

Agenda Item 25.72

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| Report to | Findon Parish Council |
| Meeting Date | 23 June 2025 |
| From | Fiona MacLeod, Clerk |
| Title of Report | Clerk report |
| Purpose of Report | For information/consideration |

1. For information/action

- 1.1 Findon Parish Council (FPC) currently has three councillor vacancies and I feel that a new round of Expression of Interest (Eoi) forms for potential candidates is now due, especially in light of all the current and future projects/initiatives that FPC manages. The Eoi forms etc will be placed in the Notice Boards, published on the FPC and Community websites, and included in the July edition of Findon News.
- 1.2 FPC will be at the Wattle House for the Sheep Fair, and to help promote its visibility to residents and visitors and the work it does on the day, I would like to suggest purchasing a feather custom flag for this and other events around the village. A quote for various styles is attached as App 1 to this report and example feather flags can be viewed at [Premium Quality Feather Flags | Teardrop Flags For Events](#)
- 1.3 There is an update on the damaged Sycamore tree on Pond Green that was considered for urgent action at the FPC meeting on 29 May 2025. Following a further visual safety inspection after the large damaged limb was removed, it was assessed that the overall condition of the tree appeared to be quite good. The tree will be monitored with consideration for a crown reduction and reshaping in the autumn. A notice was placed on the tree explain the action taken.
- 1.4 Cllr Gilbert and the pond scientist, Marcus Dole, spent time on 18 June 2025 clearing duckweed prior to Mr Dole carrying out his survey in the near future. Some beautiful dragonflies were spotted on the pond surface.
- 1.5 The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is running a consultation until 1 August 2025 on the draft Partnership Management Plan (PMP). As part of its activities, the SDNPA is focussing on this topic at its Parishes Virtual Workshop that I alerted councillors to by email on 13 June 2025. The PMP will be an agenda item for the FPC meeting on 28 July 2025.

2. Issues for consideration/ratification by full Council

- 2.1 Does FPC wish to proceed with the purchase of a size appropriate custom feather flag as detailed in para 1.2?