

FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Newsletter – March 2018

Parish Council Precept 2018-19

Your Parish Council has again held its precept at a zero-percentage increase. This means that households in the village will pay no more this year than last year for the services and support we provide.



Increases by DMBC, the Police & Crime Commissioner and Fire & Rescue Authority mean that your Council Tax for 2018-19 will increase overall by 4.2%.

Upcoming Vacancy

Councillor Charlotte Sheriff has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor. She gave notice some weeks ago that the March meeting would be her last. Members are really sad to lose such an active member with over five years' service to our community, she will be sorely missed by the Council and by residents. We wish her well and hope that she may one day return as a Councillor.

We have to follow a strict procedure following the resignation of a councillor; first we notify DMBC who will post notices informing residents of the resignation and, should they so wish, exercise their right to call an election to elect a new councillor. This normally takes 21 days from the posting of the notice. If there is no request for an election then the Parish Council will post a notice advertising a "Casual Vacancy". This is for a minimum of 14 days. Anyone who meets the requirements can register an interest with the Chair or Clerk which is then considered by the full Council.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor you can get more information from either the Chairman or the Clerk. Contact details are shown at the end of this Newsletter.

Airport Masterplan 2018 to 2037



On 21st March the airport announced and began a public consultation on its Masterplan for 2018 to 2037. The consultation runs until 16th May 2018.

They intend to include in their plan a **new railway station** within walking distance of the terminal that is linked directly to the East Coast Mainline. This they believe will make the airport more accessible to passengers and attract airlines to provide more flights to and from the airport. If approved they anticipate that the link could be up and running by 2024.



The plan also includes increasing the size of the terminal, expanded cargo operations, 2 to 3,000 new homes, new retail and leisure facilities and new advanced manufacturing facilities. All resulting in economic benefit for the area and thousands of new jobs.

You can view the plans and express your opinion by visiting www.flydsa.co.uk/masterplan or by attending one of their drop-in sessions. The most convenient drop-in sessions for Finningley residents are on 26th April and 13th May at Yorkshire Wildlife Park. You will need to check the start and finish times.

Allotments

We are pleased to report that over the past few weeks we have made considerable progress. In the past the Airport has been reluctant to accept the idea of allotments close by; their main concern being that crops might increase bird and rodent activity in proximity to the flight paths and therefore increase the possibility of bird strikes.



The Allotments Society along with the Parish Council has put forward proposals to the Airport to exclude crops that might attract birds and rodents and to develop a management plan for the allotments that

ensures proper monitoring and control. The Airport, for its part, is providing guidance on what it would consider acceptable in terms of crops and effective controls. Talks, as they say, are ongoing.

Our aim is to reach an agreement on a Management Plan that the Airport would support as part of a Planning Application. Once we have that agreement the Parish Council will make the Planning Application for use of land for allotments, most probably the land at the corner of Church Lane.

Village Hall

Finningley Village Hall is a Grade 2 listed building within the Finningley Conservation Area and is used by the community and other groups through the week and at the weekend. You can view regular events taking place at the Hall in the "Arrow" magazine. We would like to increase the number of people using this facility.

It has a well maintained functional kitchen, a large open room, smaller meeting room, lots of tables and chairs and toilet facilities including one for people with disabilities. Access is also disability friendly with priority parking. There is also parking available for around 15 cars in the car park, and on road parking in the vicinity.



As well as being an excellent meeting place for groups of 5 to 80, it is suitable for wedding receptions, music events, parties, and other special occasions. To view the hall or make enquiries about the costs and availability please contact Elaine McNulty on 01302 771699.

Local Plan

The Local Plan which outlines, amongst other things the plan for housing development within the Borough, was decided in 2017. Finningley Village was to get an allocation of 45 houses, but as 58 were already planned to be built (Frobisher and St. Oswald's Drives) then no further development (aside from in-fill) was foreseen for the duration of the plan to 2024.



However, after it was agreed, the Plan was thrown into disarray when Government decided to re-route HS2 to the east of Rotherham and Barnsley and straight through the prime development sites earmarked in the Local Plan. Doncaster Council has made attempts to challenge the decision but seemingly has failed. As a result, the 2017 Local Plan is to be reviewed.

The latest information is that DMBC will review possible development sites by the end of April 2018 and then consult over the summer of 2018 before proposing a revised Local Plan. We will keep you informed of the possible impact on our village.

Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council meetings are held at 7:00pm on the 3rd 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
Will Bedford	38 Gatesbridge Park	772165
Rob Castle	18 Gatesbridge Park	772545
Jason Clarke	61 Lower Pasture	482747
Christine Styring	47 Harvey Close	770090
Bill Worsfold	51 Harvey Close	771512

Julie Leighton-Eshelby (Clerk) finningleypc@yahoo.com 01757 630077

Some useful telephone numbers:

DMBC Customer Services - 736000	Police (non-urgent / after event) - 101
DMBC Noise Nuisance Team - 737573	Police (crime / incident in progress) - 999
Environment (Smells) - 0800 807060	Airport noise complaints – 623499