



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, 14th February 2024 and present were five parish councillors, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, Sevenoaks District Councillors Laurence Ball and Alan White, the Clerk Helen Penney and one member of the public. By the time you read this the Parish Council will have also met on the 13th March 2024 and will report on this meeting in next month's Trident.

Co-option

At the point of preparing this report, Farningham Parish Council are still looking to co-opt a seventh Councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk who can help answer any questions you may have.

20mph Scheme:

The new scheme was installed over the evenings of the 29th February and 7th March as bad weather prevented some of the work from taking place on the 29th. The first public consultation took place in 2017 and since then, we have had several more consultations, design meetings, a Traffic Regulation Order with regular updates at our monthly meetings, Trident reports and newsletters. The work has been funded by Kent County Council's Local Transport Plan, Cllr Roger Gough's Combined Member Grant and the Parish Council. The final part of the installation should be a 'gateway' being installed next to the bus stop and has been planned for week commencing 11th March 2024.

A20

Cllr Gough told our Parish Council meeting on 14th February that his officers are continuing to review options to make the A20 a safer road and that speed limit countdown markers have been suggested before the 40mph sign on Gorse Hill, thus making drivers aware of the speed reduction. The markers will give road users an advanced warning of an imminent change to the speed limit and allow drivers to adjust their speed before entering the 40mph zone.

Friends of Farningham:

Our first meeting of the season is on Saturday, 6th April, 10am at the Village Hall. We will then meet on the third Wednesday and first Saturday of each month until October. We would welcome new recruits for this voluntary village action group and you can just turn up on the day or ask our Clerk for further details. All you need to bring is a pair of gardening gloves.

Local plan:

Sevenoaks District Council's Development and Conservation Advisory Committee meet on 26th March (7pm) to discuss public responses to the proposed Local Plan and to decide on the next steps. The meeting agenda is made available a week before the meeting and the public will be able to view proceedings. The Parish Council will give details when they are available and they should also be noted on the SDC website.

A welcome awaits you:

Farningham Church hold The Friday Café in Shand Hall in the High Street from 10am until noon; more details from 01322 861931. And all residents are welcome to visit The Space at the Riverside Club in Eynsford on a Wednesday between 9am and 1pm. Set up by members of the Darent Valley Community Church, this community project offers warmth, comfort and free meals. It is well attended and both Farningham and Eynsford Parish Councils are donors.

Regular updates:

If you would like more regular 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

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 10th April 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.