

Farnsfield Parish Council- Plan for the quarter May '23 – Jul '23

Dear Residents,

At the Farnsfield Parish Council meeting 27th June 2023 the council resolved to share an update with residents on a quarterly basis which sets out, at a high level, Farnsfield Parish Council's plans for the quarter. It should be noted that this is intended as a summary and during the course of the Council's business other matters may be brought to our attention during this period, for example by the Clerk.

Our objectives are to:

- ✓ Enhance communication with Farnsfield residents
- ✓ Increase transparency of Council business
- ✓ Build understanding within the community of the work undertaken
- ✓ Increase opportunities for Farnsfield residents to engage with the Council

Please note that given the change in Council this 'plan' incorporates things that have been conducted in May and early June.

- Formed Council and held first full Council meeting (May 16th) which included:

Review and amendment of standing orders and terms of reference, including extension of Planning Committee brief to include Licensing; empowerment of members of the public to make representations, ask and answer questions and give evidence and to comment on both agenda and non-agenda items; increasing time devoted to the public session and authorisation of an appropriate person to represent the view of the L&P committee at an external forum such as a public hearing.

- Formed committees with slightly changed names but same coverage: Facilities & Environment; Finance & Governance; Planning & Licensing and Staffing
- Reviewed and agreed Terms of Reference for each committee
- Convened Annual Parish Meeting
- Completed Councillor induction and training sessions including: Induction Session by Parish Clerk; Code of Conduct Training; Councillor Training by Newark & Sherwood District Council
- Built understanding of Councillor responsibilities and meeting procedures
- Attended the Le Petit Vert licensing hearing and presented representation on behalf of Farnsfield Parish Council
- Called an extra Ordinary Council meeting to discuss S.106 funding
- Formed S106 working party for urgent consideration of spending of funds with deadline of September 2023

Going forwards in Q1.

- Recruit a new Parish Council Clerk
- Receive recommendations from the S.106 working party which will initially be considered at a full Parish Council meeting on 27th June.
- Receive and review report from the Hadleigh Car Park survey
- Plan village "get together"
- Begin to forward plan areas of focus for committees and full council meetings to support strategy delivery.
- Explore opportunities to engage with and empower
 - 1) younger residents in Farnsfield AND
 - 2) senior citizens, those who are isolated and/or vulnerable in Farnsfield.