

# FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Newsletter September 2017

### Pavilion



The **formal opening** of the pavilion will be on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.00 pm**. You are all invited. Please come along and support Roy Hattersley and Patricia Schofield who will “cut the ribbon”. Both have been long-time supporters of the project and without their efforts over many years it would not have happened.

Work on the car park is now almost complete; you will no doubt have noticed the new (repositioned) gate and notice board, the improved surface and the extended parking area at the rear of the car park. We believe that if driver's park properly then there is room for 40 cars and hopefully stop overspill parking on Lindley Road and in Lindley Court. If you are still looking for the doggy bin, it's to the left of the notice board.

### Affordable Housing in Finningley?

Some time ago the Council was approached by an agent representing “Together Housing” and “Partner Construction” about the possibility of using its small area of land off Church Lane together with some land owned by the Airport (Peel Holdings) to build some affordable housing.

The Council's preference for the use of its parcel of land has always been for allotments, but the airport has, in the past, raised concerns about its use for allotments because of the possibility of increased risk of aircraft bird strikes. We are still hopeful that by prohibiting some produce from the allotments this problem might be overcome; talks are ongoing.

However, in the past few months “funding” for an affordable housing development has been obtained by Together Housing and the council now needs to decide what to do.

The current proposal is for 44 or 36 units on the land between the beginning of Church Lane and the churchyard; the final number will depend on a number of factors, including the possibility of some space being allocated for allotments. The current plan is for 10 of the units to be “shared ownership” and the remainder (34 or 26) offered as “rent to buy”.



The Council would like your input so we have organised an “**Open Day**” on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the new Pavilion from 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm** when you can meet the Planners, Developers and Councillors, ask your questions, get more information and more importantly give us your opinion / feedback.

Our view is that if such a project was to proceed the houses should primarily be for the benefit of the current residents of the village, the children of current residents who wish to settle in the village or close relatives of current residents who wish to move nearer to their families. We are aware that Finningley is a place where people throughout the Borough would like to come and live, so demand for the affordable housing from people living outside of the village is likely to be high. To help us decide what to do we need to have an idea of the **demand from within the village**. Please come along to the open day and tell us.

We are also aware that the current village infrastructure needs to be taken into account and your views on that would also be appreciated.

In order for us to collate views and opinions they need to be given to us in a structured format. We will look at allowing feedback via the Council's website; please check it if you are unable to come to the open day. We are, at this time, unable to take feedback via social media.

### Tennis Coaching – Free and Fun for all the Family



The re-surfaced tennis courts have been popular this year. We have recently spoken to a tennis coach who has agreed to provide a free coaching session on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 1 pm to 4 pm**. Just turn up with your gear. **1 pm to 2 pm** is a **Family Session**; **2 pm to 3 pm** an **Adult Session** and **3 pm to 4 pm** a **Supervised Free Play Session**. The pavilion will be open for toilets, “drinks” and somewhere to relax. Come along, enjoy the afternoon and improve your game.

## H-Bars (also known as I-Bars) on Elm Drive

Parents dropping children off at St Oswald's Academy will probably have noticed the H-Bars (white lining shaped like an elongated capital "H" or tall capital "I") across resident drives on Elm Drive. These are road markings placed across a vehicular access or driveway. It is used to remind drivers that it is illegal to park in front of dropped kerb driveways. Parking on Wroot Road is also a problem making it difficult for buses and residents.

If it is not possible to walk to school from your home we recommend arriving 5 minutes earlier and parking at the Playing Field on Lindley Road (40 cars) and enjoying the 5 minute walk (scooter or bike ride) to and from school. That way, everyone's a winner.



## Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

DMBC has recently enacted a new PSPO which covers the Playing Field and supersedes the previous Dog Control Orders that applied. The PSPO is Borough-wide and will be enforced by DMBC Officers and others employed by or empowered by DMBC.

The Order as applied to our Playing Field means that to avoid the possibility of a fine, you must:

- Always carry a means of removing dog mess,
- Pick up your dog mess (and place it in a proper receptacle e.g. dog bin or your black bin at home),
- Keep your dog out of the children's play areas, tennis courts, skate park and the pavilion compound,
- Keep your dog on a lead when there is an organised event on the field (all matches and organised training – if in doubt we recommend that you put your dog on a lead).



To assist in enforcement DMBC has enlisted the services of six additional officers from Kingdom Security. They are empowered to act on their behalf and, if appropriate, issue fixed penalty notices.

## New Parish Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Jason Clarke as a new member of the Council. Jason was co-opted at the June meeting to fill one of two casual vacancies. Jason's contact details are shown below.

At the time of writing there is still a vacancy and anyone interested should contact the Clerk or Chair for further information and "how to apply".

## Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council meetings are held at 7:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. The first 15 minutes of each meeting is available for residents to raise any issues. Minutes of council meetings are available on our website and are displayed on the notice boards at the Village Hall and Post Office.

Richard Johnson (Chairman)	Ashlyne, Chapel Lane	771252
Charlotte Sheriff (Vice Chair)	26 Harvey Close	772396
Will Bedford	38 Gatesbridge Park	772165
Jason Clarke	61 Lower Pasture	482747
Christine Styring	47 Harvey Close	770090
Bill Worsfold	51 Harvey Close	771512
Julie Leighton-Eshelby (Clerk)	<a href="mailto:finningleypc@yahoo.com">finningleypc@yahoo.com</a>	01757 630077

## Some useful telephone numbers:

DMBC Customer Services - 736000  
DMBC Noise Nuisance Team - 737573  
Environment (Smells) - 0800 807060

Police (non-urgent / after event) - 101  
Police (crime / incident in progress) - 999  
Airport noise complaints – 623499



You are encouraged to **make calls when the problem is happening** or as soon after the event as possible.