# Farningham Parish Council

**To: The Members of the Parish Council of Farningham I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the SHAND HALL St. PETER & St. PAUL's CHURCH, 5-6 High Street, Farningham, Kent, DA4 0DG commencing at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 14th January 2026 to transact the undermentioned business.**

9th January 2026. Helen Penney, Clerk to the Council

**AGENDA**

1. **Attendees and apologies for absence.**
2. **Two casual vacancies to be filled by co-option.**
3. **Declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.**
4. **To consider, and approve if appropriate, agenda items sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the Admission to Meetings Act 1960.** Item 19.
5. **Nomination of a Member to complete the Trident Report for submission by 11 February 2026.**
6. **To receive a report from the County Councillor.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
7. **To receive a report from District Councillors.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
8. **A Public Open Session. Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note that each speaker will be allocated a maximum of three minutes and at the discretion of the Chair.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
9. **Approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 10th December 2025.**
10. **Clerks report.** (No decision making may take place as a result of this item).
11. **Planning.**

**11.1 To note and raise any questions to the planning log circulated by the Clerk on 9th January 2026.**

**11.2 Planning Applications.** To consider any planning applications and to include any received by the Clerk after the agenda has been served to Councillors.

**11.3 To note applications received and responded to by the Clerk under delegated powers.**

**Reference: 25/02685/CONVAR**, Site: Hilltop Farm London Road Farningham Kent DA4 0JW
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of 19/02067/FUL for 'proposed retention of 14 pitch private Gypsy/Traveller site' with amendment to allow the stationing of static caravans instead of touring caravans.
Comments due 9th January 2026. Comments submitted 9th January 2026.

**11.4 To note planning applications received but not for comment:**

**11.4.1 Reference: 25/03492/DETAIL and 25/03552/DETAIL,** Site: Hilltop Farm London Road DA4 0JW
Proposals: 25/03492/DETAIL Details pursuant to condition 4 (external finishes) of 25/01104/FUL and 25/03552/DETAIL Details pursuant to condition 7 (external lighting) of 25/01104/FUL

**11.4.2 Reference 26/00008/WTCA,** Site: Farningham Mill High Street Farningham Kent DA4 0DG
Proposal: T01 - Sycamore 12m to reduce height of tree by 3m back to previous cuts. T02 - Sycamore 8m to reduce height of tree by 3m back to previous cuts.

**11.5 To note new appeals. Further information, including dates will be confirmed as each progresses.**

**11.5.1 Reference: 25/00050/RFHEDN**, Site: Land West Of Gabriel Spring Road Fawkham Kent
Hedgerow removal.

**11.5.2 Reference: 25/00052/RFPLN,** Site: Land West Of 64 London Road Farningham Kent Erection of 1no. dwelling with associated works, landscaping and bike store.

**11.6 Updates on enforcement cases and to highlight new activities or sites causing concern.**
**11.7 To receive an update on Farningham's Neighbourhood Plan.**

**12. Finance Items for noting and decision.**
12.1 To approve items payable, and note items paid and receipts.
12.2 To note and raise any questions for the flexed budget December 2025.
12.3 To set the Precept for 2026/27.

**13. To review and adopt any amendments to the Council's IT Policy, Freedom of Information and Transparency Code with regards to Assertation 10 requirements.**
**14. To receive an update from Cllr Bourne and the Clerk on Local Lists and agree next steps.**
**15. To receive an update from Cllr Bourne on the rambler's information event.**
**16. Proposal for Farningham Parish Council to join the Cross-Channel Geopark Supporter Charter.**
**17. Members to agree to a 2026 Christmas event, Village Hall availability on 5th December 2026.**
**18. Members to agree to host a 2026 Annual Parish meeting and format.**
**19. Members to consider nominations for SDCs Voluntary and Community Awards.**

**Urgent business that occurs and requires, attention before the next meeting that may be reported at the Chairman's discretion.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11th February 2026, 7pm.
Requests from Councillors for the next agenda due by 30th January 2026.