



# THE PARISH FLYER - 53

## Ferring Parish Council – Summer 2019

### Village News & Views from your Council

#### CHAIRMAN CAROLE ROBERTSON WRITES –

Following the Local Elections that were held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Parish Council has vacancies for four councillors. This shortage of Councillors makes it very difficult for the Parish Council to take on the projects that improve and enhance our village.

Unlike District and County Councils, Parish Councils are apolitical; our only concern is the day to day maintenance of village facilities and supporting local residents. Despite the very understandable cynicism about elected politicians and political parties at the moment, I do hope that residents will consider applying to be co-opted as a Councillor. The co-option is expected to take place at Full Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

It is a very rewarding and worthwhile role that ensures the community you live in is kept clean, the local environment is protected and enhanced and popular events such as the village fair and the Christmas lights actually take place.

**Carole Robertson,**  
**Chairman Ferring Parish Council**

**OUT AND ABOUT PROJECT** – Due to the success of the 'out and about' project, Ferring Parish Council has arranged for Freedom Leisure to return to the village this summer. The project provides free weekly activities for youngsters on the village green. The activities include face painting, art and craft, general games and a bouncy castle, one afternoon per week through the summer holidays for 6 weeks.

Look out for further details including the dates on the Parish Council Noticeboards and website.

**FERRING SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY** – The annual Summer Fair will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, between 12 noon and 4.00pm on the Village Green & 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. If you would like a stall, a few are still available at £10.00 per table. For further information or a booking form, please contact Ruth Sims on 01903 243212.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Ferring Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 - 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Glebelands Community Centre, Greystoke Road, BN12 5JL

Meeting schedule:

Ferring Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Arun District Council/West Sussex County Council Annual Reports

Opportunity to circulate with the elected Councillors & representatives from other village Organisations/Groups

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be available

**COME AND MEET YOUR ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

**KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE** – As the weather improves please remember to take extra care in ensuring your property is safe. Do not leave doors open or even unlocked. Only have ground-floor windows open in the room you are in. Keep all valuables out of sight.

**PARKING IN THE VILLAGE** – Could we please ask that residents are thoughtful and considerate when parking their vehicles and refrain from parking on grass verges or the pavement.

**SEAGULL NUISANCE** – We have had a few residents contact the office regarding nesting seagulls which can be very aggressive. Could we respectfully ask residents not to feed the seagulls and encourage them into their gardens.

**LANGBURY LANE FOOTPATH** – Concerns had been raised in relation to the state of the path from Langbury Lane through to Asda. After negotiations between Ferring Parish Council and West Sussex County Council (WSCC), WSCC have overlaid the muddy section of the footpath and it is now passable.



**TAP AT THE VILLAGE GREEN** – Arun District Council (ADC) have kindly installed a drinking water tap on the front of the public conveniences on the village green for residents/visitors to re-fill their water bottles.



**WAR MEMORIAL** – Following an accident in 2018 at the war memorial, the replacement bollards have now been fitted.



**CYCLE RACKS** – As they were badly corroded, the bike racks at the Beach and at the Village Green have all been replaced with 6 x Galvanised Black Racks.



**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 to deter seagulls & foxes.



**GARDEN WASTE** – This is the time of year when many people are carrying out pruning and other garden works which generate garden waste. Please be considerate when disposing of your garden waste.

A chargeable garden waste collection service is available from Arun District Council. Members of the scheme receive the use of a wheelie bin and a fortnightly collection of their garden waste. Garden Waste can also be taken directly to the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Further information can be found on the Arun District Council website.



**TREE DONATION SCHEME** – As part of the scheme, Ferring Parish Council has recently planted three trees in Greystoke Road. West Sussex County Council (WSSC) operates a Donate a Tree Scheme, where members of the public are able to contribute to WSSC tree planting within the County. For a contribution of £150, WSSC will plant a tree outside the contributor's property. (This is subject to a site assessment). If you would like to improve the environment by contributing to this scheme, more information and how to apply can be found on the WSSC website, <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/donate-a-tree-scheme/>



**BONFIRES** - Bonfire smoke can be very irritating and cause a nuisance to neighbours by preventing them from opening windows, hanging out washing, and enjoying their garden. There are no local byelaws regarding bonfires. If you do need to have a bonfire, please do be considerate of your neighbours and the environment. Before you light a bonfire, please check that no wildlife is using it for hibernation.



**LOVE WEST SUSSEX MOBILE APP** – This is a West Sussex County Council Mobile Application. Residents can report environmental issues such as highways matters including potholes, damage to street furniture or fly-tipping through their mobile phones; West Sussex County Council will manage and respond using their integrated services. These matters can also be reported on the West Sussex County Council website.



**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE** – Ferring Parish Council's website is now live on the internet with up-to-date information for public view at: <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>

The Home page gives some geographical background to the village. The Parish Council and Meetings pages contain information about Parish Councillors, the various Committees and the associated agendas and minutes; the Planning Applications page contains links to recent planning applications specific to Ferring. The 'I want to ..' page contains links mostly to Arun District Council and West Sussex Council pages for residents to report various issues.

**WE NEED YOU**



**COUNCILLORS NEEDED** – The Parish Council is very busy at the current time and needs its full complement of 12 Councillors. This is your chance to help shape the future of Ferring. If you can spare around 12 evenings a year to attend meetings and like talking to people, you are just what we are looking for.

Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details [parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk).



**AND FINALLY:**

**Future Full Council Meetings** Village Hall at 7.30pm – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:**

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

E-mail your comments regarding any Village matters to: [parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk)

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 9.00 to 12.00**

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

