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# Farnsfield Parish Council

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At the May Meeting the Officers and Committees for 2008-9 were elected

**Chairman** Paul Elliott

**Vice Chairman** Lynda Selby

## Recreation Grounds Committee

Geoff Stafford Karen Clarke

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## Village Centre Committee

Karen Clarke Matt Hamilton

Mandie Pritchett Geoff Stafford

## Finance and General Purposes Committee

Roger Davis Derek Jepson

Frank Reynolds Bruce McDowall

## Representatives at organisations

Football Bob Reeves

Cricket Karen Clarke

Bowls & Tennis Paul Elliott

PCC Frank Reynolds

Churchyard/Clock Roger Davis

Snow Warden Geoff Stafford

Police Liaison Lynda Selby & Paul Elliott

## Roadworks

**You will be aware of the roadworks recently completed to improve the junction at Cockett Lane with the A617**

**There is also the replacement of all of the concrete lamp standards with metal ones throughout the village..**

## **PARISH PLAN REPORTS**

### **Development & planning**

#### **Cllr Derek Jepson**

The latest major application in the village for the provision of a 16 bedroom hotel accommodation block at The White Post Inn Public House, Old Rufford Road, Farnsfield has been approved. Wheelgate are also erecting a building to accommodate indoor activities. Work on the Warwick is under way.

#### **Environment & Tourism**

Cllr. Bruce McDowell A bid has been made to the County Council's Building Better Communities fund for a contribution to the provision of map cabinets to be placed at strategic points on the pathway network, and support has been received from the County Council.

#### **Best Run Village Hall 2009.**

As part of our campaign to improve the service we give within our community we are keen to have others test our facilities against national standards and the best practice that other councils are running. As well as the Best Kept Village competition we have entered the Best Run Village Hall 2009 competition and are expecting visits and inspections in the next few weeks.

This will give us a benchmark of our performance and hopefully some pointers for moving up our standard of service.

Best Kept Village—we will enter again in 2009; we were in the top 4 in 2008 but did not win.

#### **Public Transport Cllr. Roger Davis**

The bus stops have been upgraded but we have lost one, opposite Allsorts, due to vandalism, this will be replaced by the County Council in the near future.

#### **Education and Sport**

#### **Cllr. Bob Reeves**

##### **Sporting Farnsfield**

**As the clocks leapt forward activity has been stepped up at our three major sports clubs in the Village.**

**Farnsfield Cricket Club** has been busy on and off the field. Reconstruction work on the pavilion is racing ahead to be completed ahead of the new season. The opening Sunday League game at Station Lane is April 26<sup>th</sup>. and the Bassetlaw League on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. League winners last year the flagship side of the club are now in the Nottinghamshire Premier League for the first time. Having gained a fourth promotion in four years the Second team is keeping up the pressure for places!

**In all the club run nine sides and it is great to see the Youth Coaching night on a Friday.**

##### **Farnsfield Tennis Club**

Once again a full programme of coaching and team matches across the ages. The progress of the teams is available on [www.nottinghamshire.totaltennis.net](http://www.nottinghamshire.totaltennis.net).

##### **Farnsfield Bowls Club**

**The club is looking to expand it's facilities and has the backing of the Parish Council to apply for Planning Permission to incorporate an indoor lane before next winter and be able to accommodate all year round bowling.**

With the outdoor season about to start head down to the green or contact **Stan Chadwick 882386** or **Tony Williams 883392** for more details.

Please contact us via the web site. [info@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk)

**If you feel you can contribute to the Newsletter editorial or webmaster teams. Contact the Parish Clerk Mike Salt or Paul Elliott (Chairman).**

## **Local Crime**

You will be aware that there have been several incidents of vandalism and other crimes in the village over the past year. The Village Centre was set on fire, and on the same night an attempt was made to burn down the Tennis pavilion. Since this there have been repeated attacks on public property, the play areas have been systematically vandalised, the pavilion on the Acres has been attacked on several occasions, All this has amounted to over £30,000 worth of damage in the village. The good news is that 4 local youths have been charged with arson and theft concerning the Village Centre and Tennis pavilion. They have appeared in Court and will be tried at the Crown Court later this year, hopefully we will get a successful result. It is important that all incidents are crime continue to be reported to the Police otherwise they will think that there is no crime and therefore there will be no Police attention. There has been little of late, other than to respond to incidents, but we are to get a new beat officer, Pc Thompson has moved on; policing should get back to normal as Pc Thompson has been off work for some time and we have suffered low police coverage.

**Good News!** We now have a permanent replacement for PC Keith Thompson, his name is PC2602 Daniel Bebbington and began as our Beat manager from 1st March from Southwell Police station. He will be working closely with our PCSO Kate Ansty her contact number is 01636 605999 ext 7670.

Kate will be attending the Parish Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Speeding through the village.**

As you are aware speeding through the village has been an area for concern. We have debated adding teams of volunteers to use speed guns to record speeding motorists. The feedback from other villages through the Safer Neighbourhood Group is that the lack of the ability to follow up with penalties has resulted in little effect in relation to the time the volunteers were contributing.

We had requested being added to the programme for Interactive signs at each end of the village. However, despite the support of the District and County Councillors we have not been added to the Priority list. This means we will not be in the programme for the next year, and it is unlikely we will achieve sufficient points in subsequent years.

### **Parking in the Village**

As you may be aware the responsibility for Traffic Wardens passed to the District Council earlier this year. The report on there activity passed to us at the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting was that Farnsfield has been visited 39 times in the first Quarter with 2 Observed instances of illegal parking of which 1 resulted in a penalty.

### **Neighbourhood Watch.**

Within the last year Elaine Holt and Bruce McDowall have visited many households in the village regarding the commencement of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

A lot of interest has been expressed and a good number of residents completed forms to be involved in the initiative. These forms were returned to Worksop Police Station as required. Unfortunately we have recently been advised that the returned forms have been mislaid.

It is still our intention to commence with this scheme and in many ways the situation is now more relevant than it may have been 12-24 months ago.

**To this end we are in the process of convening a meeting with all of the relevant parties present to which all interested residents will be invited. The date of the meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. at 6.30 at the Village Centre**

### Community Support

We have installed a new boiler system in the lower end of the Village Centre as the old system was becoming unreliable and was also inefficient.

Councillor Andy Stewart was instrumental in providing a grant of £1500 towards the cost of the new system. We have removed 2 boilers and a gas fire and have replaced these with one boiler capable of doing the work of all three.

Andy Hutchinson has arranged for his suppliers to donate the varnish required to refurbish the floor in the Upper Hall. He has sanded the floor and applied the new varnish at a substantially reduced cost as his contribution to the community facilities. The floor has been restored to its former glory.

Are you branching out too far?

This winter the Parish Council commissioned a Tree Survey. This was primarily for the common areas under the responsibility of the council and as a result we have developed a programme of pruning, disease control and in some cases removal.

What also became apparent is that there are some public areas where trees and hedges are overgrown and are encroaching.

It is the responsibility of the householder to carry out appropriate actions to prevent this. Should damage or injury occur the householder may be liable for any claims.

For more information go to [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk) - put Trees into the search facility for a full explanation and how to go about staying within the law.

### Furniture Project

If you have furniture that is no longer required they will collect free of charge, if reusable - contact

The Furniture Project 01623 836410 or [www.thefurnitureproject.net](http://www.thefurnitureproject.net)

### Future Meetings of the Parish Council

28th April 2009—Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Council meeting at 7.30pm	23rd June 2009
12th May 2009	14th July 2009
26th May 2009	28th July 2009
9th June 2009	11th August 2009

commencing at 7.30pm

To book the Village Centre  
please contact Jane Cowlshaw on 01623 882214