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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

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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

Items included in this issue:

- **Proposal for a new community building**
- **Refuge Collection changes**
- **Bus Routes through Farnsfield**
- **Monday Club**
- **We are the Champions**

New Councillor—Alison Farr appointed to the Council in January 2010

PARISH PLAN REPORTS

Development & planning

Cllr Derek Jepson

No further news regarding the Newark & Sherwood District Council Core Strategy Options Report which includes proposed developments and change in the district up to 2026.

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

There are some minor changes to Newark & Sherwood District Council's procedure in dealing with planning applications designed to speed up the application process.

During the past year there has been a dramatic reduction in planning applications in the village, no doubt reflecting the current economic situation. There were 23 applications for planning consent compared with an average of 50+ in previous years. None had any significant impact upon the village.

Environment & Tourism

Cllr. Bruce McDowell

As the weather improves the use of the footpaths throughout the village becomes greater. Despite the winter weather the footpaths are in good condition and any areas for improvement will be recommended to Nottinghamshire County Council. Footpaths should be clearly set out across fields, and most are clearly delineated with the exception of those across to Hexgreave from the Southwell Trail, this will be monitored. The Farnsfield section of the trail has been resurfaced as part of Nottinghamshire County Council's improvement plan started 2 years ago. A map cabinet displaying the footpaths in and around Farnsfield will be installed as the Co-operative have kindly agreed for it to be installed at their premises at the Co-op on the Main Street.

Material supporting a new initiative to promote guided walks in Nottinghamshire can be found at the Tourist Information offices and Rufford Park. And www.nottsquidewalks.co.uk

One thing that does have a major impact upon the footpaths and open space areas is dog mess. Ample dog bins have been placed around the village at appropriate intervals and many people clean up after their dogs and use the bins, please use them and keep your dogs under control in areas used by children.

A new dog control order will soon come into force, replacing the current ones and whilst enforcement will be more robust it would be far better if all dog owners acted responsibly.

Public Transport

Cllr. Roger Davis

A change of the 29 bus route occurred earlier this year and included Station Lane. Whilst this was welcomed by some it was not well received by others. Stagecoach apparently varied the route and did not undertake the usual consultation that would allow local and Notts. CC views to be taken into account. Station Lane may be a suitable alternative but there are some local issues to be considered; the state of the road, parking, particularly in the summer, the ability to access the junction at New Hill, the safety of children at the play areas and so on. It is quite possible that these issues will be addressed but the consultation is necessary to ensure this happens. Currently the route variation has been suspended awaiting consultation.

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS AHEAD OF CONSULTATION

Send your comments to the website— m.salt@farnsfield-pc.gov.uk or post at the Village Centre

Communications

Cllr. Paul Elliott

Your dedicated 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).

Education and Sport

Cllr. Bob Reeves

Sporting Farnsfield— **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS**

Farnsfield Villa are close to claiming promotion after an impressive season—confirmation in the next issue **BUT** we have a Champion team to celebrate.

The **Plough A** clinched the Southwell and District Dominoes league in their very last game pushing **The Cricket Club** into Runners Up spot. With the **Plough Pirates** in the running for the Alan Burrell Trophy is Farnsfield the Dominoes Capital?

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.

There is a feasibility study to extend the number of courts by the Tennis Club. When the details of this are available they will be published and presented to the Parish Council and the Village.

Farnsfield Bowls Club

Activity at the Bowls Club. The pavilion is currently being extended to cater for an indoor bowling alley. This will enable bowls to continue throughout the winter season, and bad weather, should keep the bowlers out of mischief!

Contact **Stan Chadwick 882386** or **Tony Williams 883392** for details.

Local Crime—Community Safety Group

PC Gary Sipson - Thanked members for their support and welcome to the area. He will make representations to senior officers about Partnership vans being used in other sites for speed enforcement and he is being trained on speed gun. Suitably trained PCSO's can support work of the "speedwatch" teams in parishes.

NCC Cllr. Stewart - has had a meeting with C/Insp. Charlton of roads policing unit ref speed enforcement - Parishes were told they should contact Insp. Andy Gan if they have issues and ask for visit of officer with speed gun when available. Following requests from the parish there have been requests lodged with particular attention needed on Mansfield Road. To lodge a request contact Cllrs. Selby or Elliott.

The Police re-iterated that they can only act if they receive information. It is essential that you do report incidents (Contact Numbers on the front page of this newsletter). Do let your local Councillors know as well and we can follow up to ensure they are followed up.

MONDAY CLUB

Southwell Live at home group have expressed an interest in organising the Monday Club as follows

When we heard of the closure of the Monday Club for older people in Farnsfield because of retirement of the organizers, we decided to try to help and propose restarting the club towards the end of April in Farnsfield Village Hall on Monday afternoons, from 1 pm to 3.15 pm. Initially this would be for a 3 month trial period and depend on uptake and funding. We propose introducing chair based exercise sessions by a qualified instructor, together with other activities, such as board games and bingo and guest speakers. In order to establish interest in rescuing the Monday Club, we would like to hear from past and new members. Also, we would need volunteers to help with refreshments, etc. If you do have a few hours free on a Monday afternoon to help we would be very pleased to hear from you. All our volunteers are reference and CRB checked.

For more information and to register your interest either as a member or volunteer, please ring us on 01636 816565. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Our office is based in Southwell Methodist Church.

New Village Community Centre

1st Farnsfield Scout Group have proposed to the Parish Council, the building of a purpose built community centre to become the central hub of the community. The facility will include, sports halls and community rooms suitable for use by all organisations and age groups, within the village. The facility will provide provision for activities that are currently not available within the village, such as a gym and music facilities, as well as safe, modern facilities for existing groups. The proposed location will be on a green field site within the village boundary, enabling indoor and outdoor use and trouble free parking. The funding will initially be being raised through local community groups with the support of the parish council.

We need the backing of the people of Farnsfield to move this project forward and are therefore asking for your views and comments to be addressed to the parish council.

Karen Ashwell Group Scout Leader

The current Village Centre is well used and whilst it has some disadvantages such as the lack of adequate parking, being on different levels, the advantages are that it is in the centre of the village.

- **Do you consider this to be a viable option?**
- **Where should a new centre be located?**
- **Where will the money come from?**

If you have any comments please contact us. It is likely that there will be an open meeting in the near future to where interested parties can come together look to forming a working party to consider viability and construct a proposal to present to the village.

Parish Council meetings at the Village Centre starting at 7.30pm.

27 April 2010 Annual Parish meeting	8 June 2010
27 April 2010	22 June 2010
11 May 2010	13 July 2010
25 May 2010	27 July 2010

To book the Village Centre

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