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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 in the Shand Hall.  
Present were 6 Parish Councillors, including Cllr Philip McGarvey (SDC District Councillor)

## Farningham Parish Council has a new Clerk and Public notice board.

We also would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Clerk Helen Penney. Helen's previous Local Authority and NHS experience stand her in good stead for the role and her MSc in Sustainable Management of Natural Resources is an asset to the Council given the Parish's standing within an AONB and the Green Belt. We hope you'll join us in welcoming her both to the area and the Council. She can be contacted at [clerk@farninghamparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@farninghamparishcouncil.org)

Our new Notice Board is positioned by the River, next to Irvin's Corner. This replaces both the small Board there, and the Main Notice Board which was in front of the Village Hall. The right-most section of the new Board is available for the public to post notices. As part of this work the Council also re-mounted the map of the local area and positioned both the Board and Map to be easily accessible.

Farningham Parish Council has a new correspondence address: Farningham Parish Council, PO Box 543, Farningham, Dartford, Kent DA1 9UT.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council will be holding an Annual Parish Meeting on 27th May 2022 in Farningham Village Hall at 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Annual Parish Meetings have happened since the Middle Ages and are open to all electors to both attend and speak on matters of local interest. If you have an interest in speaking please contact the Clerk.

## Jubilee Event - 4th June 2022

Planning is well underway for a joint Eynsford-Farningham village event on Saturday, 4th June. This will be a Post-Covid occasion which will coincide with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. During the day there will be a fete in Eynsford Castle Moat and local groups and businesses are invited to staff a stall. There will also be an exhibition arena with music, displays and children's games as well as a tug-of-war and duck race. An evening of music in Harrow Meadow follows with local bands and headline act. Although the entertainment is free of charge, admission will be limited to residents of Eynsford and Farningham who have pre-booked tickets. To book your place for the evening's entertainment please contact Naomi Morgan-Wintour at Eynsford Parish Council ([info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk)). You may also use this email address if you would like to have a stall at the fete or can offer to help in any way. In the meantime a big thank you to all of the local residents already on our planning committee!

The beacon at St Peter and St Paul's Church will be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June to mark the beginning of four days of celebration marking The Queen's 70 years on the throne.

## **Speedwatch**

Farningham and Eynsford Speed Watch group remains on winter hiatus but Spring will arrive soon enough. If you would like to express an interest in joining the group and receiving training from the Police before they begin venturing out please email the clerk in the first instance.

## **Swanley market**

Sevenoaks Council has agreed to trial a Sunday market in Swanley. The six-month trial will see a broad mix of market traders and like the Wednesday market, will be run on behalf of the council by Bray Associates.

## **Recycling Depot**

Following a public consultation, Kent County Council has announced that the on-line booking system for their recycling centres will remain in place but there will be availability for on-the-day bookings. This system will be phased in during February and March and will be available at the Teardrop Centre.