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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 2nd October 2019, and present were five parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey. No members of the public attended.

FPC meetings cover a variety of topics relevant to the local community including local planning issues, policing and local amenities. The following is a brief summary of some of the areas discussed this month and includes links to relevant websites and email addresses. The public is welcome to attend meetings and has an opportunity to participate at a specific time.

Pedham Place
Cllr Philip McGarvey will speak for Farningham Parish Council on the day (6th November) allocated by the Inspectorate to hear objections to Pedham Place's inclusion as a Broad Location for Growth (or otherwise) in Sevenoaks District Council's submitted Local Plan.

Speeding
The Speedwatch equipment will be used within the village shortly.

Parking at the Lion
The Clerk is continuing to attempt to make arrangements with the Lion to enable local residents to use the car park.

Mobile Phone Masts and Coverage
The Government has recently launched a Consultation paper with the aim of obtaining feedback on the potential to amend existing planning regulations and to upgrade existing sites, with a view to improving mobile phone coverage across the country. FPC will comment on this, but as the Consultation is open to everyone, those within Farningham who have poor coverage may be particularly interested in commenting. The location of the Paper and how to comment can be found at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-permitted-development-rights-to-support-the-deployment-of-5g-and-extend-mobile-coverage

Highways/Roads/Transport
Kent County Council is taking part in a Public Satisfaction survey relating to highways and transport services. Feedback can be given at:
https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Nationaltransportsurvey2019_20/consultationHome

Meanwhile FPC continues to make efforts with Kent Highways to reduce flooding after heavy rain on the A20, between A225 and King's Roundabout.

Traffic issues that arose from the recent emergency works on the A225 at the junction with the A20 were discussed and it was noted that following requests from FPC, once the traffic lights were well manually controlled, queueing reduced significantly.

Defibrillator and First Aid Training
Sevenoaks District Council is providing training on 2nd November at their offices 9.30 to 1pm. Spaces are available on a 1st come 1st served basis. Contact:communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk or call 0732 227000 to book a place.

North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP)
NWKCP have a funded project to plant native trees, particularly hedgerows, within the Darent Valley. Residents interested in having hedgerows planted or restored should contact: Reece.Evans@kent.gov.uk

Twitter
FPC now has just launched its own Twitter feed. Please follow us at @FarninghamPC

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th November 2019 at 7.45pm, in Farningham Village Hall. Public participation is at approximately 9pm.

Cllr. Elizabeth Bourne