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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 10th November 2022 and present were four parish councillors, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, the Clerk Helen Penney and two members of the public.

Christmas Event Saturday 26th November:

By the time you read this our Christmas tree event should have taken place. We hope everyone had a merry time and will be looking to plan a similar event for Christmas 2023. Please speak to the Clerk if there is anything you would like us to include or change for next year.

Our Newsletter:

The latest copy has been circulated and we hope you found the various items of interest. We are always keen to receive feedback on our work and hopefully you will take up the invitation to receive our regular email updates. There are a number of avenues where you can keep up to date with what is happening in our village and further information is always available from our Clerk.

Grants:

We have again donated funds to groups and organisations offering assistance, benefit and support to our residents. These are Anthony Roper School, Citizens Advice, Ellenor Hospice, Kent Air Ambulance, Farningham and Eynsford Local History Society, The Trident, Swanley and West Kingsdown Foodbanks and the North West Kent Volunteer Centre, a charity which offers transport, home visits and gardening services to eligible persons. The individual amounts donated can be found in the minutes of our meetings, which are displayed on our website.

Help is at hand:

The Cottage Community is an independent charity providing a day centre and hot meals, lunch clubs, activities, transport to and from their premises in Scratchers Lane, Fawkham. Arrangements can also be made for home cooked meals to be delivered to your door and shopping and day trips out. Please contact Sarah on 01322 668106 for further information or email sarah@thecottagecommunity.org.uk

Cattle screen and flint wall:

In September, vegetation growing over the cattle screen was removed whilst repairs to the section of flint wall next to the Village Hall car park were carried out. We are now arranging for the three wooden gates on the cattle screen to be replaced after the central gate was damaged by a member of the public over the summer. All of this work has been very costly for the Parish Council and whilst we are committed to the necessary on-going maintenance of Farningham's assets, we would also like to remind everyone that the wall and cattle screen are historic structures to be treated with respect and not as playground equipment.

King Charles III Coronation:

We plan to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation on the newly announced Bank Holiday, Monday 8th May. We would particularly like to receive your ideas on how we should mark this event and the Clerk looks forward to hearing from you.

Christmas 2022

And finally, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Our next Parish Council meetings are on Wednesday, 12th October and Wednesday 7th December 2022, 7pm in the Shand Hall, (behind Farningham 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. Carol Salmon