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At the May Meeting the Officers and Committees for 2011-12 were elected

Chairman Matt Hamilton

Vice Chairman Lynda Selby

Recreation Grounds Committee

Lawrence Weaver Karen Clarke

Bob Reeves Alison Farr

Village Centre Committee

Karen Clarke Alison Farr

Peter Smith

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Roger Davis Peter Smith

Paul Elliott Bruce McDowall

Representatives at organisations

Football Bob Reeves

Cricket Karen Clarke

Bowls & Tennis Paul Elliott

PCC Karen Clarke

Churchyard/Clock Roger Davis

Snow Warden Lawrence Weaver

Police Liaison Lynda Selby & Matt Hamilton

Farnsfield Charity Lynda Selby, Paul Elliott and Peter Smith

County Councillors

Andy Stewart - 01636 636270

District Councillors Nora Armstrong 01636 812654 and

Bruce Laughton - 01623 822536

Your local PCSO

Charlotte Appleby

0300 300 9999 ext 3370 and

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Clerk—Mike Salt

Items included in this issue:

- **New Councillors**
- **Vacancy for a Councillor**
- **Request for Library Volunteers**
- **Farnsfield updates**

FARNSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Three Councillors retired at the May 2011 elections.

Derek Jepson and Geoff Stafford, each of them having completed 20 years service, and Frank Reynolds completing 28 years service to the Parish.

All have been stalwart members of the Parish Council and their individuality and contributions will be missed.

Following the election on 5th May 2011 Farnsfield Parish Council currently have one vacancy. The Parish Council would like to invite anyone interested in putting themselves forward to notify the Clerk in writing. The applications will be considered at the meeting on 25th September at 7.30pm in the Village Centre. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for further information.

Farnsfield Parish Council Accounts 2010-11

These have been completed and have been submitted to the external auditors for completion, and have been approved.

PARISH MATTERS

Public footpaths—Nottinghamshire County Council have reduced the level of support to Parish Councils by 50%. The support provided was maintenance, provision of styles, way markers etc. We currently have 31 footpaths crossing the parish and we will endeavour to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Currently some have been reported as being overgrown by nettles and grass and steps have been taken to rectify this; checks will be made with the contractor to ensure the current level of service is maintained despite the cuts by NCC. The condition of the footpath on Station Lane has been referred to NCC and a response is awaited.

Incident/fault reporting

If you wish to report damage to the highway, potholes etc. Or problems with street lights you can report these directly to Nottinghamshire County Council via their web site, or alternatively, to the Parish Council and they will be passed on the NCC for attention.

Some main drains are blocked near Cockett Lane/Mansfield Road and have been reported to NCC/Severn Trent for attention.

Damage to the bus shelter on Main Street, (opposite Allsorts) has been reported to NCC and a replacement bus shelter is awaited on Mansfield Road (near Bell's Field).

Damage/vandalism

Some damage has occurred in the village, graffiti, damage to the children's play areas, to trees on the Acres more often causing annoyance and inconvenience plus an unnecessary cost to the Parish Council. If you witness anything please contact the police, whilst they may not attend they will be aware of local issues.

The consumption of alcohol is still taking place in public areas, usually such as the Acres or other locations out of site. An alcohol exclusion order is in place and if reported to the police alcohol can be confiscated and fixed penalty tickets issued (alcohol abuse usually results in anti-social behaviour and vandalism).

Farnsfield Library

Monday:	9.30 - 12.30
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	2.00 - 6.30
Saturday:	9.30 - 12.30
Sunday:	Closed

You will see from the above that the opening times of the library are reduced considerable as a result of the cuts imposed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Following discussions it has been agreed that the library can be opened beyond the above hours provided volunteers can be recruited from the local community. Volunteers will be provided with the necessary training by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Extended use of the library is also being considered for groups from the local school and other childrens groups in order to encourage reading by the young.

An electronic scanning system will be installed in the library to assist with the reduced staffing levels and assist volunteers with the book recording process required by the library; the timetable for all of this is for everything to be in place by 1st September 2011.

Letter from Steven Heales is shown below

Library volunteers wanted

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently looking at ways of working with local communities to enhance the library services provided in smaller libraries..

Following the budget reductions the opening hours at Farnsfield library have been reduced to 10.5 per week. However the library service is now consulting local community groups to discuss opportunities to increase the hours and extend services offered from these libraries. As part of this process the library service is looking for volunteers to help library staff to be able to extend the opening hours. There may also be opportunities for volunteers to assist customers with computer use or help with children's activities. Full training and support would be given to anyone volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering at your local library you can either:

complete the online form on the following website: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/leisure/libraries/libraries-volunteering.htm>

Collect a form from your local library

LOCAL EVENTS

- The Village Centre continues to be well used by local clubs and organisations and should you want any details of these please contact Jane on 882214.
- Farnsfield Twinning Association will be hosting a series of fundraising events over the next few months in order to provide the traditional welcome and functions expected of the village when the residents of Andouille come over during the Easter period 2012. You are all invited to join in regardless of being a member of the Association; you may be interested in hosting a family?

The Annual General Meeting is on 25 September 2011, join the Committee.

- The Local History Society is currently in the process of finding notice boards upon which to display their information—Cllr Bruce McDowall is assisting

Future Meetings of the Parish Council commencing at 7.30pm

9 August 2011

25 October 2011

13 September 2011

8 November 2011

27 September 2011

22 November 2011

11 October 2011

13 December 2011

**To book the Village Centre
please contact Jane Cowlshaw on 01623 882214
or by email to jane@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk**

**To book the Acres Football Pitches
contact Bob Reeves on 01623 882265**

**Access to the ground and changing facilities is by prior booking only.
Keys will be collected from and returned to The Plough Inn.**