



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 10th July 2024 and present were six Parish Councillors, County Councillor Roger Gough, District Councillors Laurence Ball and Alan White, the Clerk Helen Penney and five members of the public.

Trident Editor

At the point of submitting this report, we are not aware of the Editor position being filled so this might be the last issue! Thank you, Holly, for the time and dedication that you have volunteered whilst editing the magazine.

If a new Editor has come forward, we very much look forward to working with you!

Local plan:

Sevenoaks District Council has revised the timetable for Regulation 19 which we are now expecting to take place in January/February 2025. Future SDC dates to be aware of, are the Development and Conservation Committee meetings, 24 September and 5 December, and the Cabinet meeting, 12 December. We will continue to discuss and share information at our Parish Council meetings, emails, Facebook, noticeboard and newsletters and website. Please contact the Clerk you need any support signing up.

Family Fun Day:

Fingers crossed for good weather on Wednesday, 21st August for this is when Sevenoaks District Council's free family fun day takes place in Market Meadow which is next to the Village Hall in the High Street. Simply turn up between 10.30am and 1.30pm for sports and activities in a friendly and safe environment. Remember to bring your own refreshments and wet weather gear or sunscreen!

Road safety on the A20:

Councillor Gough reported that decisions should be made by the end of August on what road safety measures will be implemented on the A20. Average speed cameras are high on the agenda and we can expect implementation before the end of the year.

General Election:

Farningham had a 65.48% turnout at the Polling Station on the 4th July. Overall, Kent had a 67.90% turnout and sitting MP Laura Trott, Conservative, was re-elected.

Roads and pavements:

If you have a problem on the roads (potholes, broken drains etc) or pavements (such as overhanging branches) please use Kent County Council's reporting service. It is all we as a Parish Council can do and the system does work. Log into the KCC website www.kentgov.uk

and Report a Problem. We would (again) ask homeowners to check the boundaries of their property and trim back if necessary but sadly there are many examples of this not happening.

Inconsiderate parking:

If you notice any vehicles parked illegally or inconsiderately, please report to the Parking Enforcement team at SDC who can send Parking Enforcement Officers. Reports and information from residents will help the team establish patterns and allow them to time their visits when they will be most effective.

https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20011/parking/303/parking_enforcement_requests

My Community Voice:

Kent Police's on-line reporting and information bulletin keeps residents up-to-date with what is happening in the area. Among the posts last month was a request for information on a large group of nuisance motorcyclists reported to be riding in an anti-social manner on the A20. Again, it is easy to register for this information by logging onto www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Regular updates:

If you would like to continue receiving updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook or by email. To receive email updates, please complete the sign up box at the foot of the home page www.farninghamparishcouncil.org The Facebook link is www.facebook.com/farninghampc you can also contact the Clerk if you need support.

We do not hold a Parish Council meeting in August so our next one is on Wednesday, 11th September 2024, 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