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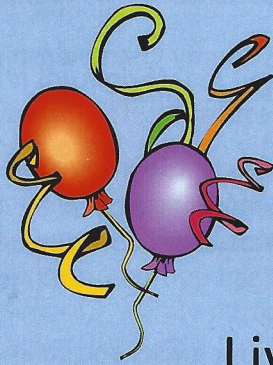
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Summer 2015

## Party on the Green Saturday July 25th 2pm—6pm



Live music

Bar

Food

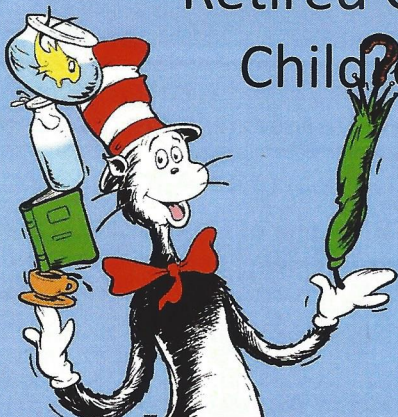
Stalls

Raffle

Competitions

Retired Greyhounds

Children's rides



Bring the family ,Bring a picnic

Come and have Fun in the Sun



## Parish Council—Jim Weale Chairman

First of all I would like to congratulate those elected to the Parish Council and also District Council. Thanks also to everyone who voted for myself. I really think that this new P.C. will be the strongest ever with everyone very keen to participate in our ongoing concerns.

There is certainly plenty to do as we have declared our wish to take over the Open Spaces from OM/First Port and for residents to have a greater say in Greater Fernwood's development.

Barratt/David Wilson Homes are still determined to disrupt our village life, but we, the residents, are equally determined that they won't.

Decisions for the outline planning for Fernwood North have now been put back to July thanks to the letters which have been sent to the Planning Department at Kelham and we must keep this up so that they are kept on their toes.

The Residents' Association will soon have a new Chairman and our joint endeavours for the residents will continue. Anyone wishing to join the FRA committee will be very welcome but as residents we all belong to the association anyway.

We also have two Strategy Groups, one concerned with OM/First Port and its hopeful demise and the other one to get together a Neighbourhood Plan which is extremely important for the future as it will give us a much bigger input into the structure of the village. This group is also involved with the New Builds adjoining Greater Fernwood.

Monies from the new build will also eventually come back to us so that we can consider improving any infrastructure which is possible. If anyone wishes to join these groups and have your say please get in touch with the P.C.

Finally, the Village Hall is doing particularly well and has turned a worrying deficit into a healthy profit. It is almost fully booked every day and this is thanks to Emma our Parish Clerk who also oversees hall events. With this in mind we are hoping to be able to effect some internal alteration which will give more room for meeting areas.

Best regards to all.

Jim Weale  
Chairman Fernwood Parish Council.



## Parish Council—Jim Gould

### A Neighbourhood Plan for Fernwood

So what is the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan? After all we do have a very active Residents' Association and a Parish Council to carry forward our aims and objectives for the village – don't we?

The simple answer that we do need a strategy for the future, a plan that addresses what we want to achieve and is recognised by all interested bodies especially the developers and unitary authorities. To guarantee a voice for our community which should ensure that our concerns are never neglected.

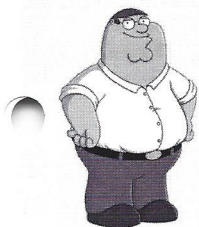
The first step in the planning process, and as recognised through the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations is to make application for designation of the Fernwood Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of creating a development plan and with our Parish Council acting as the qualified body to do so. Our desire to introduce such a document has been recognised by the Newark & Sherwood District Council via a Memorandum of Understanding which assumes that:

Newark & Sherwood District Council as the Local Planning Authority will:

- a) be responsible for the development of a strategic planning policy and the consideration of planning applications in relation to Fernwood Parish;
- b) support our Parish Council in undertaking Neighbourhood Planning and;
- c) facilitate engagement between the various landowners and developers with the Parish Council to assist in the development of Fernwood – *not just in respect of the intended build programmes but any future changes that may affect our village*

The agreement recognises that pre-programmed future builds within the Core Strategy Development Plan will be considered within any future proposals but significantly it will allow Fernwood to have a direct input to:





I can hear some of you ask "is the above Plan to be developed free of charge, and who will be organising and compiling the feedback?" – Well, for sure it comes at a cost and estimates vary between £30,000 - £40,000 and this is an awful lot of money, but there is substantial funding available and nearly 50% of which has already been promised. The responsibility for completing the work will rest with the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Strategy & New Build Group plus additional consultancy support. The commitment necessary to produce the Plan will be substantial, but finally we will have achieved a vision for our future and which is recognised as a statutory document – we cannot be ignored.

When adopted our efforts should be realised via an award through the Communities Infrastructure Levy (CIL), that is estimated at close to £100,000 and which in turn can be re-invested in the facilities and the improvements which are needed for Fernwood.

Our developers, Barratts/DWH, have appreciated that Fernwood residents are serious about protecting both the village's and their interests for the future, and have already promised substantial funding to improve existing facilities.

An important development for the village, and it is hoped that you will support the Plan and hopefully join the specially formed strategy group to drive this initiative forward. For further information and offers of support please contact our Parish Clerk, Emma

email: [clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk) or alternatively, forward any queries to [secretary@fernwoodra.com](mailto:secretary@fernwoodra.com).

### **BALDERTON MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWS**

It has been a very busy 2015 so far for the practice, we have undergone several audits, one being the Care Quality Commission (CQC). All the staff have worked incredibly hard to show the quality of care we provide our patients. This resulted in a good rating across all 5 areas inspected. You can view this on the CQC website.

As many of you are probably aware the practice is now offering urgent walk in sessions on Mondays and Fridays from 0830 – 1100 hrs. You will be given an approximate time, however please be aware that you may have to wait a while to be seen. Should you have any queries regarding the practice, please do not hesitate to contact the practice on 01636 705826.

Many thanks

Diane Hall



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nurse and a health care assistant.**

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