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At the May Meeting the Officers and Committees for 2009-10 were elected

Chairman Paul Elliott

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Recreation Grounds Committee

Geoff Stafford Karen Clarke

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Village Centre Committee

Karen Clarke Matt Hamilton

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

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Mandie Pritchett a vacancy exists for a Parish Councillor.

If you are interested please contact Mike Salt by phone, email or in writing and provide brief details of yourself, or if you require information.

The new Councillor will be appointed by the Council on 26th January 2010.

PARISH PLAN REPORTS

Development & planning

Cllr Derek Jepson

Consultation has just ended regarding the Newark & Sherwood District Council Core Strategy Options Report which includes proposed developments and change in the district up to 2026.

This document contains the proposals the District Council will provide to meet the Government's requirement to identify areas in the district area suitable to meet government housing targets to provide an extra 14,800 dwellings in the plan period 2006-2026.

The documents covers the major infrastructure and support required and so far as Farnsfield is concerned there are options put forward to provide an additional 100–280 dwellings dependant upon the identification of suitable sites. Some sites have been put forward by their owners but permission to develop these sites will be considered at some later stage when they are advertised with planning applications and will be subject to the normal consultation process.

We will keep you informed of the progress as we are informed by the District Council. The planned date for adoption of the Strategy is January/February 2011 following consultative procedures to be undertaken by the District Council during 2010.

Details of the report and progress can be found on www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planningpolicy.

Environment & Tourism

Cllr. Bruce McDowell

A map cabinet displaying the footpaths in and around Farnsfield will be installed as soon as a suitable location is found enquiries are currently under way to install it near to the Co-op on the Main Street.

Public Transport

There are no items to comment upon.

Cllr. Roger Davis

Education and Sport

Cllr. Bob Reeves

Sporting Farnsfield—

Farnsfield Villa tops the lot.

Farnsfield Villa have made a great start to the season and top the league with a 100% record of 8 wins from the first 8 games.

Entertainment on Sunday mornings down at the Acres – check at the Plough for fixtures.

It is our intention to open a second football pitch at the Acres in January 2010.

Bookings for pitches should be made through bubblybob@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01623 882265.

Farnsfield Cricket Club

Quiet at the moment—preparing for next year

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.

Farnsfield Bowls Club

Contact Stan Chadwick 882386 or Tony Williams 883392 for details.

Communications

Cllr. Paul Elliott

Farnsfield Parish Council website—www.Farnsfield-pc.gov.uk

Please contact us via the web site. 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—Community Safety Group

Safer Neighbourhoods

There was a meeting of the district group in November in Farnsfield.

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Glenn Harper and Inspector Andy Gan to the meeting and gave a brief background to the reason for the attendance of the two senior officers at this meeting. This was to discuss with members a number of issues, which had arisen over the levels of policing in the area, the lack of continuity of Beat Managers and other related subjects, which had been the subject of correspondence with the Chief Constable and Divisional Commander.

He introduced our two new PCSO - PCSO Charlotte Appleby and PCSO Liam Batey. Their details are on the front page of this issue and on posters round the village.

A number of specific issues were raised

Why are not more Specials used? – The Division is actively recruiting and Sherwood is fairly well manned; the concept of “Village Specials” who operate in their local area is also under consideration.

How many officers are on duty in the Division on a Friday/Sat night? – Normal shift is 14/15 but on those nights by overlapping shifts, overlapping shifts doubles this doubled to about 28 with Specials in support. Also there is now a Response team based in the Division and resources such as the mounted branch and roads policing team are deployed. Numbers are constantly under review at high level.

Police visibility is seen by residents as the major issue and need for feedback on successes – work is being done to get more officer time on the streets.

The system of Neighbourhood Watch is under review with plans to use computer links. as this builds up patterns which can be targeted by operations teams. *Residents are urged to contact Cllr. McDowall to link in with the networks in Farnsfield. Also **Residents must report incidents as Police activity is driven by the volume of incidents they are made aware of.***

Need for more widespread use of Road Safety Partnership camera vans – agreed, but these operate on national criteria relating to accident hotspots; trained beat officers have been active and will soon have new camera guns available; suitably trained PCSO's can support work of the “speedwatch” teams in parishes.

Finance

The parish precept was considered by the Council at the last meeting and it was decided to make a modest increase of £1200; The precept for 2010-2011 will be £61200.

The increase has been kept to a minimum in view of the current economic circumstances but a slight increase has become necessary as the interest on deposits at the bank have reduced considerably and costs increase annually. We have a current shortfall due to this in the current year and will also have one next year. It is planned to reduce on costs as far as possible and, if necessary, continue to use our depleting reserves.

Monday Club

The club is in desperate need of a volunteers to organise the club and events. The current organiser, for some years has decided to retire and this leaves a vacuum. The club will cease to function unless someone 'rescues' it soon; there is no-one to run it after December 2009.

New business

You may be aware of a new business venture at the old Comb's Farm Shop on the A614.

It is now a Handyman's Store open 7 days per week.

Contact number 0797 3354440

Future Meetings of the Parish Council

12 January 2010

9 March 2010

26 January 2010

23 March 2010

9 February 2010

13 April 2010

23 February 2010

27 April 2010

Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm

commencing at 7.30pm

To book the Village Centre

please contact Jane Cowlshaw on 01623 882214

or by email to jane@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk