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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at Shand Hall, Farningham. Present were 5 Parish Councillors, Cllr Roger Gough (KCC District Councillor) and our Clerk, Helen Penney. There were also 5 visitors in attendance.

We would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and hope you enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

2023-24 Budget

Inflation is hitting us all, including the Parish Council in fulfilling its duties in maintaining our open spaces, the Flint Wall, Cattle Screen, streetlights amongst other things. As a result, we have asked for a small 2% increase this year in our portion of the Council Tax.

Conservation Area

SDC are currently reviewing their Conservation Area Appraisal and are holding a Public Consultation on the Draft Appraisal in Farningham Village Hall on 28th January between 11.00am and 4.00pm. This is a drop in session and all residents are welcome to visit to view the maps and details.

County Councillor's Report

KCC Cllr Roger Gough reported that for the first time in 22 years Kent County Council will be over-spent on their 22-23 budget. At the 6 month stage they were £60 million overspent, but hope to see this figure fall by the end of the financial year.

Burger Van

The Parish Council have requested the abandoned Burger Van in the A20 lay-by near Button Street is removed. We are waiting for KCC to confirm when this will be done.

River Dipping

North West Kent Countryside Project have arranged a River Dipping day on 4th March from 10.00am to 2.00pm – it's a drop in session so why not bring along the children and make sure they are wearing appropriate footwear. This will take place around the river near Irving's Corner which is the area by the Farningham Parish Council Noticeboard in the High Street, next to Market Meadow.

The event needs to be booked in advance and this can be done by using the QR code on the advertising material which can be found on the Village Noticeboard or by visiting the link below and searching for Farningham where you will find the event.

For more information see www.kentdowns.org.uk/events

Ash Trees

Just a reminder that one Ash tree is being removed and a second having work done on the river bank at Irving's Corner on Monday 6th February and that we appreciate everyone's understanding and patience while they are not able to access the area, it should only be for the one day.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm in the Shand Hall.

Daryl Burns
Vice-Chair FPC