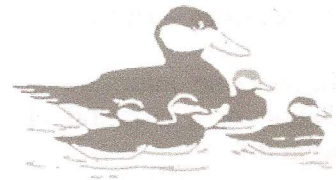


# FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Newsletter – August 2019

### Peafowl Survey – Your views are welcome!



As reported in the March / April newsletter the Parish Council has, over a number of months, received complaints about the increasing numbers of peafowl in the village and the nuisance and damage they are said to cause. Those complaints have continued.

As a result, at the June meeting we decided to take advice from the DMBC Ecology Team. They recommended three Ecology Consultants. We sought quotations from all three and at the July meeting decided to commission **Estrada Ecology** to carry out a survey of the current peafowl population in the village.

Their brief is to ascertain the current population level, distribution and nest sites and recommend a sustainable population for a village of our size and character. The cost of the survey will be met by the Parish Council.

The consultants are happy to receive contributions and comments from residents. See below their note for inclusion in this Newsletter.

*“The Parish Council has recently commissioned an ecological survey to ascertain the population level of the resident peafowl within the village. As part of the surveys we are asking residents to contact the surveying ecologists with any information you may have that would aid the survey.*

*Whilst not exclusive we would be particularly keen to hear from residents regarding the following:*

- *Have you suffered damage to property from the resident peafowl?*
- *Do you regularly experience the peafowl on your property?*
- *Have you experienced peafowl roosting or feeding within the curtilage of your property?*
- *Do you see any positive benefits of having peafowl in the village?*
- *What are your opinions regarding the resident peafowl population? Are you in favour or against them?*

*Our consultant ecologists can be contacted via email at: [enquiries@estradaecology.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@estradaecology.co.uk)”*

Please take time to make your views known to the team. The survey will continue throughout August with the aim of the completed report being available for the September Parish Council meeting.

### New Parish Councillor

We are pleased to welcome Jacob Hill as the new member of the Council. His contact details are included in “Your Parish Councillors” on page 2.

Jacob significantly reduces the average age of the Council, has a computing and design background, works locally and has lived in the village until recently. We are sure he will be an asset to the team.



### Hedges & Trees

It's that time of year. Hedges, trees and plants are all growing like mad. Please:

- cut your hedges back to your boundary, particularly if it borders a footpath or walkway;
- trim trees to give 6 feet minimum clearance above footpaths and walkways;
- cut back any plants or shrubs if they are impeding footpaths or walkways.



Thanks for helping to keep our village looking tidy and keeping access easy for our pedestrians, pushchairs, mobility vehicles, scooter's and junior cyclists.

