FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk to the Council: Mrs J.C. Gray,
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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6th February 2019, and present were four parish councillors, which includes the Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Kent County Councillor, Roger Gough and one member of the public.

Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan:
Our objection is in place and we now await the outcome. There is a full Sevenoaks Council meeting on 26th March and a decision is expected to be made public then.

Roads:
The A20 footpath between Eynsford Road and King's Roundabout has been cleared again and further work done to improve drainage. Additional work includes clearing gullies upward of Eglantine Lane and this is expected to start soon. Farningham Hill lay-by is being upgraded to allow more vehicle parking.

The Lion:
The planning application for an outside bar has been withdrawn but substantial work is the subject of a further application. A gate blocking the present Darent Valley Path access is among the proposals and we have registered our objection. This footpath is, however, not a Right of Way and we would like to apply for this status. If villagers wish to support our application, please write to the Clerk, advising how long you have been using this path via clerk@farninghampc.co.uk or by writing to the address above.

Thames Water Borehole:
Following extensive dialogue with Farningham Parish Council, Thames Water have now removed the large earth bund alongside the River Darent in between the A20 and M20 bridge. It is expected that top soil will be spread with grass seed sown at the appropriate time.

Urgent care medical services:
The NHS has been reviewing the urgent care services in Dartford, Swanley and Gravesham. Last year they were considering the introduction of an Urgent Treatment Centre at Gravesham Community Hospital. Local people were largely in favour of this proposal but there is now a possibility to explore the option of locating it at Darent Valley Hospital. Again, there will be public consultation, which ends on 28th February, and details are available via: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/urgentcaredgs or their website: www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk

Community Plan Priorities 2019 to 2013
A consultation document had been received from Sevenoaks District Council regarding Community Plan Priorities 2019 to 2023. It was agreed this be circulated to those on the parishioners list; please do contact the Clerk if you wish to be added to this list) www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/consultations

Friends of Farningham:
We will be meeting again shortly and the dates will be circulated to those on the mailing list, posted on the notice board at the Village Hall as well as publicised on our website and Facebook page. New recruits are very welcome.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th March 2019, in the Village Hall. Public participation at approximately 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon