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At the May Meeting the Officers and Committees for 209-10 were elected

Chairman Paul Elliott

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Recreation Grounds Committee

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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

PARISH PLAN REPORTS

Development & planning

Cllr Derek Jepson

It is important to keep an eye on planning proposals for the future. A desk top review of the village has been undertaken at Kelham Hall as part of the Strategic Land Availability Assessment to extend the housing stock over the next 20 years. In Farnsfield 7 sites were offered by the land owners as potential for development and 2 of these were not considered suitable for development. The remaining 5 sites considered as a possibility for 353 dwellings to be erected are considered as suitable. However, it must be noted that no development will commence without detailed consultation.

Full details of the proposals can be viewed on the Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Policy website.

Environment & Tourism

Cllr. Bruce McDowell

We were unsuccessful in getting funding for map cabinets from the Building Better Communities Fund but have received one from the County Council's Footpaths Department. This will be installed once a suitable location has been identified.

Best Run Village Hall 2009.

We are still awaiting the results after an inspection from the judges who were impressed by the use and presentation of the hall. .

Best Kept Village—we did enter this year; the comments were favourable but the level of competition very high, consequently we did not get into the top 4 and go forward to the next round.

Public Transport

Cllr. Roger Davis

The bus stops have been upgraded and the one, opposite Allsorts, has been replaced by the County Council.

Education and Sport

Cllr. Bob Reeves

Sporting Farnsfield—

Farnsfield Villa have begun pre-season training and friendlies in preparation for the new season in Division One. If you are interested in playing with the local side, with local lads supported by Farnsfield folk contact via their Sponsor, The Plough Inn.

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

Farnsfield Cricket Club

The First XI have been finding life hard in the higher leagues this year. However, with the division's leading run scorer Paul Franks leading from the front they are looking to finish strongly and maintain their higher ranking.

In all the club run nine sides and it is great to see the Youth Coaching night on a Friday. A good time to see the extension and refurbishments.

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

The club has been successful in getting Planning Permission to incorporate an indoor lane before next winter and be able to accommodate all year round bowling.

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

Communications

Cllr. Paul Elliott

Check out the new 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

Police News!

Having announced recently a new Beat Officer, PC2602 Daniel Bebbington and we now hear he is leaving in the next month. We await news of his replacement but there is bound to be a gap before they arrive. We continue to be working closely with our PCSO, Kate Ansty, her contact numbers are **mobile 07525226613 Blidworth Station 01623 420999 ext 3370**

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Cllr. Linda Selby & Cllr Paul Elliott

Many of you will have seen the Newark Advertiser the campaign led by the Safer Neighbourhood Group seeking clarification regarding police numbers. Our group have demanded to know the population covered by the Safer Neighbourhood districts and numbers of officers allocated.

Currently there is one policeman (due to be replaced as above) and one Police Community Support Officer covering Farnsfield, Lowdham, Bilsthorpe, Eakring, Hallam, Edingley, Oxton, and Trent side including Thurgarton, Bulcote, Bleasby, Fiskerton and Moreton.

The campaign surrounding numbers of officers is to bring the concerns of people in the rural areas to the Chief Constable Julia Hodson. If you feel those concerns do put pen to paper to reinforce the message

Speeding through the village.

The Notts. Constabulary speed monitoring van is still not available. An initiative to have all Beat Officers and Inspectors trained in use of the speed guns and have been active. The use of speed guns by village volunteers has declined as the process of follow up has not proved a deterrent.

Frequent hot spots and times are being reported to the police and throughout the district occasional patrols are being implemented.

Parking in the Village

Traffic Wardens are making visits to the village. Any illegal parking is subject to penalty and the wardens have been instructed that the observation time is reduced.

Their visits have resulted a number of hasty moves by offending motorists prior to wardens tickets being issued. As a result few prosecutions but the timetable for wardens is being maintained.

Complaints have been made regarding Loading and Unloading. The time permitted for unloading and loading is 20 minutes maximum. Civil Enforcement Officers will pursue any frequent offenders. They can be reached at [www. Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Parkingenforcement](http://www.Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Parkingenforcement).

Neighbourhood Watch.

All residents in the village have concerns relating to the level of crime.

Whether that be petty vandalism or more serious offences, they all have the potential to spoil the community within which we live.

The Parish Council is keen to support the current and launch new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes which will give every resident the opportunity to become involved in making Farnsfield a safer place to live.

Please come along to an open meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 6-30pm in the Village Centre to find out more details including how you can take part and support this positive initiative.

Community Support

Trees on the roads—Advice from Nottinghamshire County Council

If branches of a tree, hedge or bush are overhanging the road and posing a danger to road users by obscuring traffic signs/signals, we will prune the branches if the tree is owned and managed by us. If the tree is on private land we would serve notice on the landowners if necessary to ensure any danger or obstruction was removed.

Overhanging branches posing a danger to road users can be reported by calling tel: 08449 80 80 80.

Neighbours' trees and hedges

If a neighbour's tree is in such a condition that makes it a danger to neighbouring properties, then the district council may serve a notice on the tree owner to make the tree safe within 21 days. If the owner does not take action, the district council may carry out work to make the tree safe and recover costs from the tree owner.

If a neighbour's tree is in such a condition that makes it a danger to road users, for example, by falling into the road, then the highways team may serve a notice on the tree owner to remove the danger within 14 days. If the owner does not take action, the highways team may carry out the work and recover costs from the tree owner.

If a neighbour's tree is blocking your light you cannot force them to cut it down. As long as the tree is safe and is not causing damage, your neighbour is entitled to grow the tree.

If a neighbour's hedge is blocking your light and you wish to take action, you may be able to do so under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. Please contact your [district council](#) for advice.

If a neighbour's tree or hedge is growing over into your property, you cannot make them cut it back. However, you do have the right to remove overgrowing branches yourself, but only back to the common boundary and as long as any cuttings are offered back to the tree or hedge owner.

Future Meetings of the Parish Council

8th September 2009

10th November 2009

**N.B. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at
6.30**

22nd September 2009

24th November 2009

13th October 2009

8th December 2009

27th October 2009

12th January 2010

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