

**DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
1 April 2014 - 31 March 2015**

	2013/14	2014/15
<b>INCOME</b>		
Balance Brought Forward	41,669	45,555
Precept/Localism Grant	41,414	43,187
Other	4,268	6,811
Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust	1,400	1,763
Open Spaces	2,352	2,520
Community Centre	145	90
Miscellaneous	576	297
Grants Received	5,540	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>55,695</b>	<b>54,669</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Street Lighting	1,722	959
<b>Rye Mill Lane Playing Field Trust</b>	<b>2,630</b>	<b>5,001</b>
Open Spaces	13,596	14,486
Community Centre	24	150
Grants	1,770	2,220
Car Park	7,035	0
Administration	25,033	22,205
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>51,809</b>	<b>45,021</b>
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Balance brought forward 1 April 2014</b>	<b>45,555</b>	
Add Total Receipts (as above)	54,669	
Less Total Payments (as above)	45,021	
<b>Balance carried forward 31 March 2015</b>	<b>55,203</b>	
These cumulative funds are represented by:-		
<b>BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>		
Community Account	2,447	
Tracker Account - Skatepark	4,885	
Tracker Account - No 1 (BPA)	30,240	
Tracker Account - No 2 (Bus Res)	16,180	
Play Equipment Repairs	127	
Play Equipment Refurbishment	1,001	
Village Sign Account	300	
Petty Cash	24	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,203</b>	



**W**elcome to our Annual Report for 2014-15, informing you about what the Council has been doing during the past year and including plans for the year ahead.

**COUNCIL'S REPORT**

Paul Petto was re-elected as Chairman, and Michele Lakin as Vice Chairman at the Annual Council Meeting last May. Sadly, Paul has decided not to stand for election for 2015-16 and will be greatly missed as both a Chairman and Councillor. The Council is sure everyone will agree he has been a great ambassador for the Council. Additionally, Councillors Maggie Eddolls and Jeff Richardson did not stand for election and will also be missed. Councillor Lees recently resigned and the Council would like to thank all who have left for their hard work and support. Following these recent departures, there are now only four remaining Councillors who stood for election which leaves 5 vacancies. The Council urgently needs additional support to assist with running the Parish. It will be difficult for the Council to achieve its aims without additional Councillors. If anyone is interested in this role and in being co-opted onto the Council, please contact the Clerk on 01376 572882.

This year, councillors attended twelve 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 fifty two applications. The Council remains grateful to Jane Palmer, our Tree Warden, who continues to provide 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 and grass cutting contractor, who tidies and maintains the village to such a high standard.

**TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS**

Volume and speed issues remain high on the Council's agenda and the Council supports The A12 Village Traffic Action Group, supported by 5 Parish Councils and the Heritage Society to lobby for road improvements in the area. Recently the Chairman of the group was interviewed by BBC Essex to promote the group and its activities and it has also been in discussion with Priti Patel MP to open the channels of communication regarding any scheme approved by the Essex Authority in respect of the A12. Local hauliers and businesses have also been written to for their views on current traffic problems. Various schemes have been applied for and recently roundels for the village approved.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Following the change to Braintree District Council's Local Development Plan, its recent call for sites indicated that land owners/developers would be able to meet Braintree District Council's requirement for approximately 850 new houses per year in one year. Subsequently, Feering Parish Council held a workshop with 45 attendees and a Neighbourhood Plan group has formed with approximately 15 members. The Council has been awarded its designated area and the group is commencing with a plan.

**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. We are sure his 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**

Following receipt of S106 monies to be spent on Open Spaces last year, improvements were made to the Public Footpath 17 by the River Blackwater by extending the rafted section. Councillors and users of the footpath report they are delighted with the improvements made.

Following last year's disappointment in not securing an additional bid to funds already obtained to proceed with purchase of a new Skatepark, the Council has continued to ask for volunteers to form a fund raising committee to support this project and still continues to try to secure funding through other avenues. However, as additional funding has not been secured to date, the initial tranche of monies raised has had to be returned.

If you are interested in helping raise money for this project, please contact the Parish Clerk on Tel: 01376 572882.

**FENCING**

This year the Council will be replacing the fencing adjacent to the Playing Field by Footpath 16, which has become extremely worn. Additionally all the concrete posts will be replaced. Funds have been allocated from reserves as grants were not available for these maintenance items.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Essential repairs were recently carried out to the Multi Play Equipment on the Playing Field.

**PRECEPT**

The amount of money the Council needs to raise to run the Parish for next year has been set at £44,221. Braintree District Council reduced the Parish Support and Council Tax Grant by 15.5% this year which has been instrumental in the increase of the Band D Tax rate from £46.48 to £48.10. General running costs have increased and money allocated towards the Neighbourhood Plan and replacement fencing are attributable factors. Additionally warm and wet weather conditions encouraged mole activity on the Playing Field and the Council has had to draw from its reserves for prevention measures.

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, though this will reduce for 2015/16.

Additionally, the Council maintains the parish office and pays for the salary of the part time Parish Clerk. The Council also pays for contracts for Parish Handyman services and maintenance of verges throughout the village and the maintenance of the Playing Field.

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

Mr Mike Bonner 01376 570124 Mrs Katherine Evans 01376 570156  
Mrs Helen Edwards 01376 570743 Mrs Michele Lakin 01376 570471

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 2015 . . . . .**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

... take place every third Tuesday in the month (except 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 2015 are:-

Tuesday 19 May	Tuesday 23 June	Tuesday 21 July	No meeting in August
Tuesday 15 September	Tuesday 20 October	Tuesday 17 November	Tuesday 15 December

**MANNED REFUSE LORRIES**

**will visit Feering at the following places dates and times in 2015**

Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	18 04 15
Hanover Square	1100-1200	18 04 15
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	16 05 15
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	16 05 15
Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	13 06 15
Hanover Square	1100-1200	13 06 15
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	11 07 15
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	11 07 15
Glebe Gardens	1000-1100	15 08 15
Hanover Square	1100-1200	15 08 15
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	12 09 15
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	12 09 15
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Hanover Square	1100-1200	10 10 15
Rye Mill Lane	1000-1100	07 11 15
Bottom of Feering Hill	1100-1200	07 11 15

**THE MOBILE LIBRARY**

**Visits Feering on:-**

12 and 26 May	09 and 23 June	07 and 21 July
04 and 18 August	01, 15 and 29 September	13 and 27 October
10 and 24 November	08 December	

**AND FINALLY . . . SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:  
To report an incident to the police – 101 (in emergency dial 999)**

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