

Thanks to Geoff Bowers for this photograph taken in Fernwood

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Fernwood Parish Council

Welcome to the Spring issue of the Fernwood Gazette. Below, I give a brief update on the current work of the Parish Council:

Legal work for the Parish Council's purchase of the woodland behind the nursery is nearly complete. We had hoped to let you know in this issue that the land was ours and what we are doing to look after the area. I can assure you as soon as it belongs to the Parish we will get the faulty lights fixed, install bins (2 general waste, 1 dog) and get the area generally tidied up! The Parish Council is committed to looking after the wildlife there and tidying the area up. When we did our survey regarding possibly purchasing the land, over 20 respondents said they would be interested in helping with this area. We hope to be able to be in touch soon to get a group up and running to help look after/improve the area.

As reported in the October issue, Barratt David Wilson Homes has agreed to transfer ownership of their open spaces in Fernwood Central to Newark and Sherwood District Council who would in turn transfer them to the Parish Council. We were disappointed to hear that this has not progressed very far when we met with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Barratt David Wilson Homes in January. Covid 19 was cited as the reason that this has not moved as quickly as we would have liked but an October target date has been set to get this done. Once the land has been transferred the Parish Council will work with FirstPort to improve the play park. Residents will be consulted before any work commences.

We continue to hold regular liaison meetings with Barratt David Wilson Homes (BDWH) and Allison Homes (AH), previously known as Larkfleet Homes. The construction traffic coming through the village has reduced recently, although new signage still hasn't been implemented. Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Enforcement team did serve a breach of condition notice regarding mud just before Christmas. The facilities in place to clean the construction vehicles were improved and the Planning Enforcement team were content with the efforts to minimise mud. We do realise this is very dependent on the weather. The good news is the Planning Enforcement team will act if needed to tackle breaches.

As I'm sure that you are aware, the construction of the service station has commenced. The Parish Council met with Welcome Break's Senior Construction Manager early in March and will continue to meet with them to obtain updates for local residents. There is clearly concern regarding the effect planned roadworks in the area will have on Fernwood residents and visitors and the Parish Council has written to the agencies involved to try to get some reassurance that plans will

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be made to minimise disruption as much as possible. This is not in our remit to manage but please be assured, we are asking the questions.

We have had outline plans prepared for adapting the changing rooms in the village hall and an extension and this will be submitted for initial planning advice soon. This work is still in its early stages and we will keep you up to date and consult when a proposal is ready.

A group of Fernwood residents, along with some of the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk are doing a great job organising the Platinum Jubilee Community Celebration for the evening of Thursday 2nd June. This promises to be a fantastic event following the last couple of years we've had. We really hope you can make it. If you'd like to get involved with the organisation of the event or can be a marshal for part of the evening, please contact us using the details below.

It is impossible to summarise, all our work here however the work of the Parish Council can be tracked through our minutes and agendas on our website. We try to be as transparent as possible, with draft minutes published within a week of our meetings. Sometimes progress can be slower than we'd like, but I can assure you, the Parish Council is working hard on behalf of the residents we serve.

Parish Council meetings continue to be held on the third Monday of each month—see page 23 for details These are public meetings so please come — to listen or raise any issues you think the Parish Council can help with or at least need to be aware of. You can find copies of agendas for Parish Council meetings and other official notices on our notice boards at the village hall and Goldstraw Lane, and also on the Parish Council website: www.fernwood-pc.co.uk

Barry Smith, Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council

Parish Council/ Village Hall Office Opening Times & Contact Details

The office, which is situated in the Village Hall, is open from Monday to Friday from 10am to noon. 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 Email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk Telephone: 01636 613024



Youth Club to open soon!

Fernwood Parish Council has commissioned a 'Youth Offer' for Fernwood in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and Newark and Sherwood District Council. Nottinghamshire County Council's Young People's Service will be delivering the sessions on behalf of the partnership.

The Parish Council agreed to the 15-month pilot offering in September 2021 and had hoped to start the Youth Club on Friday nights in January, but this was delayed due to the recruitment of qualified staff for the club having taken longer than planned. We are delighted to let you know we are planning for the Youth Club to open on April 22nd.

County Councillor Lee said "It gives me great pleasure in being able to support Fernwood Parish Council in bringing forward this youth offer; it was my primary manifesto pledge and it gives to me great pleasure in working on this scheme with the parish council, the residents and the district council. I've pledged financially to support Fernwood Parish Council in their youth offer for the first year of £2,000 from my councillor's allowance. I intend to carry on financially supporting the youth offer and look forward to seeing the children enjoying it."

Chairman to Fernwood Parish Council, Barry Smith, said "The Council is committed to improving what is on offer for Fernwood residents and we are grateful to all parties involved in this partnership for helping us provide this service in Fernwood. We understand the County Council does not have funds to provide such services in smaller parishes like ours, but we are in the fortunate position of being able to use Community Infrastructure Levy funding that the Parish Council holds to get this up and running. We have also been successful in applying to the Covid Partnership Social Recovery Fund for this project. We have high hopes that the users of the Youth Club will enjoy it and if so, that this can be a long-term provision for the Parish".

The Club will run during term time on Friday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Fernwood Village Hall. It will be open for children in school years 6 to 11. The Parish Council will advertise the start date on the Village Hall Facebook page (and 2 local Fernwood Facebook pages) as well as on the Village Hall notice board.







Many thanks to the pupils of Chuter Ede, Fernwood and Suthers Schools for their wonderful sign designs which now surround the playpark in Fernwood.

Fernwood Village Hall transferred to the Parish Council



Newark and Sherwood District Council handed over the reins of ownership at Fernwood Village hall to Fernwood Parish Council during a small ceremony on Thursday 24 February.

Fernwood Parish Council was granted a 40 year lease by the District Council in 2008. In recent years the Parish Council has improved the sustainability of the hall by improving the heating system and introducing photo-voltaic cells to the roof to reduce energy consumption and improve the buildings green credentials.

The hall is an important part of the Fernwood community and serves as a focal point and hub facility for a wide range of community-focused activities, for the local community. Taking ownership of the village hall has enabled the Parish Council to take greater responsibility for management and future development of the hall.

Councillor Tim Wendels, Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Homes and Communities Committee, said: *"Everyone at Fernwood Parish Council has done a terrific job in managing the village hall and there's no doubt they can continue their amazing work as we hand over ownership to them.*

"We always consider carefully any requests to transfer one of our assets to other ownership, however, in this instance the Parish Council have demonstrated great care in looking after the hall and we're more than happy to see them take full control."

Councillor Barry Smith, Chairman of Fernwood Parish Councill, said: "Fernwood Parish Council is delighted to take ownership of the village hall and we thank all involved at Newark and Sherwood District Council for their work on this. The village hall is an excellent facility for our growing parish with many regular activities and the building being available for hire for social event and corporate bookings.

Fernwood Village Hall

Fernwood Village Hall is a wonderful venue for celebrations and corporate events - Get in touch to book!

Fernwood residents are eligible for a reduced rate.

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 as well as parties!

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

Visit www.fernwood-pc.co.uk for our prices, photos and booking enquiry form Alternatively email office@fernwood-pc.co.uk or call 01636 613024.





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9:30-11:30

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Group

16:00-18:30

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MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

10:00 -11:00 Little Learners

17:30-19:30 Tae kwon-do

20:00-20:45 Zumba

9:30-11:15 Dynamix Dance for adults

16:00 -19:00 Dynamix Dance

16:30-17:30 Newark Karate Club

19:30-21:00 Fernwood Amateur Dramatics

> 19:15-21:30 Salsa

SATURDAY

09:30-11:30 Studio 29 Musical Theatre

9:20-10:00 Caterpillar Music

17:45-18:45 Weight Watchers

16:30-18:30 Sam Winch Tutoring

> 19:30-20:30 Yoga

> > 16:30 -18:30 Dynamix Dance

19:15-21:30 Salsa

SUNDAY

10:30-12:00 Fernwood Community Church

Baby& Toddlers Group Caterpillar Music

9:30-12:10

16:00-18:30 Dynamix Dance

Youth Club starting after Easter

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







Fernwood Village Hall — We're Breastfeeding Friendly

We are pleased to let you know Fernwood Village Hall is now recognised as being Breastfeeding Friendly.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council, and all Nottinghamshire District and Borough Councils have a scheme to encourage businesses and venues within Nottinghamshire to sign up to being 'Breastfeeding Friendly' as part of action to provide a more welcoming and positive environment for breastfeeding mothers.

The Equality Act 2010 has specifically clarified that it is unlawful for a business to discriminate against a woman because she is breastfeeding a child.

They want

- Mums to be able to feed their baby in comfort and safety
- Mums to know where there are welcoming and supportive places for them to breastfeed
- To normalise breastfeeding in local communities

Further information can be found online here: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/breastfeeding-maternal-health

The Village Hall has lots of activities for babies and toddlers. See our timetable on Page 7 for details of when Caterpillar Music*, Little Learners* and the Baby and Toddlers group is on.

* Booking required

Clean it up – please

We know that most dog owners do pick up after their dogs, but we are reaching out to those that don't! It is an offence not to clear up after your dog or to not dispose of the bag full of mess safely and anyone caught can be fined.

Dog mess is probably the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets and in the beautiful open spaces we have in our parish. It is not only deeply unpleasant, but it can also be dangerous. Contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis - a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and in rare cases blindness.



This issue was raised with Fernwood Parish Council in February and the Parish Clerk has contacted

Newark and District Sherwood Council for help. A Senior Enforcement Officer, from the district council agreed to get both the Community Protection Officers and the Council's partner, Waste Investigations, Support and Enforcement officers to the area to look into this issue in Fernwood.

Alan Batty, Business Manager – Public Protection at Newark District Council explained their approach:

'We would always look to engage informally with dog walkers in the first instance and explain the local concerns about dog fouling. The Community Protection Officers would visit problem locations to do this. We would then follow this up a couple of weeks later with enforcement staff who are authorised to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling offences. This is an immediate fine of £150. There are no irresponsible dogs just irresponsible owners and failing to clean up after a dog is not acceptable behaviour'.

There are 21 dog bins across the parish and soon there will be another one in the woodland behind the nursery. If you think there is the need for more bins, please get in contact by emailing <u>office@fernwood-pc.co.uk</u>

Anyone can report environmental crimes such as fly-tips, littering, dog fouling or graffiti online using the Newark and Sherwood District Council website <u>www.newark</u> <u>-sherwooddc.gov.uk</u> or by calling the District Council on 01636 650000.



Fernwood Residents Association

Your residents association has been working away in the background on a number of issues that affect Fernwood. These have included maintenance issues through liaison with FirstPort, access to Fernwood and dog fouling. These issues often dovetail with your Parish Council with whom we usefully share some members. We aim to examine a number of possible ways in which we can help groups in Fernwood to continue or improve their activities. We have also held regular discussions with your County Councillor Johno Lee, who has taken an interest in issues that have affected us in Fernwood.

Your Residents Association is always looking for people who would like to be actively involved in the organisation and will be very welcome to join us at any of our meetings. We generally meet on a Wednesday evening in the last week of the month. Contact us by email at this address: <u>info@myfernwood.org</u>

Don't forget that you have a community web site at <u>www.myfernwood.org</u> We are able to add pages for groups or clubs in Fernwood for no charge and welcome contacts from them. In the first instance, please email <u>info@myfernwood.org</u> The web site also has useful information plus links to the committee and major facilities with-in Fernwood.

As all of our open spaces are owned by Barratt David Wilson Homes, we pay their appointed company FirstPort to manage and maintain them. Part of the role of FRA is to liaise with FirstPort's representatives over current issues and also to help you voice any concerns that you may have on how this is being achieved. We welcome your thoughts on this via email to at the above email address.

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Palm Sunday: 10/4/22

10.00 am Family Communion at St Giles, Balderton& All Saints, Barnby in the Willows4.00 pm Holy Communion, All Saints, Coddington

Maundy Thursday: 14/4/22

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Giles, Balderton 7.30 pm Holy Communion at All Saints, Coddington & St Giles, Balderton

Easter Sunday: 17/4/22

6.00 am Sunrise Holy Communion by the river at All Saints, Barnby in the Willows

10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints Coddington & St Giles, Balderton



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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



2022 April 25th May 16th June 20th July 18th September 19th October 17th November 21st



Meetings start at 7pm. Agendas available on the Council website All meetings are held at Fernwood Village Hall

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