

# FINEDON TOWN COUNCIL

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<b>Your Councillors:</b>	Laurence Harper, <b>Chairman</b>	Terry Kendall-Torry, <b>Vice Chair &amp; Planning</b>
	Malcolm Ward, also <b>WBC</b>	Sally Farrell
	Gordon Swann	Stuart Cooper
	Andrew Weatherill	Mike Bentley
	Dennis Willmott	Ray Ogle
	Louise Lawrence	Gill Spencer

## **Member Vacancy**

I have been advised that the Council is able to co-opt for the current member vacancy at the next Town Council meeting on Wednesday 4th September. The current term of office will only run until May 2020 when ordinary elections will be held.

The Finedon Town Council meets approximately every 6-8 weeks and the meeting dates for the rest of 2019 are 4th September, 16th October and 27th November. There are generally no meetings in April, August or December. Please note the role of a councillor is not to be considered as a volunteering role as you will be putting yourself forward for Public Office and all that entails. Given the short term of office, this opportunity may be a great way of finding out if being a Town Councillor is for you. You will be asked to give a short presentation to the Council at the meeting before the Council votes to appoint the new member.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward, please contact the Clerk who will be able to give you further information.

## **Highways**

Dropped kerbs are being set and road closures will be put in place as per the notifications.

If there are any issues with Highways please report it via the new system called Fix My Street, including blocked pathways. [fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

The council is looking to increase its current Speed Reduction Scheme by purchasing a further mobile VAS which should help to reduce speeding through Finedon. The Police appear to have stepped up their campaign and I've seen parking wardens in Finedon regularly over the past few weeks. NCC Highways have advised:

*As part of the ongoing Cadent Gas mains replacement works in Finedon tRiIO are needing to change the traffic management to road closure on Allen Road. The closure is due to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September and be carried out in three sections between the A6 and Eastfield Crescent and will be completed by the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019. A plan showing the closure and the diversion can be viewed here <https://roadworks.org?tm=114560596>*

*Northamptonshire Highways are requiring to carry out carriageway resurfacing works on the above roads in Finedon. To undertake the works with minimal impact the roads will be closed at off peak times from the 26<sup>th</sup> October until the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 to coincide with half term. A plan showing the closures and diversion can be viewed here <https://roadworks.org?tm=114561720>*

## **Library**

Negotiations are continuing with Wellingborough Borough Council. A full repairing lease for the library space was rejected by the Town Council as the Council simply does not have the resources to be liable for 29% of all repairs, maintenance and servicing on the Town Hall during the lease term. The Council awaits amended lease terms for consideration.

## **Annual Return 2018-19**

You will be pleased to note that the Council has received the External Auditor's report for the year 2018-19 and were given a clean bill of health.

As usual, please feel free to contact the Council should you have anything you wish to bring to their attention. Providing it is within the Council's remit, we will try our best to make Finedon a better place to live.

Hoping you all had a good summer Christmas here we come!

*Julia Tufnail*

Clerk, Finedon Town Council  
September 2019