



Notes from the Clerk.....

Hello Farnsfield,

It's September, it's raining and its Monday.....what more can I say.

The Tour of Britain was a fantastic event. A vast number of mini-jumpers were knitted by residents including members of the WI and the Wednesday Knit and Natter group. Thank you all, they looked fantastic.





We had a number of bikes donated which was fab and they are still on display around the Village.



St. Michaels Church provided wonderful refreshments which many of the Villagers and visiting cyclists took advantage of.



Although the tour passed through the village at breakneck speed I'm sure that all of you who saw it will agree it was a spectacular event. I watched it from the Southwell end of the Village along with St. Michael's School key stage 2 and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. I have posted photos on the website and photos and videos on FPC Facebook page. Please contact me if you would like to send them direct to your inbox.



Farnsfield Neighbourhood Plan referendum

As you will have no doubt received your polling cards for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum I thought it an opportune time to remind you all that voting it between 7am and 10pm at the Village Centre, New Hill Farnsfield. NG228JN on 28th September. Links to the NP can be found on the NP page of FPC website. Hard copies are available to view at the library and Village Centre. Below is a summary of the responses received by Council following the Consultation period of the NP...

"The Neighbourhood Plan has now reached the stage where it will be voted on in a referendum on the 28th September 2017

At the Referendum, voters will be asked just one question, "Do you want Newark and Sherwood District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Farnsfield to help it decide planning permissions in the neighbourhood area? Yes/No

The Neighbourhood Plan has been through various stages and the residents, businesses and landowners have been consulted throughout. The most recent community consultation resulted in written representation from 57 local residents. The following paragraphs offer a concise summary of the views expressed by these respondents in relation to the Plan and its policies.

Vision and Objectives: 93% of respondents agreed with the vision and objectives of the Plan. Village character and scale of development were the main focus of comments regarding the Vision and Objectives. The need for affordable homes, and ensuring services are not negatively impacted by new development, were also referenced in several comments.

FN1 Housing Development: 79% of respondents agreed with the policy. Maintaining the village envelope and developing existing allocations were a prominent feature in the comments, as was the size of any new development(s) and impact on existing infrastructure, services and facilities.

FN2 Infill Development: 79% of respondents agreed with the policy. Despite high levels of agreement, the comments reflect a range of viewpoints. The need to manage parking congestion is mentioned in several comments, as is the importance of building style and reflecting and maintaining the character of the village.

FN3 Affordable Housing: 79% of respondents agreed with the policy. Comments were generally consistent in support for affordable housing in a variety of forms and for properties suited to the needs of older and less mobile members of the community. Comments also indicated a preference for houses to be of small scale, integrated into developments and to be within the village envelope. However, comments regarding disagreement also focused on housing being located within the village envelope and on existing allocations.

FNPP4 Local Employment Opportunities: 89% of respondents agreed with the policy. Although largely supportive of the policy, comments reflected concerns about the growth of the village envelope and by inference the sale of any employment uses.

FNPP5 A Thriving Parish: 86% of respondents agreed with the policy. Comments suggest a preference for maintaining and supporting existing facilities.

FNPP6 Other Uses on Employment Sites: 79% Of respondents agreed with the policy. A perceived need for Elderly Care provision had a significant emphasis within the comments.

FNPP7 Quality of Development: 89% of respondents agreed with the policy. Design and character were emphasised as being important, with comments that new development should be of an appropriate style, and blend with the existing character and village setting.

FNPP8 Landscape: 93% of respondents agreed with this policy. Comments generally emphasise the importance of good landscape planning and the use of indigenous species to fit in with the rural landscape and character of the village.

FNPP9 Access to the Countryside: 88% of respondents agreed with this policy. Access to the Countryside is valued and preserving existing access is a priority. Comments suggest that there may be issues relating to maintaining public footways and that the village would benefit from additional green infrastructure and pedestrian routes.

FNPP10 Community Facilities: 86% of respondents agreed with this policy. The issue of parking in the village is raised in a number of comments, including in association with the use of medical and other village facilities. Whilst views differ in the comments about how and where the 'village centre' is used its importance is reflected in the comments. The importance of retaining play facilities is also emphasised in the comments received.

Character Appraisal: 88% of respondents agreed with this policy. The many of the comments refer back to perceived weaknesses in previous developments and emphasise the need for sympathetic design and scale of development.

The Independent Examiner considered that the Farnsfield Neighbourhood Plan will provide a strong practical framework against which decisions on development can be made "

A reminder to all, please sign up for email alerts regarding news and planning applications within Farnsfield via the FPC website www.farnsfieldpc.uk Email me, clerk@farnsfield-pc.uk with and diary dates, up and coming events and news items which you would like me to circulate.

Au Revoir and not Farewell !!



We would like to say farewell to Matt Hamilton who has been a Parish Councillor for the last 10 years and chair for the last 3. You will be greatly missed Matt and we hope you may re-join in the future.

Cllr. David Poole has also left the council, a big thank you to him for all the hard work he did on the Council's Strategic Plan. There are now two vacancies for Parish Councillors which will be voted on at the September PCM if any of you would like to join the gang!!!

The next Facilities and Planning Management Committee Meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 13th September in the Library Annex at the Village Centre. The next Full Council Meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30 in the lower hall of the Village Centre. Enough from me, here's the news from the Village.....

The Community Allotment

OUR FIRST YEAR



First BBQ on the allotments



New gate into wild meadow area

The Community Allotment

We have had a busy year on the Allotments and community allotment.

Back in October we had a grant from The John and Nellie Brown Trust and Marc Hazard put in 2 raised beds made from old sleepers. The beds were filled with rich compost courtesy of Marc and ably assisted by his 2 boys.

There have been several additions to the community plot since and most recently a superb bench using reclaimed tree stakes (thanks Richard) It's fair to say that all the weeding and watering that associate members have done has paid off with superb crops, notably the beetroot(well done to the children who kept them watered with help from parents and grandparents.

The community orchard is looking good despite the lack of rainfall, and we have had a volunteer who has kept them weed free.

In May we were given some wild flower seeds to encourage bees and we had a handful of folk down to sow them. The results are not brilliant but we are optimistic that some will flower (eventually)

The cubs have built a bug home in the wildflower area and it looks magnificent.

In June, we had our first organisation join the community garden. The Bloomin' Bunch

Looking to the future we have had some more funding and hope to have a small community shed and develop our wildlife area. We are organising a meeting in August to discuss our plans and gather suggestions.

If you would like more information on the community allotment and would like to join, all the details are on the Parish Council Website.



Hello from Farnsfield Allotments.

Well, many of us are into our first cropping season and considering this is our first, we're not doing too badly. A few of the Allotmenters are taking home handfuls of beans, cabbage, broccoli etc. All in all, not a bad start for our venture. The soft fruit crop has been very small: raspberries, strawberries and blackcurrants needing more time to establish. We are all looking forward to next year, when we may get more than a bowl full of each plant.

The last element to be completed was the installation of the water standpipe and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. In the not too distant future you shouldn't be able to see where the water pipe runs. There is no more work outside the Allotment site planned.



A few of us took part in the Scarecrow Competition back in May and there are the remnants of one or two scarecrows hanging about!

We received a small grant and have created a Community Orchard next to the Community area, and it is slowly coming together. There is a second Orchard in the bottom right hand corner; the fruit trees in this section are owned by Allotment Holders. This is to prevent the growing of trees on the allotments themselves and, of course, they will become Community property when an allotment is handed back.

Despite a few grumbles regarding the Allotment site, the vast majority of comments from the general public have been very positive – thank you. We now have all 27 Allotments occupied and a list of 2 waiting to join our merry band. If you are passing and wish to come onto the site and have a look around, then just ask anyone working to let you in – you will be made more than welcome.

We would all like to express our thanks and appreciation for the ongoing support from the Farnsfield Parish Council.

Kindest regards

Tom Reddy. Chairman, Farnsfield Allotment Association

Do You Look After Someone with Dementia??



Important information is now available for YOU

Introducing a programme of special support sessions for carers of people with dementia

*"This has helped me understand my dad more
and look after him better"*

Carer of father with dementia

All enquiries on: 0115 978 6133

Or email: info@radfordcaregroup.org.uk



News from 1st Farnsfield Guides.

Hi,

I'm one of the leaders of 1st Farnsfield Guides and I just wondered whether it was possible for a picture of our girls to be included?

On the 5th July we walked up to the Halifax Bomber Memorial to mark the anniversary on the 6th. Many of them had not heard the story behind the memorial before and were very moved by it. They placed flowers at the memorial and wrote notes and poems dedicated to those who lost their lives.



Kind Regards
Rebecca Singleton
1st Farnsfield Guides

Farnsfield Community Working Together

Foodbank Update

A Big Thank you!



The summer holidays are now over. 'Hungry Holidays' for some as described on a Channel 4 News item discussing projects involved in feeding children and families this summer.

During August, we have been taking bags from our collection points to the Dukeries and District Foodbank almost weekly and these have included **bags of fresh vegetables!** So **THANK YOU** to all who have donated, and to the Allotment Holders who have given fruit and vegetables – hugely appreciated.

If anyone has vegetables or fruit in their gardens that they can't use, the Foodbank can! Just leave it on a Wednesday outside the front door of Lily Cottage, Far Back Lane, and it will be delivered on Thursdays to the Foodbank. Any vegetable/fruit is welcome except perhaps large marrows or courgettes!

*In the meantime, **please keep giving.** Food and hygiene items can be left at any of our collection points: St Michael's School, the Library, the Methodist Church, St Michael's Church and Inspiration (the Charity Shop).*

Thank you.

Corinne Moore



A decade after the end of WW1, veterans and war widows visited the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres on 8 August 1928. This became known as the Great Pilgrimage.

90 years on, Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90) will be the Legion's biggest membership event in our history. A two-day tour to WW1 battlefields and cemeteries will mark 90 years since the Great Pilgrimage.

On 8 August 2018, two members from this and other branches will represent their local community and carry their standards along the same route in Ypres to the Menin Gate, representing an entire generation that served while defending their country.

The cost of sending two members to this event will be £1,000. The branch can contribute some towards this total, but we are appealing to the villagers of Farnsfield to support this event to ensure that we commemorate and remember those soldiers and sailors from this village who served their country through such an horrendous conflict.

All contributions, however small, will be gratefully received and should be sent to Trevor Wilds at 9 The Ridgeway, or Simon Lowe at 6 The Spinney, Mansfield Road.

Thank you.

Farnsfield Tennis Club held its annual open day/ mini Wimbledon on Sat 8th July 9.30 - 1.00pm.

This year's event was another great success with people attending from Farnsfield and surrounding areas.



On a lovely, sunny, very warm day a large turnout of children 4yrs and upwards together with parents and adults ensured all 3 courts were in constant use all morning.

The courts were made available to everyone who turned up giving people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to play tennis for free.



Everyone who came enjoyed some great tennis coaching from Matt Benford, the club coach. Matt and his team of young volunteer helpers, all wearing their GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND T Shirts, were kept very busy all morning.

The atmosphere was great and the event was a huge success.



Plants, homemade cakes, bacon and sausage butties, strawberries and drinks were on sale and as always the tombola proved very popular with everyone.

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the day and ensured its success.

