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Ferring Parish Council – Spring 2018

Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN CAROLE ROBERTSON WRITES –

Shortly the annual Council Tax notification will be dropping through letterboxes. Part of this charge is made up of a local precept set by Ferring Parish Council and collected on our behalf by Arun District Council. This precept is the sole regular means of income for the Parish Council and is spent on our village to provide services for residents. The Parish Council has made a decision to recommend a 1% increase in the precept for the year 2018-2019 which equates to a Band D Council Tax of £37.50 per year, a slight reduction from the current year's £37.61.

Although some of our costs have inevitably risen due to inflation, the Parish Council has opted for a below inflation rate rise, due to the impending decision by Arun District Council to keep both sets of public toilets in Ferring open. Last year we were expecting to have to take over and run the facilities ourselves, in line with the very strong message we received from residents that closure was not an acceptable option. This meant we had to make allowance in last year's Precept for the entire cost of cleaning and maintaining the toilets. Thankfully common sense has prevailed and we are no longer facing that increased charge on Parish finances.

Carole Robertson,
Chairman Ferring Parish Council



THE FERRING PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND LIGHT 'SWITCH ON' – We must give thanks to every single person who helped make the Ferring Christmas light 'switch on' on 2nd December 2017 a huge success with lights, music and carols and a Christmas Fayre held at the Village Hall. A delightful start to the Christmas season.

We must also give thanks to Reverend Gary Ingram, St Andrews Church, our local Choir for the wonderful singing, the 1st Ferring Guides for distributing hats and programmes, Sompting Tipteers for performing the Sussex Mumming Play 'St George & the Turkish Knight', The Salvation Army Band and Councillor Maura Blackburn and Haskins Garden Centre for organising the Christmas Tree. Appreciation to Niche Building People & Abbeyfield for their contributions to enable the Parish Council to purchase additional Christmas lights. Finally, thank you to the Parish Councillors who braved the cold to man the road closures and to Councillor Ruth Sims & the Clerk for organising the event. Next year we hope to have a much bigger light display and a couple of surprises.



TREE DRESSING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN – This was a great success and a huge thank you to all who helped or attended this special event. Thanks go to Norma Cummings and her band of tree dressers who make such a splendid display and to the Library staff who welcomed us in and allowed us to serve hot drinks afterwards.



PATTERSON'S WALK – The extension to the western end of Patterson's Walk has finally been completed. This particular project was written into the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council has continued to drive this forward over the last two years. The purpose of the extension was to enable people with mobility difficulties, people in wheelchairs and families with children in buggies to access the main path more easily and safely rather than struggle over the beach shingle from the car park. Arun District Council and the owner of the BlueBird Café gave permission to develop this extension across their land. The funding of this project has come primarily from a grant awarded to Ferring Retirement Club from the West Sussex County Council Community Initiative Fund. The Environment Agency was also consulted to ensure that any problems could be averted. The Parish Council would like to thank all the involved parties and particularly Chris Headon for his initial design and continued help throughout and also our contractors DrivePoint.



HIGHWAY MATTERS – Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Ferring. Unfortunately, despite extreme efforts by Ferring Parish Council (FPC), West Sussex County Council (WSSC) Highways Department implemented a 30 mph TRO for Ferring private roads instead of the requested 20 mph. The 30mph TRO speed limit order came into operation June 2016, previously having been 60mph within the village. The reduced speed limit applies to ALL roads within the village including Sea Lane, Goring Way and Ferring Street.



A259 LITTLEHAMPTON IMPROVEMENTS - This will see improvements to the Tesco Bridge Road roundabout, a new dual carriageway to replace the existing single carriageway between the new Fitzalan link road and the Body Shop roundabout and the single carriageway between Station Road, Angmering and the A280 roundabout and improvements to Goring Crossways junction. Detailed Design work starts in July 2017 and will last until summer 2018. Subject to acquiring the required land, it is anticipated that construction could start in late spring/early summer 2018.

Further information can be found at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roadworks-and-projects/road-projects/a259-littlehampton-improvements/>



PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – Ferring Parish Council has met with the Property, Estates & Facilities Manager at Arun District Council (ADC). Now there has been a change of approach from ADC with the recommendation to retain both public conveniences in the village. With regards to the future, Ferring Parish Council (FPC) has been asked if they would consider contributing to a possible upgrade and the maintenance costs. This matter will be discussed by FPC once a fully costed maintenance programme has been provided by ADC.



POLICE – Seen something suspicious or have information about a crime or incident? Email the police at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101** or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or www.crimestoppers-uk.org



WINTER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS - In the event of snow and ice, the County Council grits the main roads through the village – the route of the 700 bus service. In order to assist all other areas there are four grit bins, the east end of Langbury Lane, north entrance to the village green, north Greystoke Road and outside the convenience store south Ferring.



PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – Arun District Council has been providing the Parish Council with website facilities for a number of years through the extended use of its Content Management System. The product that the Parish Council uses has now reached the end of its useful life and the supplier has advised that they will provide limited support for a short while and then no support at all. In view of this, the Parish Council is exploring options for a new website. It is hoped that the website will be up and running within the next few months. Further details can be found on the Parish Council noticeboards.



RAILWAY ISSUE - Some residents may be aware of the old signal building at the railway crossing, (south west of the crossing) which has been derelict for many years, since the signals were moved to an automated system. Network Rail has advised that they can remove the building, however the work needs to be carried out during the night when trains are not running. It will invariably cause considerable noise for local residents over two nights. In view of this, the Parish Council would like to hear the views from the local residents, particularly surrounding the crossing in Ferring Street, Ferring Lane and Langbury Lane. Please contact the Clerk ferring-pc@btconnect.com



VILLAGE GREEN SIGN - The sign on the Village Green indicating those organisations that have supported the Parish Council and Arun District Council in the development of the facilities on the green is being replaced due to severe weathering and also the need to be updated. The play equipment, the adult exercise equipment, the boat and its associated planting up have all been welcome recent additions to the village green.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the people and organisations involved who help to improve the local environment and make Ferring a special place, particularly Karl Washer for all his efforts and skills to repair and maintain the numerous facilities around the village and also Ferring Nurseries for their floral displays which provide so much enjoyment for us all.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR -

- Hedges fronting the roadway should be cut back to allow pedestrian access along footpaths.
- Household rubbish to be kept in a suitable bin and not plastic bags.
- Give consideration to your neighbours when you are in garden and driveway.



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meetings Village Hall at 7.30pm – 5th March, 16th April & 21st May 2018



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at <http://fering.arun.gov.uk>

E-mail your comments regarding any Village matters to: ferring-pc@btconnect.com

Write to the Council at **1 Elm Park, Ferring, West Sussex BN12 5RN**

Read the information on the Council's notice boards

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

Call at the Parish Office which is open **Monday to Thursday from 9.30 to 12.00**

Speak and have your say at a **Council meeting**