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Councillor vacancy:

We have a new vacancy for a Parish Councillor and would very much like to hear from you if interested in joining the Parish Council. We meet 11 times a year with roads, planning and managing our finance and green spaces among other items on our agenda. Anyone interested can come along to one of our meetings to see how things operate or contact our Clerk as detailed above.

Annual Parish Meeting:

Our Annual Parish Meeting is being held in Farningham Village Hall on Wednesday, 20th March at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. This is a chance to meet your serving Councillors, hear how our local organisations having been getting on over the last 12 months, ask questions and suggest projects that you would like to see in the village.

20mph scheme:

KCC have advised that the works planned to deliver the 20mph scheme have been planned to take place overnight from 8pm on Thursday 29th February to 5am on Friday 1st March 2024. Dartford Road will be closed between A20 Main Road and number 8 and Sparepenny Lane, Farningham, for the entire length. There will also be temporary traffic lights on the High Street and London Road while the works are completed.

Friends of Farningham

Our community outdoor spaces group Friends of Farningham will be resuming activities in the village in April. We would welcome new faces to our small but energetic party which meets twice a month to maintain our green spaces and footpaths. We will be starting with a litter pick along the river and further details are available from our Clerk and information will be shared on the noticeboard shortly.

North West Kent Volunteer Bureau

We have been advised that North West Kent Volunteer Bureau will cease operations on 1st March 2024. Lack of funding has been given as the reason.
A number of Farningham and Eynsford residents benefited from this organization and Farningham Parish Council is a voluntary donor.

Braeside Surgery Appointments:

From 4th March it will be necessary to book medical appointments through the eConsult system. Full details are on the surgery website www.braesidesurgery.nhs.uk or the NHS App. Those unable to access this system should telephone or call in at the surgery as usual and the Receptionist will fill in the eConsult form for you.

Rubbish and Recycling Collections:

Sevenoaks District Council's roadside collections in Farningham are on a Tuesday or Wednesday, see their website for your day. Please do not place your black sacks outside your property before 7am on your appropriate day. We have had complaints that sacks are being scavenged overnight and this is causing litter and health issues. We request your co-operation but the bottom line is that sacks placed outside overnight are regarded as a fly tip.

Useful information:

Kent County Council and Kent Police update subscribers with regular emails. Recently, Kent Police warned residents of an upsurge in vehicle number plate theft and advised on ways to avoid this. Sign on to www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk to receive such details. And the quickest way to report problems with roads or pavements, for instance, is via the Kent County Council website www.kent.gov.uk where you can also register for their emails which cover all aspects of their work in the community.

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 meeting on 14 February came after the print deadline for this Trident and details will be included in our next report. The next Farningham Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 13th March at 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.