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**Ferring Parish Council – SPRING 2024**  
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## 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 29th January 2024, 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 2024 - 2025 will be £38.83, a small increase of 1.15% from 2023 - 2024 rate of £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**



**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND LIGHT 'SWITCH ON'** - Ferring Christmas light 'switch on' was held on 2nd December 2023. We must give thanks to Reverend Shirley Tupper & Minister Robin Brenchley, the Salvation Army Band and our local Terry Clough Choir for the wonderful singing, the 1st Ferring Guides for distributing programmes and turning on the Christmas lights and all of the Christmas Fayre stall holders. Also, we would like to thank the residents that braved the chilly weather to attend the event. Finally, thank you to the Parish Office & Councillors and to the Village Hall Trustees for organising and for giving their time to help at the event.



**VILLAGE SIGN** – The Village Sign was damaged in a storm in 2022. The Parish Council has arranged for the sign to be fully refurbished and installed at a new site, on the left as you enter Rife Way next to the Old School House.



**SAFETY NOTICE** - The dark nights are still with us and there are some areas of Ferring with no streetlights making pedestrians more difficult to see. The Highway Code offers clear guidance for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and advises pedestrians to:

Help other road users to see you. Wear or carry something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent in poor daylight conditions. When it is dark, use reflective materials (eg armbands, sashes, waistcoats, jackets, footwear), which can be seen by drivers using headlights up to three times as far away as non-reflective materials.

**If there is no pavement**, keep to the right-hand side of the road so that you can see oncoming traffic. You should take extra care and

- be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light
- keep close to the side of the road.

[Rules for pedestrians \(1 to 35\) - The Highway Code - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-highway-code)



**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, entrance of Sea Lane Gardens and outside the convenience store south Ferring. The salt is provided for residents use for public areas only.



**DONATE A TREE SCHEME** - West Sussex County Council (WSSC) operates a Donate a Tree Scheme, where members of the public are able to contribute to WSSC tree planting within the County. For a contribution of £236.20, WSSC will plant a tree outside the contributor's property. (This is subject to a site assessment).

WSSC will supply and plant a new tree in the next planting season (November through to February). The tree will be a staked, container grown 'extra heavy standard' (approximately 2-3 meters tall), with a strimmer guard and irrigation tube installed.

For the first three years after it is planted, the tree will receive an annual visit from the Young Tree Maintenance Team. They will inspect and carry out any routine maintenance and formative pruning. The contribution cost of £236.20 per tree does not cover the full cost of supply, planting and future maintenance of a new highway tree; these are extra costs that are funded by West Sussex County Council.

If you would like to improve the environment by contributing to this scheme, more information and how to apply can be found on the WSSC website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/donate-a-tree-scheme/>



**BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR -**

- Hedges fronting the roadway should be cut back to allow pedestrian access along footpaths.
- Household/Businesses rubbish to be kept in a suitable bin and not plastic bags.
- Please try to ensure that any gravel or stone driveways are swept regularly to ensure that the gravel or stones do not spread across and into the road.



**FOXES NUISANCE** – The following advice is to help keep foxes away: Do not leave potential food sources, such as food for other wildlife that may encourage foxes. Similarly, do not leave bagged rubbish or garden clippings outside, keep it in closed bins. Wheelie bins are the most fox proof. Foxes like to shelter under sheds, and can squeeze under gaps that are 10cm (4inches) high. Filling all gaps underneath out-buildings will help. For further information about foxes, visit The Fox Project on the Arun District Council website.



**PLANNING MATTERS** - Appeal for APP/C3810/W/23/3320026 FG/147/22/PL - Erection of an Extension to Provide Attached Single Storey Dwelling together with Parking following demolition of Existing Garage. Jasmine Court Sea Lane Gardens Ferring has been refused.



**Village Speed limit & Analysis from the Vehicle Activated Sign**

Back in 2015 with the implementation of the speed TRO there were a number of points that resulted in a 30mph introduction as WSSC were opposed to the requested 20mph as it was considered not self-enforceable under the regulations at that time. Average speed checks having been carried out by WSSC.

At a recent Parish Council, Roads, Community & Sports Committee Meeting, it was suggested that the Parish Council could consider revisiting the village speed limit and have it revised from 30mph to 20mph for the whole of the village including the WSSC and FRSA roads.

It was agreed that in the first instance, Ferring Parish Council took the action to extend the use of the Speed Device (Vehicle Activated Speed Sign) to gather further data.

Councillor Andy Walker has kindly provided data from the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign that has been located in Sea Lane, Goring Way & Ocean Drive. This data can be found on the Parish Council website under 'I want to page'.

Whilst it was noted, that this has been a useful exercise, the data provides little evidence of excessive speeding that will support a new TRO application for 20 mph.

**WE NEED YOU**



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR?** – If you would like to take an active role in supporting the community; have an interest in representing local views; helping the village on local matters, are able and willing to represent the Council and your community and wish to be considered, you are invited to apply to the Clerk, Mrs Nadine Phibbs. Email your application to the Clerk [parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk)



**AND FINALLY:**

**Full Council Meetings** – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 21<sup>st</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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

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

**Phone** the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

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

