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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 7th September 2022.

Preventing Plastic Pollution Project:

The river clean-up and survey of the Darent between Farningham and Horton Kirby is on Wednesday, 12th October, 10am meet at the Village Hall. The event, organised by the North Kent Countryside Partnership, will go on until 2pm and volunteers are welcome, with a litter picker and/or waders if you have them. One of the items we are bound to find in the river and surrounds are plastic bags containing dog waste - which brings us onto the following topic.

Dog fouling:

There has been an unfortunate increase in dogs fouling the pavements in the village and this is disappointing. We can only appeal again for dog owners to accept responsibility for this waste and pick it up and put it into one of the large number of street litter bins. And for those who find it acceptable to throw their plastic bags full of dog waste into the vegetation on the riverside path please think again. These plastic bags invariably end up in the river and in time have a severe impact on the food chain. Dog waste breaks down but plastic bags do not.

Friends of Farningham:

The Parish Council's volunteer clean-up group is winding down but all being well will be back in action early next year. Recently our volunteers, together with the archaeologist who is photographing the headstones, have been removing ivy from gravestones and the ancient trees in the Churchyard. Other volunteers have also been hard at work and some of the recently revealed stones make interesting reading. Do take a look if you have a spare moment.

Newsletter:

Look out for our latest Newsletter, it should be with you this month.

Riverside bench:

The bench between the A20 and M20 bridges is finally facing in the direction we hoped it would be when donated and installed by Thames Water. It took a while but thanks to the intervention of local residents it now looks out over the river.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas Tree lighting up – Friday, 26th November, Village Hall, 5.30pm.
Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday, 19th April 2023, Village Hall, 8pm.

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 9th November 2022, 7pm in the Shand Hall, (behind Farningham Church).

Cllr. Carol Salmon