Fernwood Gazette



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Fernwood Parish Council

Welcome to the third edition of the Fernwood Gazette. We are very hopeful that the Government's plan to reopen our country will stay on schedule and we can't wait to have the village hall full of activity again.

We are pleased to let you know that since the last issue the Parish Council has agreed to buy most of the woodland behind Fernwood Day Nursery. Once the sale has been finalised we will be arranging a volunteer group to help look after this area. We will preserve the area for flora and fauna with activities for the community to help with this. We are taking expert advice on this. Contact our Parish Clerk, Marion if you would like to get involved. We will also get the lights fixed as soon as we can.

Last year's Annual Parish Meeting had to be cancelled. This year it will go ahead whatever the Covid 19 situation is. The advert on the following page includes a Zoom link for the meeting. We think it is unlikely we will be able to hold the meeting at the Village Hall but if we do change it to a physical meeting, we will advertise this on our website, noticeboards and local Facebook pages. Local organisations have been invited to present on the evening and we believe this will be a true celebration of what Fernwood has to offer. We hope you can make it.

In this issue, we include Fernwood Parish Council's Strategic Plan and detail where to find our current action plan. We are pleased to report that, once again there will be no change in the precept you pay through your Council Tax for Fernwood Parish Council. The Parish Council received a significant amount of Community Infrastructure Levy in 2020/21 so this will be used to fund large projects such as the woodland purchase. As always, our monthly meetings have a public forum at the beginning when you can talk to the Council—we welcome your suggestions and feedback.

Finally, the Parish Council continues to offer support to residents who are isolated (details on page 4) - Please get in touch if you need help.

Stay Safe

Barry Smith

Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council

The Parish Council Office, which is situated in the Village Hall, is open from Monday to Friday from 10am to noon.

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Thursday 13th May 2021 7pm Virtual Meeting using Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89469870405

Open to all residents of Fernwood

Including updates from the Parish Council, Fernwood Residents Association and local groups and businesses

There will be a question and answer session at the end of the meeting.



Help for isolated Fernwood Residents

In light of the current pandemic, the Parish Council will support isolated residents as much as possible.

If you have local relatives/friends or neighbours you trust, exchange telephone numbers and make plans to support each other.

If you don't have anyone who can help you, contact the Parish Council and we will endeavour to get essential supplies to you.

Call: 01636 613024*
Email: help@fernwood-pc.co.uk

Useful Information

For the latest guidance regarding the Coronavirus visit:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk

These sites have up to date information on what to do should you suspect you may have the virus and guidance on what to do to protect yourself and others.

* In the event that our staff have had to self isolate, there will be a message directing you to a mobile number. Leave a message, repeating your phone number twice and we will get back to you.

Fernwood Parish Council

Strategic Plan June 2017 – May 2022

Updated February 21st 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Fernwood Parish Council is fully committed to protect and enhance the community within the parish. As members of the National Association of Local Councils, we will seek professional advice and guidance where necessary so ensuring that as a Council we provide the best possible service to our community.

Fernwood Parish Council pledges to:

- 1. Work with residents and organisations to enhance the life of our community and improve facilities in our area.
- 2. Work closely with Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and any other agencies making plans for the area, on all plans for the Parish; Carefully monitor applications/plans to ensure that they reflect the principles contained within the Parish Neighbourhood Plan and Adopted Core Strategy and the safety of people in the Parish is being considered.
- 3. Actively pursue and widely promote the Parish Council's plan to have ownership of the open spaces in Fernwood.
- 4. Encouraging appropriate development within the settlement boundary that enhances our community and economic vibrancy.
- 5. Actively challenge all planning applications made by development companies that include the implementation or use of management companies and work with the District Council and developers to make alternative arrangements on agreed developments.
- 6. Campaign for the rights of Freeholders to have the same rights under the Law as Leaseholders on a managed estate.
- 7. Actively engage with all stakeholders to understand their views, their needs and their aspirations for the Parish of Fernwood.
- 8. Work with Fernwood parish residents, local businesses and the police to ensure the village is safe and all threats to public safety identified and acted upon thus promoting a safer community.
- 9. Continue to develop good working relationships with Parish Councils in neighbouring communities with a view to sharing of information and liaising on matters of mutual concern.
- 10. Take ownership of the village hall and develop this as a community hub of the Parish.
- 11. Effectively communicate Parish Council work through the Fernwood Gazette, Parish Council webpage and social media.

The Parish Council's **Action Plan** can be found at www.fernwood-pc.co.uk under the **Parish** Council Documents heading.

Fernwood Parish Council

Action Update

The Parish Council's key achievements in 2020/21 are listed below. A full list can be found at www.fernwood-pc.co.uk under the **Parish Council Documents heading**.

	Action	Action Update
1.	Work with NCC and Via to ensure the roads are maintained and safe. In particular, for school children crossing the B6326 and the resurfacing of the B6326 between the Dale and Goldstraw roundabouts.	New crossing and speed limit in place. Interactive sign and more signage on order. NCC has agreed to review the layout of the current crossing facilities at the Tawny Owl roundabout to determine what additional or modified measures might be appropriate. B6326 resurfacing has been done. Requested the speed limit on the B6326 be reduced to 30 miles per hour – this has been reduced to 40 miles per hour.
2.	Continue to maintain Dale Green (DG), grit bins and dog poo bins.	Maintained to a high standard. Gym equipment on DG required repairs which have been done. Costings/investigation carried out for the addition of some play items on DG but residents' consultation found the majority of residents who responded were not in favour of the idea.
3.	Representation at NCC, NSDC, British Gypsum, Po- lice, Health meetings.	 We have attended many meetings with these agencies Regular stakeholder meetings regarding the road network around the Parish Work has been done with NSDC/Police to tackle antisocial behaviour in the village British Gypsum liaison meetings
4.	Regular liaison meetings with developers in the village so residents can be kept up to date on their activity.	Regular meetings have been held with Barratt David Wilson Homes to keep the Parish up to date with their activity and address residents' concerns. Working with BDWH to get improved signage along Hollowdyke Lane. Report construction traffic that has come through the village to the developer. Liaised with planning enforcement on this. Complaint have significantly reduced.
5.	Continue to lobby for Free- holders to have the same rights under the Law as Leaseholders on a man- aged estate.	The Parish Council is no further with this but has actively been seeking a meeting with Robert Jenrick (local MP and Housing Minister) to tackle this issue. The Parish Council has also been provided with examples of problems with house sales and excessive charges to show examples of the issues the some residents have had.
6.	Continue to work with NSDC to ensure the maintenance of the open spaces in new developments is arranged without the implementation/use of management companies.	The Parish Council has managed to work with NSDC to ensure a management company will not be used for the new Barratt David Wilson Homes development. We are working with NSDC to ensure a management company will not be required for the Larkfleet and Persimmon developments either.
7.	Introduce a Parish Maga- zine	First Issue was published and distributed in March/April 2020 and the second issue went out in October.

	Action	Action Update
8.	Actively use Facebook and the Parish Council website to keep people updated on Parish Council activity and what is happening in the Parish.	Parish Council meetings are now set up as an invite through Facebook and shared to both local Facebook groups. Agendas and minutes are published on the Council website, noticeboards and shared to local Facebook pages.
9.	Look to improve facilities for all age groups in Fernwood	Investigated buying land behind Lancaster Grange for play provision but the costs were prohibitive. Investigate added play equipment on Dale Green (see 2). Looked into buying Woodland behind the nursery (see 12)
10.	Support groups and organisations whose activities enhance community life.	The Parish Council and many other organisations in the village had planned a VE Day celebration in May which was sadly cancelled due to Covid 19.
11.	Village Hall transfer from NSDC to Parish Council ownership	This is ongoing. Draft overage agreement has been received and the PC has sent feedback. Awaiting NSDC.
12.	Liaise with local land owners/ businesses on issues affecting the village.	The Parish Council investigated, consulted and made an agreement to buy woodland belonging to Balderton Hall. The Parish Council has agreed a price with the owner and we are awaiting contracts.
		The Parish Council has finally got the owners of the car park between the village hall and nursery to fix the lights. The Council has asked the retail units to lower rents. It has been established that business rates are not payable for the smaller units.
		Owner of the 2 lights within the woodland behind the nursery and Dale Way has yet to fix the lights but the Parish Council continues to request for this to be done.
13.	Ensure the Village Hall is Covid 19 secure and follow government rules.	Hall was reopened in a Covid-19 secure manner very quickly and has appropriate risk assessments and processes in place. Continuing to adhere to government guidance on what is/isn't allowed. Successful grant applications have been made to miminise financial loss.
16.	Consideration and response to consultations on issues specifically affecting the parish now and in the future.	 Residents of Dale Crescent consulted regarding the use of the gym equipment on the green and the possible introduction of play equipment. Social media consultation regarding the possible purchase of the woodland behind Fernwood Dale Nursery PC distributed survey on behalf of NSDC regarding antisocial behaviour Feedback sections in the Fernwood Gazette and contact details for feedback.
18	Excessive developer signage in the village	Successfully worked with NSDC planning enforcement to reduce the amount of signage in the village.
19	Signage for Fernwood from the A1 and Directional signage for the shops in Fernwood (within the village)	Investigated with NCC costs for adding signage for Fernwood from the A1. This cost was prohibitive but NCC have said next time the signage is updated, this will be considered. The developer of the new service station has also agreed to look into this. Requested directional signage for the shops in the village from Via but they declined as this will clutter the village.
20.	Covid 19 Support	Offered and provided support to residents who were isolated due to Covid 19.

A full list can be found at can be found at www.fernwood-pc.co.uk under the Parish Council Documents heading.

Have your say

Fernwood Parish Council want to serve all Fernwood residents well. If you have any concerns or want to feedback back to us – please do so here. Alternatively, you are welcome to come to any of our Parish Council meetings which have a public forum at the beginning or speak to our Parish Clerk.

Post your feedback to Fernwood Parish Council, Fernwood Village Hall, Ruby's Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RS or email feedback@fernwood-pc.co.uk
Name
Email
Address
Telephone Number

Fernwood Village Hall

Fernwood Village Hall is Covid 19 secure. This means we have a risk assessment in place to ensure we minimise contact and therefore the potential for the virus to spread when users are in the hall. We are registered for the NHS track and trace system.

Currently, we cannot host parties due to government requirements on social distancing but please get in touch to book for later on in the year. We will host party bookings as soon as we are allowed and it is safe to do so. **Like our Facebook page to be updated on this**.

We are open for certain regular bookings such as exercise classes, dance classes and slimming groups. If you are interested in booking the hall on a regular basis, do get in touch as we have slots available.

Free WIFI is available at the hall and we have fixed projectors and screens in both of our halls making us an ideal location for conferences and business meetings.

Call to arrange a time that is convenient for you to come and look around and discuss your requirements with us. If you would like to make an enquiry with regard to availability, complete the form on our website which includes all the required information.

Find it at www.fernwood-pc.co.uk. Alternatively email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk or call 01636 613024.



Fernwood residents are eligible for a reduced rate.

https://www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood
Like our page to be kept up to date on what's on.

Parish Council/ Village Hall Office Opening Times and Contact Details

The office, which is situated in the Village Hall, is open from Monday to Friday from 10am to noon. Masks must be worn when you visit the hall unless there is a valid reason not to.

Occasionally the office may be closed for staff training/holidays – our website and Facebook pages will always be kept updated.

Address: Fernwood Parish Council, Fernwood Village Hall, Ruby's Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RS



WHAT'S ON





MONDAY

9:15 -10:50 Supastrikers

17:30-19:30 Tae kwon-do

TUESDAY

16:30-17:30 Newark Karate Club

WEDNESDAY

9:20-11:00 Caterpillar Music

17:45-18:45 Weight Watchers

THURSDAY

15:30-19:00 Slimming World

20:00-20:45 Zumba

FRIDAY

9:30-12:10 Caterpillar Music

SATURDAY

08:30-11:30 Peaches Dance School

09:30-11:30 Studio 29 Musical Theatre

SUNDAY

10:30-12:00 Fernwood Community

Prebooking Essential

Contact details for all activities can be found at www.fernwood-pc.co.uk

16:00-18:00 Dynamix Dance Academy Funky Freestyle

> Note: These activities will start as soon as the Government road map allows and the group leader feels it is safe to do so.

In line with the current government schedule for the easing of restrictions, from 29 March the Pétanque and Boccia Club will be able to resume our outdoor pétanque sessions which will be on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 to 1:00pm. They will reintroduce indoor boccia sessions as soon as government guidelines permit. For further information please ring John







Fernwood Residents Association

Welcome to Fernwood.

Did you know that as you a resident of Fernwood that you are automatically a member of the Residents Association? This means that you have a voice on decisions that affect the future of Fernwood.

The Residents Association meets once a month, currently through Zoom. Some of the things that we do are:

- Responding to residents' concerns and questions
- Holding First Port to account for the quality of the work they produce
- Ensuring that any maintenance fee is appropriate and challenge it if not
- Run events for the village, including a Christmas Market and Fireworks
- Work with the Parish Council for the benefits of the residents
- Run the **MyFernwood.org** website, full of information for the residents of Fernwood
- Support local business by providing a free directory page on the website

How can you help?

If you can spare a couple of hours per month, we are looking to expand our committee. We need members for the following roles:

Vice Chair – To deputise for the Chair and assist in responding to residents' concerns

Communications – To assist with the maintenance of the website and to post on the Facebook page

Maintenance Chair – To arrange and lead the Maintenance panel, conduct village walk arounds with FirstPort to ensure work is up to standard

Committee Member – To support the committee with expertise in your area of interest **Volunteers** – We need regular volunteers to help distribute leaflets, marshal the events and assist with teas and coffees during the Christmas Market.

If you can assist in anyway, please email secretary@myfernwood.org

Residents Association Meetings – These are usually the last Sunday of the month and are held in the Village Hall when permitted, otherwise they are held virtually via Zoom.

Meeting dates - All meetings at 7pm	Zoom Link
Open Meeting – Sunday 21 st March	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84931970912
AGM – Sunday 11 th April – Here new committee members will be sworn in (open to all residents)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86937878897
Open Meeting – Sunday 25 th April	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 30 th May	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 27 th June	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 25 th July	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 29 th August	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 26 th September	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 31 st October	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting Sunday 28 th November	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82678928726
Open Meeting – Sunday 19 th December	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84917317321



hello!



We are Fernwood Community Church and until lockdown we had been meeting every Sunday morning in the village hall. We started meeting in January 2018 as a church plant from Newark Evangelical Church and our congregation is a mix of all different ages. Our services are family-friendly as we have lots of young families and children.

When lockdown began last March we moved to meeting online and at the moment we have a Sunday morning service at 10:30am on Zoom. Our services are very similar to when we could meet in person as we still worship together, pray, read the Bible and listen to a sermon. We are trying to make our services as child-friendly as possible with a kid's Bible story, quiz and song. At the end of each service we have a time to chat and catch up over a coffee!

Meeting online is great but it's no substitute for actually being together and we hope to start meeting together again in the village hall when it is possible to do so. We also hope to start more activities for the community, so please let us know if there is anything we could do?

These are difficult times, but it is great to know Jesus Christ who has rescued us, is faithful and will bring us through every storm!

We would really love to meet you! If you would like to join us on Zoom or when we start meeting again, or would just like a socially-distanced chat, please get in touch with us at:

hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk

fernwoodchurch.org.uk facebook.com/fernwoodchurch



Dear Friends,

As the vicar of the benefice of Balderton, Barnby in the Willows and Coddington. I have the privilege of serving our communities alongside a wonderful and diverse group of committed followers of Jesus who want to share the good news of God's love in a range of ways throughout their lives.



We are all works in progress and none us has the full set of answers to many of life's biggest questions, but together we can discover more about what makes for a full and peace-filled life.

The beauty of belonging to our church community is that we can learn from each other. Everyone has something to offer! At the heart of all we do is a desire to discover more about the love God has for everyone and everything he created and to demonstrate that love through acts of service. We believe that God calls each of us to play our part in building a fair, just and loving society in which all people are loved and valued. If you would like to join us in that journey of discovery please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

At this challenging time, we are continuing to develop our online worship and are looking for new ways to serve our community. At these unprecedented times we know you will have lots of questions and many things to be anxious about. We are here for you! Please get in touch with me on 01636 704811 or revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com or subscribe to our weekly e-bulletin – Bite Size News at bbc-churches.org.uk/stay-in-touch

God bless,

Revd Louise Holliday



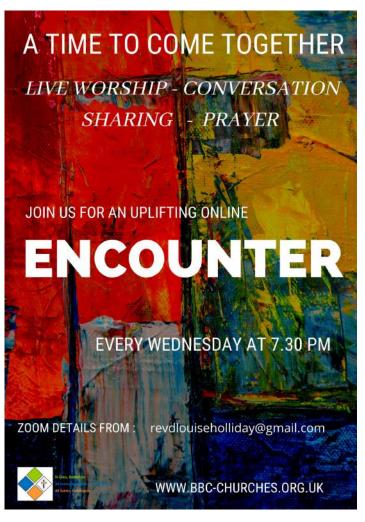


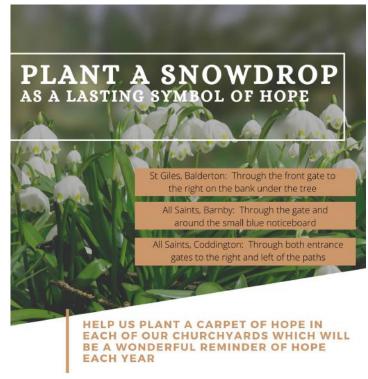


Bring a Cuppa & Join us for prayer on a Thursday morning

10.00 am

For Zoom details email revdlouiseholliday@gmail.com





We'd be delighted if you'd help us plant a carpet of hope. Just come along and plant your snowdrop in the areas designated above. If you want help planting or would like to give a donation towards some being planted on your behalf please get in touch with church contacts:

St Giles, Balderton: Dilys Carby 672155 or Kath Hirst 700267
All Saints, Barnby: Yvette Wellard 626780
All Saints, Coddington: Yvonne Hayman 673204









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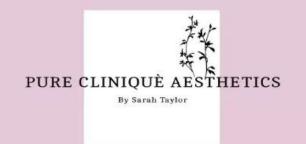
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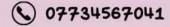
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are on the third Monday of each month except August and December



April 19th
May 17th*
June 21st
July 19th
September 20th
October 18th
November 15th



Meetings start at 7pm*. Agendas available on the Council website including details of whether the meeting will be virtual (using Zoom) or at the Village Hall.

On May 17th we will hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 6pm prior to the usual Parish Council meeting. At this meeting we will elect a Chairman and review key policies.

CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors are:

Cllr Barry Smith (Chairman) cllr.bar
Cllr Jim Weale (Vice Chairman) cllr.jim

Cllr Ryan Cullen

Cllr Dee Harrison

Cllr Henry Micah

Cllr John Newton

Cllr Mollie Weale

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Ivor Walker Email: ivor.walker@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk
Keith Walker Email: keith.walker@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Your Nottinghamshire County Councillor is:

Keith Walker Email: cllr.keith.walker@nottscc.gov.uk

Report Bad Behaviour

We are pleased to see the anti-social behaviour in the village has reduced significantly. The Parish Council continue to liaise with Newark and Sherwood District Council and the Police on this matter. Should this become an issue again we urge you to **Report It**:

For a crime in progress or emergency, ring 999.

To report a crime or nuisance, call the Police on 101.

Also, please contact the Parish Council if you have any concerns.



Next Issue

The next issue of the Fernwood Gazette will be written at the beginning of September and distributed by the end of that month.

If you would like to submit an article or advertise, email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk



-OUTSIDE AREA & TABLE SERVICE ONLY-

in line with current government guidance

Opening Hours

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Friday. 4pm - 10pm

Saturday. Midday - 10pm

Sunday. Midday - 7pm

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Any closures will be announced on our Facebook page. Please check first to avoid disappointment.

Toilets will be open for use during opening times.

