



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at Shand Hall, Farningham. Present were 6 Parish Councillors, our Clerk, Helen Penney and for part of the meeting Cllr Marc Logen (KCC District Councillor), Cllr Alan White (SDC District Councillor) and 4 visitors were in attendance.

Family Fun Day Wednesday 29 July

Don't forget that we have one of Sevenoaks District Council's Family Fun Day on Wednesday 29 July in Market Meadow, 10.30am to 1:30pm. There is no charge to enter and there will be plenty of children's activities. FREE and FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Co-option

FPC still has one vacancy for a Parish Councillor to be co-opted. If you are interested in finding out more details, please contact Helen, our Clerk, who can give you information or answer any questions you have. Alternatively, please contact any of the Councillors if you would like an informal discussion about what the position involves.

County Councillor's Report

Marc is encouraging people to participate in the public consultation on the proposed KCC budget. There is a link on KCC's website with breakdowns of spending and asking for views on how you think KCC could save money. www.letstalk.kent.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2027-28 or you can call 03000 421553 for alternative formats.

Marc also explained that County and District Councils have little authority to put pressure on utility companies, but are pushing to have more input when things go wrong, as in the case of recent water shortages and outages. Marc also confirmed his support regarding FPC's opposition to Pedham Place.

SDC District Councillor's Report

Cllr Alan White explained to those attending the reasoning for his decision to use his casting vote to approve Regulation 18 of the Local Plan. There was lengthy discussion with the Parish Councillors and members of the public who voiced their disappointment in his decision which was contrary to the majority of the local community's views.

Policing

PC Joey Weatherall spoke about the current decline in crime numbers across the area, except in the number of instances of anti-social behaviour. He has been regularly visiting the lay-by on Gorse Hill to liaise with the bikers and car enthusiasts who regularly meet there. He also advised that the burger van which is sited there has been stopped from operating on a Thursday evening in order not to encourage groups meeting.

SDC Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation Period

Please look out for the Farningham Parish Council leaflet which should be posted through residents doors shortly giving you information on how to comment on Regulation 19 of the local plan. We encourage residents to respond to SDC and for those who wish to object to the inclusion of Pedham Place in the plan there will be suggestions within the leaflet which you may wish to consider using within your comments.

FPC are arranging for 2 drop in sessions to be held in Farningham Village Hall where more information will be available.

Friday 14th August 10am-12noon

Tuesday 25th August 5pm-6.45pm

Councillor's Email Addresses

FPC councillors are in the process of using new email address should you wish to contact them directly, current addresses below are operational and we will advise you when the remaining councillors' emails addresses are working.

cllr.mcgeough@farninghamparishcouncil.gov.uk – Kevin McGeough, Chair

cllr.baker@farninghamparishcouncil.gov.uk - Mel Baker

cllr.burns@farninghamparishcouncil.gov.uk - Daryl Burns

cllr.salmon@farninghamparishcouncil.gov.uk - Carol Salmon

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There will be no August meeting. The, next meeting of Farningham Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm in Shand Hall (next to the Church), members of the public are welcome to attend.

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.gov.uk The Facebook link is www.facebook.com/farninghampc

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 9th September 2026, 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 Daryl Burns