways to consider the impact that development has on traffic on a cumulative basis rather than in isolation. A traffic group has now been formed including Feering, Kelvedon, Messing and Tiptree Parish Councils and the Heritage Society and hopes to soon be joined by Coggeshall Parish Council.

CAR PARK AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Council was delighted to have been successful in obtaining significant funding from The Big Society Fund to contribute towards necessary improvements to the car park, including implementation of drainage and resurfacing.

PLAYING FIELD

Feering Parish Council would like to thank Simon Gibbs for his hard work in maintaining the playing field to its current high standards. Feering Parish Council was awarded a silver award by the Essex Playing Fields Association for a Best Kept Playing Field. Our thanks extend to Peter Irons who continues to assist voluntarily with the edges 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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SECTION 106 MONIES for SKATEPARK/RAFTED PATH

A sum of S106 monies was due to be spent on Open Spaces and shared between Feering and Kelvedon Parish Councils. Feering Parish Council proposed that it could be allocated towards a new Skatepark with additional funding to be applied for, or spent on improving the Public Footpath 17 by the River Blackwater by extending the rafted section. A consultation took place in July 2013 which concluded that if it were possible to raise funds for both projects, the money could be shared accordingly. Unfortunately, although Feering Parish Council was successful in securing some money towards a Skatepark from the Community Initiatives Fund, the project relied on the success of funding from Sport England which was not awarded on this occasion, largely because it was heavily oversubscribed with £47m applied for and only £15m awarded. Councillors are currently working towards ensuring the whole amount of available S106 monies will be put towards costs of improving the Rafted Path.

FUNDING

This year the Council hopes to secure funding to improve some of the Play Equipment on the Playing Field which has deteriorated. It is also hoped that funding will be secured for two replacement bus shelters on Feering Hill.

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

PRECEPT

The amount of money the Council needs to raise to run the Parish for next year has been set at £43,187. Braintree District Council reduced the Parish Support and Council Tax Grant by 13.5% this year which has been instrumental in the increase of the Band D Tax rate from £43.06 to £46.48. The knock on effect of previously not increasing the budget has been realised with the general cost of running the village and paying for administration costs increasing year on year. Additionally the extreme weather conditions caused unexpected tree damage causing the Council to be forced to budget for a programme of tree maintenance for 2014/15.

The Precept enables the Council to light and maintain 29 Parish-owned street lights, clear up increasing volumes of litter, empty all litter bins in the village, and maintain bus shelters and seats. Feering Parish Council also pays for the Manned Refuse Lorries that visit the village for eight months of the year.

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 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 verges throughout the village and the maintenance of the Playing Field with Simon Gibbs.

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

Mr Paul Petto (Chairman)	01376 570305	Mrs Helen Edwards	01376 570743
Mr Mike Bonner	01376 570124	Mrs Katherine Evans	01376 570156
Mrs Helen Edwards	01376 570743	Mrs Michele Lakin	01376 570471
Mr Paul Lees	01376 573111		

PARISH CLERK - Martique Freathy	PARISH HANDYMAN - Graham Adams
PARISH TREE WARDEN - Jane Palmer	PITCH INSPECTOR - Vacancy
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 2014

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

take place every third Tuesday in the month (except in May, June and August) at 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.. Dates for the remainder of 2014 are:-

Tuesday 27 May	Tuesday 24 June	Tuesday 15 July	No meeting in August
Tuesday 16 September	Tuesday 21 October	Tuesday 18 November	Tuesday 16 December

MANNED REFUSE LORRIES

will visit Feering at the following places dates and times in 2014

Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	12 04 14
Hanover Square	1100-1200	12 04 14
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	17 05 14
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	17 05 14
Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	14 06 14
Hanover Square	1100-1200	14 06 14
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	12 07 14
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	12 07 14
Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	16 08 14
Hanover Square	1100-1200	16 08 14
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	13 09 14
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	13 09 14
Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	11 10 14
Hanover Square	1100-1200	11 10 14
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	08 11 14
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	08 11 14

THE MOBILE LIBRARY

14 and 28 May	11 and 25 June	09 and 23 July
06 and 20 August	03 and 17 September	01, 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)
Neighbourhood Policing Team – 07974 457258**

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