

## **THE PARISH FLYER - 70** Ferring Parish Council – Autumn 2023 Village News & Views from your Council

## CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES -

Welcome to the newsletter keeping the residents aware of what has and will be happening in the coming months. I hope that you have enjoyed the early summer weather and that we see a bit more before the autumn! It has been a busy six months with elections and we are fortunate to have co-opted two new councillors.

As can be seen from the newsletter, our Councillors, Clerk & Admin Assistant have been giving their time to parish projects such as the gateway signs, village sign, commemorative village clock purchase and installation and the pending new flagpole which will be installed ready for Remembrance Sunday. We also look forward to the upgrade of the play area on the green for our children of the village.

We have the Christmas light switch on to look forward to in December, always a popular event.

We are fortunate to have volunteers with a range of previous skills on our Parish Council and if you feel you would like to contribute to keeping Ferring a lovely village to live in and become a Councillor, do contact our Parish Clerk who will be glad to help you, we all started with limited knowledge and have 'learnt on the job', so never feel that you would not be able to do it!

Don't forget, the clocks go backward on 29<sup>th</sup> October, stay safe and be visible on our roads.

## Clare Royal Chairman, Ferring Parish Council



**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring Churches will be held on **Sunday 12th November 2023**. The Parish Family Service in St Andrew's Church will commence at 09.30am and will end at approximately 10.30am. The laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial in Ferring Street will take place after the service at 11.00am and will include the Act of Remembrance. If your village group or organisation (if you do not already) would like to order and lay a wreath, please contact the Parish Office. **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 –** Whilst we are still enjoying the Summer, preparations for the Annual Christmas Light Switch On have begun and will be held on **Saturday 2nd December 2023**. The celebrations organised by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Village Hall Trustees will include the light switch on, entertainment, Christmas Carols and a Christmas Fair for all your Christmas gifts. Further details will be available in the next edition of the parish flyer, on the Parish Council website, noticeboards and Facebook page.



**FERRING VILLAGE CLOCK TO MARK THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III -** The Parish Council is pleased to announce that to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, a commemorative Clock and Plaque has been installed at the front of the Ferring Village Hall. The Clock has been fitted on a roof apex of the Village Hall as the most convenient position for required electrical connections and that the clock can been seen from various angles whilst traveling through the heart of the village. The associated Plaque has been placed in a position below the clock, on the wall and reads 'Ferring Village Clock to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023'

The Parish Council held a short ceremony on 31<sup>st</sup> July and welcomed the Duchess of Norfolk who attended to unveil the Plaque.

The Parish Council would like to offer their thanks to the Village Hall Committee, Councillor Terry Jackson and the contracted Electrician for their time and efforts with the installation of the Clock and the Duchess of Norfolk, Georgina Fitzalan-Howard for unveiling the Clock and Plaque.



**PARISH OFFICE** – The Parish Office is now open to all visitors Monday – Friday, 9.30am - Midday. Alternatively, the Clerk can be contacted via email at parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 01903 249449.



COUNCIL BLESSING - Following the recent Parish/Town Elections, the Parish Council organised a short Church Service and reception to bless the new Council on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Parish Council would like to offer their sincere thanks Reverend Shirley Tupper and her colleagues for the warm church welcome and to all that attended.



GATED PLAY AREA ON THE VILLAGE GREEN - Following a public consultation, Arun District Council and the Parish Council have been working on a project to enhance and improve the gated play area at the village green. Arun District Council has considered the consultation feedback and approached play equipment suppliers to submit a plan for the play area. The new play area will consist of various equipment including 'inclusive' play equipment. The final illustrations can be found on the Parish Council Website under local information.

The provisional start date for the installation of the equipment is week commencing 4th September. Thank you to Arun District Council for their support with this project.



**TENNIS COURT FENCING** – In the previous edition of the Parish Flyer, The Parish Council advised that the tennis courts have had new fencing surrounding the courts installed and that in the last few years, the tennis courts have been resurfaced, cleaned and repainted as part of their continuous maintenance. Please note that any maintenance to the tennis courts including the fencing is funded by the Tennis Club Members annual subscriptions.



DOG NUISANCE - One of the most frequent complaints that the Parish Council receives is the increasing problem with dog fouling within various locations of the village. There are numerous dog bins located around the village. Please 'pick up' and ensure 'poo bags' are deposited in the correct bins and not disposed of in residents' refuse/green waste wheelie bins or thrown in long grass, in trees or dropped in drains. Thank you for helping to keep Ferring clean.



**GARDEN WASTE** - This is the time of year when many people are carrying out pruning and other garden works which generate garden waste. Please be considerate when disposing of your garden waste. A chargeable garden waste collection service is available from the local District Council. Members of the scheme receive the use of a wheelie bin and a fortnightly collection of their garden waste. Further information can be found on the Arun District Council website.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR - Hedges/plants fronting the roadway should be cut back to allow pedestrian access along footpaths.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) – Ferring Football Club have installed an external AED. 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.



LOVE CLEAN STREETS MOBILE APP – On this West Sussex County Council mobile application, residents can report Environmental issues such as Pathway & Highways matters including overgrown footpaths, 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).



WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR - Ferring Parish Council is pleased to welcome two newly co-opted Councillors Andy Walker & Graham Bootle who we are sure will become valuable members of the Parish Council Team.



**COUNCILLORS NEEDED** – The Parish Council is still looking for four 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:

**Full Council Meetings** – 4<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October & 27<sup>th</sup> November, held at the Village Hall.



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:



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