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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 19th July 2023 and present were five parish councillors, SDC district councillors Laurence Ball and Alan White, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and the Clerk Helen Penney.

A20 and Highways

Following the recent and latest fatal and non-fatal traffic accidents on the A20, the Parish Council would like to reassure residents that we will continue and escalate our on-going dialogue with Kent County Council for the introduction of safety measures on this dangerous section of our roads.

Conservation Area:

Sevenoaks District Council has approved, and will publish soon, the Conservation Area as set out in the public review which ended in March. The new areas were proposed in the leaflet which was widely distributed at the time and the public consultation in the Village Hall was well attended. Anyone requiring further information should contact our Clerk or Sevenoaks District Council.

A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic character, where the requirement, under the terms of the Planning, legislation and Government advice, is to preserve or enhance its character.

Often centred on groups of listed buildings, other features of merit such as open spaces, trees, historic street patterns or items of historic or archaeological interest may also contribute to the special character warranting the protection given by designation. Therefore, even relatively minor works such as external painting or cladding, or altering doors and windows and paving front gardens may affect the character of a Conservation Area and it is advised that if you live within the Conservation Area, you contact the Planning Team at Sevenoaks District Council before proceeding with any such works. Special care is taken in making development decisions and any changes must respect the existing character and preserve or enhance that character.

Defibrillators:

There are five within the Farningham boundary and can be found at:

- The Village Hall
- BS Motors at High Street/Eynsford Road crossroads

- Farningham Cricket Club in Horton Way. Which is only available when the clubhouse is open. We are looking to place this in a more accessible position
- Braeside doctors' surgery
- The Teardrop Centre (the KCC Recycling Centre at the top of Farningham Hill)

The first three are maintained by Farningham Parish Council and are registered on 'The Circuit', the national defibrillator network.

Kent County Council Funding:

Cllr Gough again outlined the very difficult position KCC finds itself in with regard to funding. In order to meet the increasing financial demands of the elderly, schoolchildren and transport some difficult decisions are going to have to be made. Hence there is a consultation on exactly which five of the 19 KCC recycling centres will need to be closed as well as cutbacks in the Community Warden scheme. We endeavour to promote items of particular interest on our website but you can subscribe to the KCC Newsletter through their website. This gives residents the opportunity to enter into direct dialogue over changes that may affect them.

Family Fun Day

A great day was had by many at Anthony Roper Primary School on Wednesday 2nd August. Farningham Parish Council helped support on the day and sponsored the face painting stand. We hope to bring a Family Fun Day to Farningham next year!

Regular updates:

Parish Council information is placed on our noticeboard by Irving's Corner but if you would like more regular updates, they are available by email. To receive email updates please complete the sign-up box at the foot of the home page www.farninghamparishcouncil.org

We do not hold a Parish Council meeting in August and our next one is on Wednesday, 13th September, 7pm in the Shand Hall, which is adjacent to the Church. There is an allocation of time for public participation and if you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk via the links at the head of this page.

Cllr Carol Salmon