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Ferring Parish Council – Spring 2023
Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL 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, take forward projects and provide for the day to day running costs of the Parish Council.

We recognise that the cost of living has impacted on residents and on District Council and County Council budgets. It was therefore resolved at the Parish Council Full Council meeting on 16th January 2023, that the Parish Council 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 and adjusted for the Tax Base figure (the current registered number of contributing dwellings), the Band D Council Tax contribution for the year 2023 - 2024 has reduced very slightly by 29p from £38.68 to £38.39.

The changes to other charges that make up the total Council Tax bill will be publicised by Arun and West Sussex Councils in due course.

Clare Royal,
Chairman, Ferring Parish Council



NEW TELESCOPE - Residents may have seen the newly installed telescope along Patterson's Walk Promenade.

In 2022, the Parish Council applied for funding via Rampion for a community project.

As part of the scoping of the project, discussions with Rampion identified the potential for them to sponsor a community telescope to aid viewing of wildlife and the Windfarm as they have at 6 other locations along the coast.

To accompany the Telescope, as a community based educational project, the Parish Council has made initial approaches to local schools and the Ferring History & Conservation Groups to gauge the level of support to design and produce supporting information boards.

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank the team at Arun District Council for organising and overseeing the installation of the Telescope.

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL & LOCAL PARISH/TOWN ELECTIONS THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023 -

Scheduled Elections - District Council & Local Parish/Town Elections are held every 4 years. The next election will take place **Thursday 4th May 2023**.

The district is divided into 23 wards, represented by 54 councillors and serves a population of almost 150,000.

On 31st January 2023, Arun District Council sent a household notification letter (HNL) to all residential households within Arun, with this will also be including an election arrangements leaflet.

Voter ID requirement - From the 4th May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in most elections.

For more information regarding the May Elections, please visit <https://www.arun.gov.uk/2023-elections>





INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ELECTED PARISH COUNCILLOR? - Parish Councillors are elected, by the community, to serve for a four year period in order to represent all residents of the community. The next local Parish Elections will be held on **Thursday 4th May 2023**.

Ferring Parish Council has twelve Councillor seats which are made up of residents who live in the village and voluntarily give their time for the service of the community.

The role of the Council is to represent village interests, the management of current amenities and improvement, where possible, of facilities for the community. Councillors form the Council and are encouraged to be involved with Council projects which may, or not, benefit from their existing knowledge but will certainly enhance their experience and skill sets.

Being a Councillor does require a commitment to participate in the Parish activities through attendance at Council Parish meetings and, at least one or more of the associated committees.

Being a Councillor is very rewarding in that it provides involvement in the total running of the Parish and enhancement of the lives and well-being of residents in our community.

If you would like to become a Ferring Councillor please consider putting yourself forward for the local parish elections.

The criteria to become a Councillor is that you must:

- Be aged 18 years or over and included in the Electoral Register.
- Have resided in the Parish for a minimum of 12 months.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we give thanks to the Councillors that have served on the Parish Council over many years and look forward to meeting future Councillors.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Christmas came to Ferring on **Saturday 3rd December 2022**.

We must give thanks to Robin Brenchley for blessing the lights, the Salvation Army Band and our local Terry Clough Choir for the wonderful music and singing, the 1st Ferring Guides for distributing programmes and turning on the Christmas lights and all of the Fayre stall holders. Also, we would like to thank the residents that braved the chilly weather to attend the event.

The Christmas Celebrations were organised by Ferring Parish Council and the Ferring Village Hall Trustees.



BANK SCAM AWARENESS - There are various scams in circulation including banking scams. If contacted by telephone or text by your bank, please do not disclose any personal details, ie. account details, online login, your date of birth or address.

If you are at all concerned or unsure of who or why they are calling, hang up and call your bank direct. Your bank's genuine telephone number can be found on your bank statements or alternatively, conveniently, on the back of your bank card.



TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN - With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.



AVIAN FLU - Bird flu (avian influenza) affects poultry or other captive birds. Avian Flu has been detected in the area. For more information visit, [Bird flu \(avian influenza\): how to spot and report it in poultry or other captive birds - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



SEAGULL NUISANCE - We have had a few residents contact the office regarding nesting seagulls. Could we respectfully ask residents not to feed the seagulls and encourage them into their gardens.



LOVE CLEAN STREETS MOBILE APP - Via the West Sussex County Council (WSCC) mobile application, residents can report environmental issues such as highways matters including potholes, damage to street furniture or fly-tipping through their smart-phones. 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).



AND FINALLY:

Full Council Meetings 2022 – Monday 27th March, 15th May, 17th July held at 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@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

Call at the Parish Office which is open **Monday to Thursday from 9.30 to 12.00**

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

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

