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Ferring Parish Council – Winter 2021 Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR PETER COE WRITES –

As the nights get ever longer and Autumn turns to Winter, we all start to hunker down and look forward to the Spring with the rejuvenation of nature. Interestingly one definition of the word “spring” is “originate or arise from - madness and creativity could spring from the same source”. I hope we can enter a period of creativity! On that theme, the Parish Council have recently set up a working group which will, over the next few months, look at a number of potential projects to enhance the current infrastructure and facilities for the community, one of which is detailed below. We intend to engage with residents through a variety of channels to gauge support and identify where other opportunities may arise.

We are also working with a number of groups and organisations across the Village to coordinate events in celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June next year.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Peter Coe,
Chairman, Ferring Parish Council

GLEBELANDS RECREATION GROUND – POTENTIAL CAR PARK

Following discussions with Arun District Council an opportunity has arisen to create a car park on the Eastern edge of the Glebelands Recreation Ground (GRG). This would primarily be to increase use of the GRG by providing off road parking. A secondary benefit is that it would provide additional parking for users of the Village Green and shops.

Although this was included within the Community Right to Build Order for a new community centre that was approved by referendum back in 2014, due to the likelihood that the main project will now not go ahead, it will be necessary to go through a formal planning application for the Car Park. The intent is that the car park would accommodate up to 36 vehicles, include disabled bays and would be a natural surface to reduce the visual impacts. Access would be for cars only and there would be restrictions on parking duration and overnight use to prevent misuse. A plan of the concept and considerations is available on the Parish Council Website and Facebook page.

At this stage we would like to engage with the community to assess the level of support and/or opposition within the community for a car park in this area before we commit to any expenditure on developing formal plans. Any formal decision to proceed with planning would be subject to a more formal consultation.

We would ask that comments are sent to the following email address consultations@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk or by letter to the Parish Office before 30th December 2021.

COMPASS BUS/LOWER FERRING PARKING – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER UPDATE (TRO)

After a number of false dawns, the TRO for West/South/Ocean Drives has finally been approved and hopefully the lines have been painted by the time this flyer goes to print. We would like to acknowledge FRSA’s support in this action which will hopefully reduce the disruption to the Bus and Emergency Services without shifting the problem elsewhere.

VILLAGE HIGHWAYS ISSUES – Residents may recall that the Parish Council was exploring the possibility of erecting a traffic island as a pedestrian refuge in Rife Way at its junction with Ferring Street. This required working closely with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Highways and applying for a Community Highways Scheme.

Unfortunately, this project has faced some challenges. WSCC identified underground cables along with a junction box and lamp column where the planned work will take place that need to be relocated. This resulting in WSCC effectively abandoned the project due to costs of moving cables (£70k) twice the cost of installing the refuge island (£35k) increasing the total to £105k and therefore is considered too much for this type of feature and money would be more effectively used elsewhere. The Parish Council will carry out a review to identify whether any other options are available.

PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office remains closed to all visitors. Alternatively, the Clerk can be contacted via email at parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 01903 249449.



FERRING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – Due to Covid-19, the Christmas Event 2020 was cancelled. Now that restrictions have been lifted, the Parish Council propose to go forward with the Annual Light Switch on and Christmas Fair.

Christmas comes to Ferring on **Saturday 4th December 2021** and starts with the tree dressing on the village green at 11.00am.

Later in the afternoon, the Christmas Market will open at 4.00pm in the Village Hall and will remain open until 6.00pm, with lots of local crafts and charity stalls to browse, along with tea, coffee and cakes!

The Salvation Army will be playing carols from 5.15pm – do come and sing along with the Terry Clough Choir- and the lights will be switched on at approximately 5.30pm.

The Christmas light switch on takes place in front of the Village Green, and for safety reasons, the road in this area will be closed from 4.00pm - 6.15pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on **Saturday 4th December 2021**.

Please note

- All Event arrangements are subject to weather conditions and Covid-19 regulations at time of the event.
- The fair is across the two halls at the Village Hall. Each hall will have a separate entrance/exit and will operate a one-way system.
- There will be marshals to guide you to the correct entrance/exit.
- Marshals will be there to assist people with buggies and wheelchair users through a separate entrance/exit.
- The village hall toilets will be open.
- Tea/Coffee and cake will be served in the main hall via the kitchen hatch.
- Whilst in the Village Hall, we ask that all wear a mask, use hand sanitiser provided and to observe social distancing where able to.



REMEMBRANCE DAY - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring Churches was held on Sunday 14th November 2021. A service at St Andrews 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 were involved in this important local event.

PLATINUM JUBILEE (70TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORONATION OF THE QUEEN – The Parish Council are working with a variety of groups in the village to coordinate an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the period of 2nd to 5th June 2022. If a group/organisation that has not already been in touch with the Parish Council, would like to be involved please email the parish office at parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk



LITTER IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE - The beach litter issues were much improved this year thanks to the extra bins provided by ADC, the continued work of the Bluebird Café in providing additional bins and regular emptying and the volunteers undertaking the beach litter picks. The commitment of businesses, volunteers and residents is greatly appreciated in keeping our village clean. More recently, there has been litter around the shops in the village. This may reduce with the darker evenings and we appreciate our local businesses ongoing commitment in working with us to reduce any litter issues. Should any businesses feel that extra provision or activities would support the reduction of litter, please do contact the office or ADC and please continue to encourage customers to dispose of litter in the bins provided.



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.

WE NEED YOU



COUNCILLORS NEEDED – The Parish Council are still looking for more councillors to meet our full quota. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for a confidential conversation and more details: parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk



AND FINALLY:

Future Full Council Meeting 6th December 2021 in the Village Hall.

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

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

E-mail your comments regarding any Village matters to: parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.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**

