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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 8th January 2020, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and two members of the public.

Council tax:
It is the time of year when councils set budgets ahead of the Council Tax review for the coming year. Cllr Roger Gough said Kent County Council would probably be looking to bring in a 4% increase in their precept with 2% of this to cover general expenditure and 2% devoted to social care.
Cllr Philip McGarvey prepared and proposed our Parish Council budget and we can again keep our precept increase to less than one percent.

Street lighting:
We received another presentation from a potential contractor ahead of our existing contract for the provision and maintenance of street lights in Farningham ending on 31 March.

Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan:
As has been well documented on the Sevenoaks District Council website and various social media outlets, the local plan has been rejected by the government's Planning Inspectorate on the grounds of lack of consultation with other local authorities. SDC disagrees and has refused to withdraw the plan and we await news on the outcome.

Road maintenance:
Concerns over the flooding and pavement issues on the A20 were raised again following correspondence from a parishioner. KCC Cllr Roger Gough took the comments on board and said he would contact Kent Highways. Cllr Gough also said jobs had been raised for CCTV investigation of the on-going flooding issues in Eynsford Road and at the A20/Button Street junction. One of our visiting members of the public outlined to Cllr Gough the success he is achieving in getting the 30mph speed limit in Beesfield Lane extended further (towards the Donkey Lane junction this time) and now asked that consideration be given to the removal of unnecessary road signs in the area.

Fly tipping:
There has been increased fly tipping in Donkey Lane and Cllr Gough was asked to see if cameras, successful in the past, could be reintroduced.

Friends of Farningham:
Our voluntary village gardening/clean-up group will meet again this year, twice a month on a Saturday and a Wednesday (not Thursday as we did last year). We get together for an hour to take on various tasks around the village and new members would be very welcome. The first meeting will be on Saturday, 4th April, 10am at the village hall. Further dates will be available soon and anyone requiring more information should contact our clerk, Jane Gray (as above).

Housing Register:
Sevenoaks District Council has advised us of important changes to the Housing Register, the waiting list for people in need of social housing. SDC have now taken over the register from West Kent Housing and will support people with their applications. The process remains the same and the SDC Housing Register team can be contacted on

01732 227000 or housing.register@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at 7:45pm in Farningham Village Hall. Public participation at approximately 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon