

FINNINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Website: www.finningleyparishcouncil.org

Newsletter – September / October 2020



Parish Council Meetings

Following the guidance from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) the Parish Council continue to meet remotely.

We want to encourage public participation in our meetings and have therefore provided two ways in which you can participate;

1. By email via the Parish Council's website,
2. In person at the video conference meeting.

By email via the Parish Council's website.

- Go to the website www.finningleyparishcouncil.org
- Click on "Contact Us".
- Select Clerk in the dropdown menu.
- Enter your details and question / concern.
- The Clerk will raise it on your behalf at the meeting.

Following the meeting the Clerk will get back to you with a response. If appropriate the question / concern and response will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.



In person at the video conference meeting - all you need is a device (see below) with a microphone (to be heard) and speakers (to listen). If you have a camera as well you can also be seen, but that is your choice.

- Attendance has to be by invitation.
- To get your invitation
 - Before 10am on the Monday prior to the Tuesday meeting email the Clerk at finningleypc@yahoo.com indicating that you would like to join the meeting
 - Provide your name.
 - Confirm that you have the necessary facilities to join a video conference (PC, Laptop, Tablet or Mobile Phone with speakers, microphone and preferably but not essential, a webcam).
- You will be sent your invitation by email with instructions on how to join the meeting – using the link you can join via your browser and do not need to download any software.
- Please sign in between 6.50 and 6.55pm so that we can verify that you are in attendance.

The first 15 minutes of the meeting will be open for public participation after which you can sign off at any point or stay for the whole meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20th October at 7pm.

Village Enhancement Projects

We are making progress with the Village Enhancement Projects which include:

- Seating on the green space between Blenheim Drive and the Church,
- Seating at the end of Chapel Lane at the junction with Wroot Road,
- Better seating and access around the pond and improvements to pond maintenance,
- Possible improvements to the environs of the Village Hall.



We are currently finalising specifications and quotations which will then be presented to Doncaster Council who will formalise the agreement for the release of the funds for us to begin the work. We hope that process doesn't take too long.

Playing Fields Projects

The Playing Fields Projects are a little further advanced. Final details of the fourteen (14) different projects were submitted to Doncaster Council in early August and they are currently in the process of finalising the agreement to release the funds. We can then get started with the improvements.

Anti-Social Behaviour

In our last newsletter we gave some guidelines on how residents can report anti-social behaviour. It seems that we are still experiencing unwanted behaviours in the village so we have included again the advice. If you experience what you consider as anti-social behaviour you can report it. There are two possibilities, the Police or Doncaster Council (DMBC). As a guide:

- If it is **happening now and there is a danger** to life, limb, property or vehicles, call the Police on 999 or DMBC (see below).
- If it is **happening now but there is no imminent danger**, call the Police on 101 and report the incident or DMBC (see below)
- If it is **not happening now** but there has been a concern for public safety, damage or the problem might return at another time, call the Police on 101 and report it or DMBC (see below).
- Calling DMBC on 01302 736000 – you need to wait to the end of all the options and speak to an operator; they will log the incident. Alternatively, you can report on-line at www.doncaster.gov.uk, select "Report It" and from the drop-down list on the left, select "Crime, anti-social behaviour & nuisance".



In all cases you will need to know (or be able to describe) the location, give a brief explanation of the problem, and give your contact details

Trees and Hedges



Now that the growing season has almost ended, we ask that you check the trees and hedges on your property that border with pavements and footpaths. We would appreciate it if you cut back to your boundary and trim overhanging trees to a minimum of 2 metres (6 feet). Many thanks for your help.

Grit Bins

They say that winter arrives in Doncaster on the tail of the last horse in the St Leger. As the weather turns there may be frosty mornings ahead. Some years ago, the Parish Council provided grit bins at the junction of Chapel Lane and Lindley Road, the end of Elm Drive and at the Village Hall. They are stocked with sand to spread on icy pavements (not roads, that is a DMBC responsibility). All Councillors either hold a key to the bins or know where to access one. If in the coming weeks you need to make a walkway safe, please get in touch.



DMBC Services



Green bin emptying resumed in September and will cease mid-November. Grass cutting of the greens and verges has also resumed.

Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council meetings are normally held at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall (see above for lockdown details). 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.

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