



THE PARISH FLYER - 58

Ferring Parish Council – Autumn 2020
Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN STEPHEN ABBOTT WRITES –

I am honoured to have been elected Chairman of Ferring Parish Council in May, succeeding Councillor Robertson who had held the office of Chairman of the Parish Council for 10 years. Consequently, the council now also has a new Vice Chair, Councillor Lesley Young, from whom you will hear over the coming months.

The Parish Council has had to adapt, as have most organisations, to the recent conditions and with the constructive participation of councillors and our office team, revised working practices have been instigated. Full Council and Committee meetings are also now reinstated using web conferencing. While this does enable the business of the council to be progressed, the parish council team look forward to when the office can be re-opened to visitors and normal meetings can be safely resumed in our community facilities.

Stephen Abbott, Chairman
Ferring Parish Council

WE NEED YOU



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – Do you have a real interest in the village and would like to be actively involved in shaping its future? If you would like the opportunity to represent the Parish Council and your community and wish to be considered, you are invited to apply to the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council has no political or religious affiliations and benefits from members with a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences and interests. Contact details can be found at the end of this Flyer, on the noticeboards and the parish council website.

COMMUNICATIONS - As we progress our work as a Council, Councillor Young is leading a working group to look at our communications – both within the Council and externally with our community. The group will be exploring ideas on how to ensure that our communication channels and processes are efficient, engaging and effective. An initiative we have introduced immediately is to issue ad hoc Parish Council Updates as a supplement to the Flyer. The updates will be posted on the Parish Council website and could be available on other social media platforms. Copies will also be placed on the council's notice boards.



COMPASS BUS/LOWER FERRING PARKING – You may be aware of the difficulties experienced by the Compass Bus 8/8A services in negotiating parts of their route in South Ferring at times, due to inconsiderate parking. This is also a concern for emergency and service vehicles. Following meetings between Ferring Parish Council, Compass Bus, Ferring Roads Scheme Association (FRSA) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC), an application was submitted to WSCC, in collaboration with FRSA, for enforceable 'Bus Clearways' to be installed on the corners of South Drive with Ocean Drive and West Drive. FRSA has installed and will maintain the road markings while Arun District Council is the enforcing authority.



A request for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has also been submitted to WSCC for additional day-time parking restrictions, adjacent to the bus clearways and on the southern side of South Drive. These are designed to supplement the bus clearways, preserve the Compass Bus service from potentially being withdrawn and for highway safety and access requirements. This will be a longer procedure than for the bus clearways, within which process WSCC will include opportunities for residents to comment on the proposal. Further details are available on notice boards and the parish council website under 'Local Interest'.

CROSSING SHELTER -- We have had the benefit of a shelter on the north side of the railway crossing for many years and we will be installing a similar shelter on the south side. This will provide an additional welcome refuge from the elements for pedestrians during the sometimes lengthy wait at the crossing.



ITALY STAR COMMEMORATION - Anyone near Ferring's War Memorial at 11.00 on 10th July may have heard a bugler playing the Last Post. The Union Flag was raised by the Parish Council and a wreath laid by a member of the Italy Star Association to mark its annual commemoration day. As the association's members were not all able to join together at the usual service in Canterbury this year, smaller local acts of remembrance were held.





GRANT APPLICATIONS – Ferring Parish Council can support local groups or organisations with small grant donations. If your group or organisation is interested in applying, please contact the Parish Clerk to request a grant application form (see contact details below).

Grants awarded - Under the Grant Award Scheme, Ferring Parish Council has recently awarded grants to the following organisations: FRSA Gardens Committee, Ferring Cricket Club and the St. Barnabas Community Palliative Nursing Team.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – Parish Flyers and Parish Updates are now available on the parish council website, together with links to other local interest and community related articles. If you have internet access, why not take a look? You may find items of interest to you!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – In addition to the usual Neighbourhood Watch newsletters we provide a link to on the parish council website 'Community' page, we have also now added a link to the Worthing and Adur Neighbourhood Watch site. While this is focused on areas to the east of the Ferring/Goring boundary, there are some items relevant to all of the Sussex Police District that may be of interest to Ferring residents.



OVERGROWN HEDGES & BOUNDARIES – This is a request to residents to ensure that their garden plants and vegetation are kept in good order and hedges are cut back to their original boundaries and not causing any danger or obstruction to other residents. We have an increasing number of residents contacting the office to highlight such issues. This is of particular concern at the corners of 'T' junctions and cross roads and edges of public footpaths.



TREES - Three trees were planted in Greystoke Road near the Greystoke Manor care home last year and despite a watering regime and wet winter, two have died. The third is in poor condition. The dead trees are planned to be replaced in the autumn/winter, by WSCC, with alternative species.



KEEP FERRING TIDY - The Parish Council has been made aware of an increasing problem with litter and dog fouling within the village. Additional bins have been sited at the beach near the Bluebird Café and we have negotiated with ADC for additional temporary bins to be sited along Patterson's Walk for the peak summer period. Please 'pick up' and take home or dispose of waste in the correct bins provided around the village. Thank you for helping to keep Ferring tidy and safe.



REMEMBRANCE DAY - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring churches, is scheduled to be held on **Sunday 8th November 2020** with the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial in Ferring Street.

PLEASE NOTE - part of Sea Lane will be closed during the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. Advance warning notices will be posted around the village.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – The Annual Lights Switch-On will be held on **Saturday 5th December 2020**. Further details will be available in the next edition of the Parish Flyer.



It is currently impossible to know how any Coronavirus (Covid19) related restrictions may impact on the Remembrance Service and the Christmas Lights events. The Parish Council will monitor this closer to the time, take account of government advice & regulations and keep residents informed.



LOVE WEST SUSSEX MOBILE APP – On this 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 smart-phones. West Sussex County Council will process and respond using their integrated services. These matters can also be reported on the West Sussex County Council website (see the Ferring Parish Council Website 'I Want To...' page for direct links).



PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office is still closed to all visitors until further notice. Risk assessments are being carried out and we hope to open in the near future. However, the Parish Office staff are contactable to help you. The Clerk, can be contacted in the office on 01903 249449. Alternatively send an email parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meetings 7th September, 19th October & 7th December 2020 via Zoom web conferencing



Contacting your Parish Council:

Online using our website contact form at www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/contact/

E-mail your comments regarding village matters to: parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

Speak and have your say at a council meeting. **Contact the Parish Office for information on how to join a parish council web conference meeting.**

