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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 5th February 2020, and present were six Parish Councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Phillip McGarvey and three members of the public.

Our Annual Parish Meeting:

This is on Wednesday, 1st April at 8pm in the Farningham Village Hall. We hope our residents will take this opportunity to come along and meet their councillors and find out about the work done by the parish council and the other village groups and organisations in attendance. You can raise issues that concern you and find out more about your village. The April parish council meeting precedes this meeting at 7pm in the Jessica Albery Room and continues after the annual meeting if necessary.

Friends of Farningham:

Our voluntary village group has its first meeting on Saturday, April 4th. We will get together at 10am at the village hall and from there groups will litter pick alongside the river and in Button Street, as we did last year. This dovetails with the Great British Spring Clean. Litter pickers and bin bags provided, please bring your own gloves. The second meet of our regular bi-monthly meetings is on Wednesday, 15th April, same place and time, when we will start clearing weeds and generally tidying up in the centre of the village. The more the merrier – please contact the clerk for further details.

Urgent Treatment Centre:

Over 16,500 responses were received by the NHS's Clinical Commissioning Group over the placement of this centre and the upshot is that there will now be two, one based at Darent Valley Hospital and the other at Gravesham Community Hospital, to move there from the Whitehorse Surgery. It is expected that these two linked Urgent Treatment Centres will be in place this summer.

Dog waste bins:

Following the fire at Farningham Oak, the dog waste litter bin in Cinder Path is no longer available. Dog owners are reminded to put their bagged dog waste in the street litter bins, as many of you now do.

Farningham Woods:

The Woodland Trust has tree saplings available for planting and we are looking at obtaining some of the subsidised packs for use in Farningham Woods.

The Green Belt:

The Clerk and a councillor attended the Halstead Green Belt Manifesto meeting and heard presentations on the general use of the space. This is of particular interest as we await further developments on the Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at 7.45pm in Farningham Village Hall. Public participation at approximately 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon