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Ferring Parish Council – Winter 2019
Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN CAROLE ROBERTSON WRITES –

Time seems to keep passing faster and faster and here we are nearly at Christmas again. The Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Fair is on December 7th and we all have our fingers crossed for better weather than last years deluge! The Sussex Mumming Play returns by popular demand and with yet more lights being put up, it should be an enjoyable community event.

The Met Office is suggesting it might be a harsh winter, so our salt bins are full and our emergency plans dusted off. Please keep an eye on elderly and vulnerable neighbours, this act of kindness contributes to making Ferring a lovely place to live.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish all our residents a Happy Christmas and offer best wishes for 2020.

Carole Robertson,
Chairman Ferring Parish Council

FERRING PARISH COUNCIL SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 100 YEARS - It was at Ferring's Annual Parish Meeting of 24th March 1919, that discussion turned to whether Ferring should become an independent Parish in its own right and it was decided to bid to establish a Parish Council. The bid was successful and accordingly, a special Parish Meeting was called for the election of Ferring Parish Councillors. This took place on Tuesday 23rd September, in that same year. Following the elections, the first Ferring Parish Council meeting was held on Friday 10th October 1919. More information on the history of the Parish Council and the village is available from the Home page on our website: ferringparishcouncil.org.uk.

REMEMBRANCE DAY - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring Churches was held on Sunday 10th November 2019. A service at St Andrew's Church, Ferring took place followed by the laying of wreaths by 38 local organisations at the War Memorial in Ferring Street. Thank you to all who helped at or took part in this important local event.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Christmas comes to Ferring on **Saturday 7th December 2019**. The celebrations start with tree dressing on the village green during the morning. The Christmas Market will open at 4.30pm in the Village Hall and Club Room and will remain open until 6.30pm, with lots of local crafts and charity stalls to browse, along with tea, coffee and cakes! At 4.45pm we welcome back Sompting Tipteers perform Sussex Mumming Play who will be giving us a very special treat! After all the awe and wonder, the Salvation Army will be playing carols from 5.15pm – do come and singalong with our choir- and the lights will be switched on at approximately 5.30pm. If all that excitement is not enough, you can be sure that Father Christmas will be round and about to hear your Christmas wishes. All action takes place in front of the Village Green, and for safety reasons, the road in this area will be closed from 4.15pm - 6.15pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on **Saturday 7th December 2019**.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES - Compass buses have asked the Parish Council to consider traffic problems on their lower Ferring No 8 bus route. This is a major problem for them and if a suitable solution is not found they may have to withdraw the service. The Highways & Community Committee of the Parish Council will consider the problem at the next meeting.

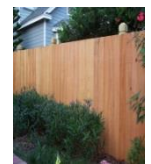
WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLORS - Ferring Parish Council are pleased to welcome our new Councillors Sally Crathern, Elizabeth Perry and John Tero, who we are sure will become valuable members of the Parish Council Team.



SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE - In spite of measures that have been introduced to deter speeding motorists across the Village, including the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in 2016 for 30mph speed limit, there are still a number of 'hotspots' where vehicles travel at excess speed creating the potential for accidents to occur.

Several options have been considered to reduce the incidences of speeding and a decision taken to purchase a Vehicle Activated Speed Indication Device for use in the Village. This is an electronic sign that detects a vehicle's speed and flashes a "Slow Down" message if the speed limit is exceeded. It also records the number of vehicles that exceed the limit, which can then be used to provide data to Sussex Police to help inform them where targeted speed enforcement is required. As it is moveable and operates automatically it provides great flexibility.

Similar systems have been effective in reducing speeding in other villages across the county and it will be mounted on existing signposts, for short periods in one location and moved around the village to maximise the effectiveness. The data collected by the sign does not include any details of the vehicles, just the number of times it is triggered by time and date.



ADVICE FOR FENCES, GATES AND GARDEN WALLS - Some residents have raised queries regarding the necessity for planning consent for the erection or alteration of fences, gates and garden walls. Queries should be directed to Arun District Council who offer the following general guidance on their website:

You **will** need to apply for planning permission if you wish to erect or add to a fence, wall or gate:

- if it would be over 1 metre high and next to a highway used by vehicles (or the footpath of such a highway); or over 2 metres high elsewhere; or
- your right to put up or alter fences, walls and gates is removed by an article 4 direction or a planning condition; or
- your house is a listed building or in the curtilage of a listed building or
- if the fence, wall or gate, or any other boundary involved, forms a boundary with a neighbouring listed building or its curtilage.

In a conservation area, you might need permission to take down a fence, wall or gate. Go to the links below to find out more about conservation areas and when permission may be required. Generally, you do not need planning permission for hedges as such, though if a planning condition or a covenant restricts planting (for example, on 'open plan' estates, or where a driver's sight-line could be blocked) you may need planning permission and/or other consent.

Disclaimer : This is only an introductory guide (in Arun District), current at the time of print, and is not a definitive source of legal information.

For further information:

<https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-permission>

<https://interactive.planningportal.co.uk/detached-house>

<https://interactive.planningportal.co.uk/terraced-house>

Or contact Arun District Council Planning : Tel. 01903 737756



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.



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.



POLICE INCIDENTS - In early October there were a number of reports that insecure vehicles had been entered with small items taken. Please ensure that you lock your vehicles when leaving them on your driveway or in the road. 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



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meetings, Village Hall at 7.30pm – 2nd December 2019, 27th January 2020 and 16th March 2020.

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

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**

