

News in Brief

Parking

Within the plans there may be provision for off-road parking for existing village residents. If you are interested please let us know who you are, where you live and what you would like. Please contact us on 01484 667744 or pop a note in the Estate Post Box.

A Community Land Trust

We are currently giving thought to establishing a Community Land Trust which would be a village appointed entity, ensuring that the 'Green Girdle' surrounding the village is free from further development for a fixed number of years.

We are also considering how the Community Land Trust could manage the proposed low-cost housing in the village which would restrict the benefits to Farnley residents only. Our plans are still at a very early stage but if you would like more information please feel free to contact us on 01484 667744.

A Self-Sufficient Farnley

We have commissioned a feasibility study on installing a Biomass Boiler. Running on locally sourced wood chip (from the Estate), the boiler would provide heat and energy for any new developments and existing houses if the residents are in favour. This would protect the village against disruptions to imported gas and oil and escalating fuel prices. It would also make Farnley truly sustainable.

It would be hoped that the Community Village Trust would benefit from an involvement; however it should be stressed that we are still awaiting results from the feasibility study.

Around the Village

We are currently underway with two projects in the village. For a while people have been using the pond in School Wood as a tip. In order to ensure that no children drown in it we are going to have to breach it.

Also, in the area of land between Royd House and Woodsome Road severe waterlogging has occurred. We have started a process to repair this and prevent it happening in the future.

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New Village Residents: Meet Janet Sheard's new cattle.



School Wood



Waterlogged land between Royd House and Woodsome Road, due for repair.

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We need your views!!
Have your say on the future of Farnley.

Updates from Farnley

Thank you to everyone who has already been in touch regarding the proposed developments for our village. I am sure that you are aware of the position of the Estate in that we are having to consider alternative options following the downturn in revenues received from our land and farms.

From the very first meeting we had with the developer, it has always been in our plans to keep the spirit of Farnley Tyas alive. Farming as a way of employment may be in decline, but farming as a way of life in terms of fields, countryside and open space is still very much present. We have made it clear to the developer that we have no intention of losing this under the rubble of a bulldozer.

I want to express my disappointment that the developer did not make it clear that the detailed layouts recently sent out in the 'Blueprint for Farnley Tyas' were indicative only. In fact, the whole process was not made clear. Furthermore, the houses appear to be of modern design and set out like any modern housing development. That is not acceptable for our village.

I will ask the developer to consider designing houses to order for people in the village who want to buy properties, but within a design frame that is agreed by the village.

So far, I have only had nine responses. Four of those were to purchase properties, one was to purchase a strip of land and four were constructive criticism. This has been surprisingly low and I hope to find other ways to involve everyone more directly – anyone who wants to do so, that is!

This is why I have arranged the workshops which I hope you will be able to attend on the 26th and 28th of February. If you cannot attend then please write down your thoughts, pop them in the new Estate Post Box and we will ensure that your views are taken into account. Everyone's views really do count.

You will notice that the initial plans have rather taken over this issue. However, needless to say the work of the Estate still goes on. Whether we are maintaining footpaths, repairing walls or improving drainage, we will continue to look after the village now and in the future.

Best regards

Paul Sykes,
Farnley Estates

Image from one of the footpaths on the Farnley Estate

Have Your Say

Take this opportunity to get involved in the future of Farnley.

Since the developers published their 'Blueprint for Farnley Tyas' document last month we have had a number of enquiries from residents regarding the proposed plans for the village. However with over 100 properties in the village, we know that many still haven't 'had their say'.

It has always been our intention that the process would involve as many residents as possible, with some of you choosing to channel your views through the Village Committee. It is clear from the 'Blueprint' document that the proposals will make a significant difference to the village. By voicing your opinions and questions now, we can work together with the developer to produce a revised 'Blueprint' that has taken into consideration your comments and views.

Development Workshops

As previously mentioned, we are planning to run a number of 'Development Workshops'. We have asked the developer to send their representatives (architects and highway engineers) to hold a number of workshops where specific topics can be discussed. The format of the meeting will allow residents to have a constructive dialogue, which will be minuted and publicly available afterwards.

There are currently two workshops booked. The first is at 7pm on Tuesday, 26th February, 2008 upstairs in the Golden Cock. The second will be held on Thursday, 28th February, 2008, again at the Golden Cock. Each session should last around one hour. Please note that these workshops will be covering exactly the same format as each other. Two sessions have been booked for numbers/space issues only.

The subjects to be covered are;

- Layout and Design
- The Village Square
- Highways and Transport

The current 'Blueprint' document will be available on the evening for you to consider again. The purpose of the workshop is for you, the residents, to be able to speak directly with the architects and engineers. Their brief is to listen to what you have to say, consider those comments and re-produce a revised and more detailed second 'Blueprint' document at a later date.

When the second 'Blueprint' document has been received, it is understood that the Village Committee may hold an open meeting for all Farnley residents to attend.

We will, in the future, be holding further workshops discussing the following topics;

- Homes for Villagers
- Green Girdle
- Community Village Trust
- Village Heating and Power

so keep an eye out for dates...

New Farnley Estate postbox, in situ, next to main village post box.



The New Estate Post Box

Mr & Mrs Sisson-Pell have kindly agreed to let the Estate site an Estate Post Box next to the Village Post Box so that you can return any forms or post any comments etc to the Estate without the need to buy a stamp or walk down Manor Road to our office.

We are hoping to display the second 'Blueprint' in various locations including within the bus shelter.