

# FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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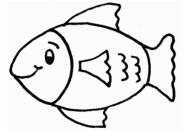
Newsletter – October / November 2018

## The Pond

Over the next few weeks you will probably notice some activity around the pond – people as well as ducks. In order to determine what we need to do to keep the pond in good shape we are going to:

- take stock of the fish, their condition, and decide if we need to do anything to improve things.
- check the water quality and look at how we can improve or maintain it.
- find out how much silt has developed since the pond was last dredged in 2013, and if we need to treat or remove it.

We will also take a look at the surrounds and identify what needs to be done to that ensure residents and visitors can continue to enjoy our village centrepiece.



## Community Group Events

Finningley Village Community Group has asked that we remind everyone that “**The Spirit of Christmas**” event will be held on the Village Green Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6 pm followed by refreshments in St Oswald’s Church.



Can we also remind you of their **Coffee Mornings** held in the Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 10 am to 12 noon. For those who like a walk you need to be there at 10 am sharp in suitable footwear and clothing and be prepared to walk for about an hour. Keep fit and a good chat topped off with coffee and cake. You might even win the raffle!

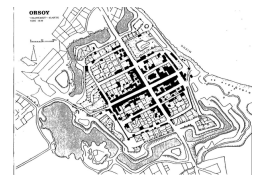
They also organise the **Tuesday Club** held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1.45 pm in the Village Hall. The November meeting features “The Kray Twins” – you’ll have to turn up to find out more.

## The Local Plan

Last year Doncaster Council put together their Local Plan which outlined their policies and plans primarily for housing development from 2017 to 2032. Unfortunately, the re-routing of HS2 rendered the plan unusable as many of the proposed housing developments lay in the path of the new HS2 track.

As a consequence, they have revised the plan and are currently consulting with local communities prior to presenting it to government for approval. The consultation ends 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The Parish Council has reviewed the new Local Plan and as far as Finningley is concerned there is no difference to the proposals in the old Plan. There are no major housing developments beyond those already approved – requirement in plan is 55, already approved is 67, all of which are either completed or close to completion. In-fill housing is still permitted.



The Plan also outlines approvals for “Minerals Extraction”. There is a large site just off Bank End Road that has been approved as part of the plan. The Parish Council has made representations to DMBC on the routing of heavy goods vehicles in order to avoid more traffic using Wroot Road as the connection between Bank End Road and the A614 to Austerfield. We will continue to make that case.

You can view the Plan by visiting [www.doncaster.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/localplan).

## Village Enhancement Projects

We have recently been made aware of some money that can be made available to the Parish Council for village enhancement projects. We will have to work hard to get it, but we are willing to have a go.

So far, we have taken advice from a number of specialists and narrowed down the possibilities to the list below. Restrictions on the amount of money available will mean that choices will have to be made.



Members have considered the options and the list contains the most preferred of the suggestions made by the specialists. If you would like to add your voice to the discussion, please visit our website and email your thoughts / comments to the Clerk or Chairman. The link is [www.finningleyparishcouncil.org](http://www.finningleyparishcouncil.org) and go to "Contact Us". Just complete the form and send.

In outline we are considering:

- A New Village Signs on the three entry roads into the village.
- B New "Feature" Village Sign on The Green.
- C New Seating Areas – possibly at junction of Chapel Lane and Wroot Road (in front of old Chapel) and on Old Bawtry Road (opposite Rectory Lane).
- D Tree Planting on both sides of the three entry roads to the village to form a picturesque entrance to the village.
- E Screening Utility / Business facilities on Bawtry Road, Old Bawtry Road and Station Road with hedges or trees.
- F Improvement to the walkways and seating around the pond.

We also need to make some provision for the ongoing maintenance of these possible projects and for any costs associated with further specialist advice that may be necessary.

### Allotments

We are close to an agreement with the Airport in which they will support the siting of allotments adjacent to their perimeter. Their main concern has been the possibility that allotments might attract more birds increasing the potential for bird-strikes (birds drawn into aircraft engines causing damage and a possible risk to passenger safety).



We have worked with them, the Allotments Society and the DMBC Ecology team to develop a land management plan to minimise that risk. That plan is now agreed. The next step is for us to make a pre-planning application for a change of use on the land which will include approval of the land management plan. Doncaster Sheffield Airport is a statutory consultee in that process and they or other consultees may still veto the application but we are optimistic that we will get planning consent for the project.

### 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
Will Bedford (Vice Chairman)	38 Gatesbridge Park	772165
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### Some useful telephone numbers:

DMBC Customer Services - 736000  
 Police (non-urgent / after event) – 101  
 Environment (Smells) - 0800 807060

DMBC Noise Nuisance Team – 737573  
 Police (crime / incident in progress) – 999