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Ferring Parish Council – Spring 2020
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 27th January, it was agreed that we would set a precept amount of £93,184.00. This represents a 2.4% increase for 2020 - 2021. This has resulted in a 1.94% increase for a Band D council tax payer for 2020 - 2021. In monetary term this means that Band D council tax will rise by 74p a year, from £37.93 to £38.67.

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 7th December 2019, it was a great success with lights, music, carols and a Christmas Fayre held at the Village Hall.

We must give thanks to Reverend Gary Ingram & Robin Brenchley, the Salvation Army Band and our local Choir for the wonderful singing, the 1st Ferring Guides for distributing hats and programmes and the Sompting Tipteers with their performance of the Sussex Mumming Play. Finally, thank you to the Parish Office & Councillors who gave up their time to help with the event and to Jenny Trace for the Nativity Scene. Next year we hope to increase the light display and a couple of surprises.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – The Parish Council website has previously provided access to Road Works and Travel information via a direct link to the West Sussex County Council site. WSCC no longer maintain that portal but offer links to other sites. As a consequence, the Parish Council has updated its 'I Want To....' web-page under the heading Roadworks / Traffic to include a direct link to the 'one.network' site for national roadworks / road closures. Also added are National Rail Enquiries, a real-time bus tracker and the WSCC Cycle Journey Planner.

A new addition is the West Sussex Air-Quality Partnership link to provide current air quality information. Shoreham is our nearest monitoring station with Chichester to the west and Horsham to the north.

On the 'Community' page you can still access the basic local bus timetables and the Southern Rail booking/information as before.

Please note that Ferring Parish Council is not responsible for the content or maintenance/security of the web sites accessed via these links. Further information relating to third party sites is available in our website's terms and conditions.

Ferring Parish Council's website has up-to-date information for public view at:
<https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE – The Vehicle Activated Speed Sign has initially been deployed on Sea Lane; Northbound prior to and over Christmas and then Southbound (towards the Sea) since New Year.

Due to the relatively short time deployed and the variations in traffic over the Christmas and New Year period there is not yet sufficient data to identify normal trends, however anecdotal evidence (vehicles applying brakes when triggering the sign) shows that awareness of the speed limit is being raised.

From the small data set obtained to date, there are some interesting facts coming out:

- There are, on average, 1,500 vehicles travelling along Sea Lane on a weekday in either direction. The number does reduce slightly at weekends.
- Peak flow times are 11am in both directions and 1pm Southbound/3pm Northbound.
- Average Speeds are slightly higher for vehicles travelling towards the sea. 16% of Vehicles travelling Northbound and 26% of Vehicles travelling Southbound exceed the 30mph limit. 168 (1%) vehicles travelling Northbound and 364(4%) vehicles travelling Southbound exceed 35mph over a 7 day period.

The sign will be moved around the village over the next few months, however at present its location is restricted to existing signposts. There are some limitations on locations, such as relatively straight section of road and clear of obstructions (parked cars) and if anyone is willing to have a post erected on their grass verge in areas where speeding is an issue, please let the Parish Office know.





THE GLEBELANDS OPPORTUNITY - A major objective of the Ferring Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was to provide a Community Centre for Ferring on the Glebelands site. This was dependant on an agreement between the Ferring Parish Council (FPC) and the Ferring Village Hall Trustees (VH) to develop the VH site and use the monies and other raised funding for the Community Centre. Unfortunately, the VH trustees have decided not to enter into such an agreement at this time so the Community Centre plans cannot be as originally envisaged.

In recent months the leaseholders for the Glebelands elected not to continue with the lease so, in order for the building to maintain the facilities for Ferring, an alternative management board was set up. This board is independent of FPC this arrangement has proven very successful and a seamless transition has occurred.

During the above activities West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) highlighted to FPC that they would be willing to consider the sale of the Glebelands freehold. It was the opinion of FPC that, providing it was cost effective and of benefit to Ferring residents, the purchase would be advantageous as it would safeguard the site for the foreseeable future.

Extensive discussions have been held with WSSCC resulting in a "Heads of Terms" between FPC and WSSCC which effectively allows for the purchase of the Glebelands after a 2 year period, should FPC wish to take the option.

The FPC Glebelands Project Group has been set up to research various options such that when the time comes to make a final decision on the purchase the necessary information will be available. All aspects of the research are available to Ferring residents and the Minutes of GPG meetings are available on the FPC website. Should there be any particular questions regarding the GPG then these may be addressed directly to the FPC office who will be pleased to help.

During 2020 an open meeting will be held to present to residents the report of the GPG and resident opinions will be essential in determining the final decision.

It is important to understand that the scope of development plans for the Glebelands will not be as that originally conceived in the NP because funding will be greatly reduced. However, it is believed that there is a possible opportunity, subject to the research and resident approval, to provide a facility which would continue to meet the needs of Ferring in the 21st century.

The Glebelands Group is not connected to the Neighbourhood Plan or FPC Neighbourhood Plan Implementation (including CRTBO's) Committee. The Glebelands Project Group is an entirely separate entity that reports directly to FPC Full Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Ferring Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd May 2020 – 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Glebelands Community Centre, Greystoke Road, BN12 5JL Meeting schedule as follows:

Ferring Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report
Arun District Council/West Sussex County Council Annual Reports
Opportunity to circulate with Parish, District & County Councillors
Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be available
COME AND MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

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.

COUNCILLOR NEEDED – The Parish Council was pleased to welcome three new Co-Opted Councillors in October 2019 but we are still looking for one more Councillor to meet our full quota. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for a confidential conversation and more details parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk.

AND FINALLY:
Future Full Council Meetings Village Hall at 7.30pm – 16th March, 20th April, 18th May (AGM), 20th July, 7th September, 19th October & 7th December 2020.

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at <https://www.feringparishcouncil.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**



WE NEED YOU

