FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk to the Council: Mrs A. Barlow.
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Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 5th May 2021, and present were seven parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, three members of the public and the Clerk Amanda Barlow.

Parish Council elections:
Cllr Liz Bourne was duly re-elected chair, Daryl Burns will continue as vice-chair, Philip McGarvey remains as Finance Member and Latif Oztosun is taking over planning responsibilities. The other councillors are Krish Shanmuganathan, Sam Pointer and Carol Salmon and full contact details for everyone is available on our website and on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall in the High Street.

Newsletter:
We are in the throes of producing our first Parish Council newsletter. Look out for it arriving through your letter box. Our main aim is to generate interest in our community and what we have to offer our residents. We look forward to receiving your comments on our first effort and hope that it will encourage many of you to sign up to our regular email updates.

Farningham's Day:
We would like to mark the easing of post-pandemic restrictions by organising a day of celebration in our village for Farningham residents. If we get sufficient support, it will be on Saturday, 4th September and the Village Hall Committee has agreed to let us use their facilities without a charge. In turn entrance will be free with no charge for local businesses to set up a stall and for local clubs and groups to stage demonstrations. We would like to offer children's activities too. Anyone who works from or lives in the village will be welcome and if you would like to be a part of the day please email carolsalmon46@gmail.com or contact the Clerk.

Friends of Farningham:
Our village clean-up group met for the first time this season on Saturday, 1st May and enjoyed an hour cleaning, pruning and weeding in Irving's Corner. Work was also done on the grounds of the Village Hall and there was time to weed and sweep the pavement in front of the flint wall. It was good to see everyone again after such a long time and we will be getting together again on the third Wednesday and first Saturday of every month until October. Full details are available on our website and on the noticeboard in front of the Village Hall.

Junction 3, M25:
In response to an enquiry from the parish council, Tommy Whittingham of Highways England joined the meeting to discuss any proposed alterations to the traffic flow at Junction 3 of the M25. He said congestion at the junction had been noted and preliminary plans had been drawn up. However nothing could be done until funding became available and we will be advised further when this is in place.

TV programme:
Raise the Roof Productions, makers of Channel 4's Love It or List It, have been recommissioned to make a second series of 'My Mortgage Free' Home. Could you sell up, move house and embrace a simpler life, without the stress of mortgage debt? If you are interested in taking part – you must own your own home - please get in touch at mortgage@raisetheroofproductions.com

Regular updates:
If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook, Twitter 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 and Twitter @FarninghamPC

Next meeting:
The uncertainty over Government requirements on the future use of remote meetings for local councils means we will use our June 2nd date for consideration of any planning applications and our next full council meeting is expected to be in person and on June 23rd at a venue and time to be confirmed. There will be public participation and the Clerk will have further details.

Cllr. Carol Salmon