



# THE PARISH FLYER - 60

**Ferring Parish Council – Spring 2021**  
**Village News & Views from your Council**

**CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR STEPHEN ABBOTT 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 forthcoming financial year in January. The precept provides the vast majority of the council's income for the year and enables us to deliver parish council services, maintain and enhance the village environment and provide for the day to day running costs of the Parish Council.

We recognise that the 2020 pandemic will have had an unexpected impact on residents and on District Council and County Council budgets. It was therefore resolved at the Parish Council meeting on 25th January 2021, that the Parish would maintain its current precept level without any increase for the upcoming financial year, despite increasing costs.

Based on a zero-percentage increase in the parish precept of £93,184.00 and calculated by Arun District Council adjusted for an overall net reduction of 1 in the Tax Base figure (the current registered number of contributing dwellings), the Band D Council Tax contribution for the year 2021 - 2022 will increase by 1p (0.03%) from £38.67 to £38.68.

**Stephen Abbott,**  
**Chairman, Ferring Parish Council**



**PARISH OFFICE** - Due to the latest Lockdown the Parish Office is still closed to all visitors until further notice. However, the Parish Office Personnel are contactable to help you. The Clerk, can be contacted via email at [parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk) alternatively by telephone on 01903 249449.



**FERRING PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE** - As part of a programme of improvement to the way in which the Parish Council communicate with the community, we have set up this Facebook Page. It is intended to be used to promote the Parish Council's activities and as a message board to inform the village of events, planned road works and general information, and as a sign post to other sites of interest or of relevant official information.

The Parish Council Website will continue to be the main source of information. Sending a message/comment via Facebook will not be considered as contacting the Parish Council for official purposes and the Parish Council is not obliged to monitor or respond to requests for information made through Facebook. Therefore, any questions or requests for information, etc, should continue to be made in the usual way to the Office by email, phone or letter.

To access the page, click on the link on our 'Community / Ferring On-line' page or search for Ferring Parish Council on Facebook and select the "Pages" filter on the left and the link should appear, otherwise you can access via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ferring-Parish-Council-101591741884593>

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

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.

**SEATING AREA ADJACENT TO THE PARISH OFFICE** - As part of the crossing shelter/bench project at the side of the Parish office, the covid-19 snake has been cemented into the bench surrounding. The Parish Council will also fix a plaque on the bench explaining the reason for the snake with the wording: *The decorated pebble snake surrounding this bench was created by the children and residents of Ferring during the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown of Summer 2020*





**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)** – There has been an AED for a number of years located at the Village Hall, on the side wall to the steps to the Club Room.

The AED is simple to operate. If a person suffers or is believed to have suffered a heart attack (cardiac arrest) the first line of action should be to call 999. The operator may ask you to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) even if access to an AED is available.

The AED unit is able to ‘talk’ to users (similar to a SatNav) and guide them through how to use it. It will not allow a shock to be delivered if the patient has a heartbeat, so it is safe to use. When the paramedics arrive in response to the 999 call, they will transfer the patient to the ambulance with the pads attached and leave replacement pads with the AED. A user guide and location views are available under Key Village Services on the Community page on our website:

[www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk)



**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.



**BE POLITE TO FELLOW RESIDENTS** - Whilst we are in Lockdown and we are able to go outside for limited exercise. At busy village locations such as Patterson’s Walk and the Rife, please be

considerate when you are walking with dogs, jogging, cycling or on scooters and make space for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has affected us all in different ways and is continuing to be a challenging time - please be patient and kind to one other.



**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.
- Consider your neighbours when erecting lighting or security measures to your property.



**KEEP FERRING TIDY** – One of the most regular complaints that the Parish Council receives is the increasing problem with dog fouling and litter within various locations of the village. There are numerous dog and litter bins located around the village. Please ‘pick up’ and dispose in the correct bins provided or take your rubbish home. Thank you for helping to keep Ferring tidy.



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



**POLICE** – There has been a few reported crime incidents in Ferring recently. Please remember to lock your car, house and garages securely. Keep all wallets, purses, credit cards and other valuables out of sight.

Seen something suspicious or have information about a crime or incident? Email the police at [101@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@sussex.pnn.police.uk) or call **101** or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



**SEAGULLS** - Please do not be tempted to feed seagulls at the beach or near your property. They create mess and can become aggressive. Further advice is available on the Arun District Council website.



**RAISING THE FLAG** - The Parish Council is seeking a volunteer that would like to take the responsibility to raise the flag within the village on national/local important dates. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for more information/details.

**WE NEED YOU**

**COUNCILLOR NEEDED** - The Parish Council was pleased to welcome two new Co-Opted Councillors in October 2020 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.



**AND FINALLY:**

**Future Full Council Meetings** 15<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Due to (Covid-19) Government guidelines, all meetings are held via the Zoom Platform until further notice.



**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

Facebook Search Ferring Parish Council

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

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

