

**Finningley Village Community Group A.G.M.**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2011.**

The group, then called The Parish Plan Group, organised a questionnaire for the village to ascertain residents needs, concerns and aspirations for the village.

From the results a Parish Plan Document, in which the above were categorised and prioritised, was produced and from this the group began to set up projects.

The group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in each month.

**The Groups work in the years since.**

**In response to the request for more information about what was happening in the village to be made available to residents the group;-**

1. 1.Set up a village web site, [www.finningley.com](http://www.finningley.com).
2. 2.Contacted all the Community Groups and businesses serving or existing in the village to make them aware of the web-site's existence and encourage them to use the web-site.
3. 3.With the agreement of the sport's field committee refurbished the notice board on Lyndley Road and brought it back into use.
4. 4.Approached the Parish Council about the possibility of a notice board in a more central position i.e. The Village Green. **The Provision of such a notice board has been an on-going project and the group, having sought independent funding, are pleased to say that such a board will be in place in the very near future.**

**In response to the expressed wish for more for the senior citizens of the village the group;-**

1. 1. Set up a group called The Tuesday Club for the Over 55's
2. 2.Arranged a programme of events, social and informative on a monthly basis throughout the year, including two afternoon lunch/dances.
3. 3.In collaboration with The Friendship Group have organised two trips, a summer one and a winter one.

**In response to concerns about road safety issues;-**

- 1.The group raised the concerns about speeding and crossing safety with the Parish Council.
- 2.Worked alongside a group established by a resident concerned with the speed of vehicles entering the village from Austerfield and the resulting accidents at this point and supported the Parish Council as they strived to have flashing warning signs on the stretch of road prior to the bad bend.
- 3.Supported the Parish Council as it entered into the combined local villages purchase of a speed camera to be used on an agreed rota in the participating villages.
- 4.Contacted and worked with the Finningley Community Liaison Officer to have lowered kerbs put in on the corner by the Post Office thus enabling uses of mobility scooters, wheel chairs and prams to cross the road.
- 5.Attempted to have a designated crossing point established in the village which was unfortunately considered unnecessary by D.M.B.C., there being no evidence of injuries or fatalities within the village.

## **In response to the concerns about the amount of litter and dog mess spoiling the look of the village:-**

- 1.Worked closely with the Community Liaison Officer in helping organise and take part in regular litter picks.
- 2.Contactd the Parish Council about the provision of more litter bins and dog bins for the village.
- 3.Supported the Parish Councils efforts by writing to the appropriate department at D.M.B.C.
- 4.Wrote to the local Chinese Take Away regarding the litter outside the premises.
- 5.Wrote to Blaxton Parish Council regarding the litter at the above point, as it falls within their jurisdiction, and requested that they ask D.M.B.C to provide a bigger litter bin and ask for more regular litter collections.
- 6.We also wrote to Blaxton Parish Council regarding the litter at the bus stop opposite the Post Office, also in their area, and requested that a litter bin be re-instated at this point.
- 7.Contactd The Airport Authorities regarding the amount of litter being left on the Austerfield end of Old Bawtry Road and agreed initially do a joint litter pick.
- 8.Approached and supported Th Parish Council regarding further dog bins and warning signs regarding fines for allowing your dog to foul the pavement.
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## **In response to a request for some sort of village event:-**

- 1.Sought to organise a Fun Day for the village.
- 2.Enlisted the support of the Parish Council
- 3.Contactd all social and interest groups, the local School and the Church in the village to encourage their participation.
- 4.Organised a Race Night at The Harvey Arms in order to raise funding for the day.
- 5.Contactd and gained support from local business for funding and raffle prizes.
- 6.Gained permission from appropriate departments of D.M.B.C. For advertising, litter collection, policing and road closures.
- 7.Sought and obtained further independent funding to support the event
- 8.Organised Finningley Village Fun Day in July 2010.

## **Current Projects being worked on by the Finningley Village Community Group.**

- 1.The Group continues to operate the village **web-site**. Items may be submitted via the following e-mail addresses.:-
- 2.Mike Styring [finningley2004-micheal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:finningley2004-micheal@yahoo.co.uk) and
- 3.Rob Castle [rob\\_castle@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_castle@hotmail.com)
- 4.**The Tuesday Club** still continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except in July and August.
- 5.**Littering** is still an issue and the Group is currently working to encourage D.M.B.C to fulfil its obligations in this matter.
- 6.The Group is still in contact with Peel Holdings and is supporting the Parish Council in its efforts to ensure that the airport accepts its responsibilities and organises regular litter collection in this area.
- 7.**Road Issues** are still of concern and the group are currently monitoring the amount of heavy and speed of heavy goods vehicles using Wroot Road. The use of the speed camera is also monitored.

## **Additional Projects which are currently being worked on.**

- 1.**Bus Issues.** Since the changes in the bus services and the subsequent concerns regarding delays etc. the group has organised two public meeting for the village at which these concerns were raised. A record of the last meeting can be found on the village web-site.
- 2.The group continues to encourage passengers to monitor, record and report any difficulties experienced. A further public meeting will be organised later in the year.
- 3.**Allotments.** A degree of interest has been expressed for the setting up of allotments in the village. The Group are currently discussing a suitable site and the feasibility of such a venture.
- 4.They have sought and obtained the Parish Councils support in this matter. N.B. Anyone interested in having an allotment please contact Mike Styring, [finningley2004-micheal@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:finningley2004-micheal@yahoo.co.uk) to register that interest.
- 5.A future Village Event. The Group would like to see a future event for the village and are currently considering suggestions.
- 6.**Tree planting.** The group has become aware of funding available at the moment for tree planting initiatives. A suggestion has been made that the trees on Back Lane are in need of attention and that funding might be sought for this.
- 7.The group has approached the Parish Council regarding this matter and they are currently ascertaining D.M.B.C.'s responsibility regarding this area before the matter is researched further.