



THE PARISH FLYER - 52

Ferring Parish Council – Spring 2019

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.

Ferring Parish Council sets its precept for the upcoming financial year in January. The precept provides the vast majority of the councils' income for the year and enables us to maintain and enhance the village environment and provides for the day to day running cost of the Parish Council.

At the Parish Council meeting on 14th January, it was agreed that we would set a precept amount of £91,000. This represents a 2.4% increase on the total for 2018 - 2019. However as there have been a considerable number of new houses built and occupied over the last 12 months the actual increase for householders is a much smaller percentage, as more people are paying. This has resulted in a 1.15% increase for a Band D council tax payer in 2019 - 2020. In monetary terms, this means that Band D council tax will rise by 43p a year, from £37.50 to £37.93.

Carole Robertson,
Chairman Ferring Parish Council



THE FERRING PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND LIGHT 'SWITCH ON' – The Ferring Christmas light 'switch on' was held on 15th December 2018. Unfortunately, the weather was not so accommodating. Although a very wet and windy evening, it was a success with lights, music, carols and a Christmas Fayre held at the Village Hall.

We must give thanks to Reverend Gary Ingram, the Salvation Army Band and our local Choir for the wonderful singing, the 1st Ferring Guides for distributing hats and programmes and Poi Passions for their light themed exciting performance. Also, we would like to thank the residents that braved the appalling weather and for the contributions made by a few residents to enable the Parish Council to purchase additional Christmas lights. Finally, thank you to the Parish Councillors who braved the rain to man the road closures, Councillor Carole Robertson for her work on the Nativity and to Councillor Ruth Sims and the Clerk for organising the event. This 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.

FERRING SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 20th JULY – The annual Summer Fair will be held on 20th July, between 12 noon and 4.00pm on the Village Green and in the Village Hall. The Fair will include lots of fun activities, music, dancing, a food hall and many stalls featuring crafts and aspects of Village Life. For further information or a booking form, please contact Ruth Sims on 01903 243 212.

FERRING VILLAGE GREEN – In the last Parish Flyer, we advised that the Parish Council is currently working in conjunction with Arun District Council (ADC) to improve the appearance of the Village Green frontage. The work has now started; ADC has removed one tree, cut the ivy on the trees and pruned the hedge around the noticeboard area. Further works will include clearing the various shrubby undergrowth and spraying to minimise regrowth, grass seeding the cleared area and planting appropriate bulbs, making a short pathway through the middle of the area to the main part of the village green and continuing the knee rail fence along this area.

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



DOG ISSUES – It has come to the attention of Ferring Parish Council once more that the issue of dog nuisance on the beach and along Patterson's walk has worsened considerably.

Dog excrement can cause some extremely dangerous conditions including toxocarasis, a potentially lethal disease carried in dog faeces which can also cause blindness.

Arun District Council has the sole legal power to make orders controlling or banning dogs on the beach or any other open space.

Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot act beyond its authority but we completely understand the views of residents who find the presence of uncontrolled dogs frightening and a potential health hazard particularly for children and vulnerable elderly people.

In 2016, ADC organised a Public Space Protection Order Consultation for dogs on leads on Patterson's Walk and the beach between April and September. Unfortunately, the order was not granted. The Parish Council has recently asked ADC to conduct another consultation but they have declined on the basis that there have been so few complaints/concerns received.

We would urge residents to log their complaints and concerns directly to ADC via the following website addresses:

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/dog-control> or <https://www1.arun.gov.uk/officeforms/EhReportIt.ofml> or alternatively you can email dog.wardens@arun.gov.uk and please send a copy of your complaint/concern to the Parish Council ferring-pc@btconnect.com



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE..... did you know that apart from all the details about your Parish Council, you can use the website (ferringparishcouncil.org.uk) to easily contact or access other local organisations and services? For example, our Community page has direct links to Ferring leisure and medical facilities, Ferring Library and Police Hub, local bus and train timetables, directories of businesses, organisations and events, community articles and Nextdoor local on-line social network. Easily access all these from one place under the 'Community' tab on our website -- just click on the relevant website or use the telephone number provided. <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>



HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH – The Parish Council has been made aware of an increasing problem with Household rubbish being put into the litter bins and dog bins located around the village. Arun District Council is aware of this issue and advise that this is an illegal offence to deposit household waste in public bins. Please use the litter bins and dog bins for the use that they are intended.



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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLORS – Ferring Parish Council are pleased to welcome our new Councillors Clare Royal and Peter Coe, who we are sure will become valuable members of the Parish Council Team.



SPEEDING REMINDER – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON ALL ROADS IN THE VILLAGE IS 30 MPH.



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. The salt is provided for residents use for public areas only.



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meetings: Village Hall at 7.30pm – 4th March, 15th April, 20th May 2019



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.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**