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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 4th December 2019, and present were five parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray and Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey.

Street lighting:
Our existing contract for the provision and maintenance of street lights in Farningham ends on 31 March 2020 and we are now obtaining quotations for a new contract. As part of this process a potential contractor attended the meeting and made an interesting presentation.

Cinder Path:
The sad and devastating fire at Farningham Oak and to the rear of Croft Cottage has resulted in the closure of Cinder Path, a vital link between Oliver Crescent and the High Street. Kent County Council has issued a closure notice which will stay in place until the buildings are made safe. Building Control at Sevenoaks District Council must declare the site safe before the path can be reopened and we will continue our efforts to speed this process up.

Road safety:
Following recent collisions at the junction of the A20 and Button Street, Kent Highways were asked to cut the grass on the central reservation as it was considered to be impairing drivers' vision. After a site visit we were told the vegetation isn't causing a major concern but works will be raised for a small section to be cut when issues with permits can be overcome. For identical safety reasons we are also asking for further grass cutting to be undertaken at the junction of Donkey Lane and the A20 and await Kent Highways response.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 8th January 2020, 7.45pm in the village hall with a break for public participation at 9pm.

Seasonal Greetings to everyone and a Happy New Year.

Cllr. Carol Salmon