

Farndon Matters

October 2021

A warm hello, from your East Farndon Parish Council.

This is the first edition of a newsletter designed to share current Parish Council related information with all Village residents.

Page 1 contains information related to how we operate to support our Village, together with details on who makes up the current team and how to contact them. Page 2 has details of potential major housing developments between East Farndon and Market Harborough, that we want all residents to be aware of.

Pages 3 & 4, contains a short survey that we would encourage all residents to complete. Honest and considered feedback is critical to ensure Village residents guide us to act in ways that support our community in the right way going forward.

East Farndon Parish Council Introduction

The Parish Council is a small local authority that represents the first level of local government. The way that it is set up and operates are governed by a set of strict legal obligations.

We consider and comment on all local planning applications and manage a wide range of services on behalf of the Village, including areas such as burials, street lighting, public benches, litter bins, etc. We also act as a focal point to bring together and support a range of Village events, as well as coordinating community services such as footpaths, grounds maintenance, tree protection, etc.

We actively encourage all Village residents to view the Parish Council as the first place to go with concerns or ideas on how to improve our community. The Parish Council has seven voluntary Councillor positions and one professional Parish Clerk, as follows:

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East Farndon Village has a comprehensive website at eastfarndon.org and all Parish Council documents are published on this site. It also covers the news and events of most of our Village organisations and community activities.

Parish Council 2021 Village Residents Survey

The Parish Council receives funding via your council tax in the form of an annual precept (currently £10,200), which is used to deliver a range of Village services. Current ongoing costs are rising, and there is added pressure from the potential to add or improve Village services.

As the precept is funded by all of us as Village residents, it is important that the Parish Council communicates well and gathers input and guidance from as many people as possible. Please answer the attached 2021 Survey to help us with this. The Survey opens on Thursday October 21st and closes on Thursday November 4th 2021.

Latest News – Potential Major Housing Developments Near East Farndon

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) have recently published a new document known as a Spatial Options Consultation. This contains details of two potential major housing developments on land between East Farndon and Market Harborough.

The Parish Council is concerned about this and will be discussing the details further at our meeting on Nov 9th. We will be creating a formal response in time for the WNC deadline of Dec 6th 2021. We want to ensure that all Village residents are aware of these potential developments and encourage them to communicate with the Parish Council and provide individual feedback directly into the WNC consultation process.

For ease of reference, the proposals are summarised below. The full WNC document can be found at, <https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/WNSPOptions/consultation> There are a number of online and in person events that WNC have organised where the details of the consultation will be discussed and questions can be asked. You can find more information via the Village website eastfarndon.org

A short extract from the WNC consultation document, page 33, is repeated below, together with a map taken from Appendix 4, identifying the land areas being considered for development.

“An area of land situated to the South of Market Harborough has been promoted previously through the call for sites process with a potential capacity of approximately 2,000 dwellings. Whilst the site is well-related to Market Harborough and would enable access for sustainable travel modes it does feature some notable constraints, part of the area is identified as special landscape area and it is relatively close to nearby scheduled monuments. Further historic assets exist in East Farndon and any development would need to protect against coalescence.”

Ref 64 (see map below). Up to 2,170 homes on the right-hand side of the road between East Farndon to Market Harborough. This has been recommended to proceed to more detailed assessment with the site available before 2025.

Ref 136 (see map below). Up to 1,050 homes on the left-hand side of the road between East Farndon to Market Harborough. This has not been recommended to proceed to more detailed assessment.

