FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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Farningham Parish Council met after the report was submitted. We will provide a full update following our next meeting on 11th December 2024.

Co-option:
We have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you would like more details, or would like to be considered for co-option, please contact our Clerk.

If you are interested, but unsure of exactly what being a Parish Councillor means and entails, please contact one of your Parish Councillors who would be happy to discuss the role with you.

Christmas carols and mulled wine:
This will be on Saturday, 7th December from 5pm at Farningham Village Hall car park, High Street.
The Christmas tree in Market Meadow will be pre-lit for arrival.
Please bring your own mug as we will not have drinking vessels available for you to use.
The car park will be CLOSED to all vehicles.

Highways:
At the point of writing, safety improvements are being implemented along the A20 with the central feature of the works the installation of average speed cameras in the area of the 40mph zone to the east (West Kingsdown facing side) of Kings roundabout. In addition, KCC should have installed 40 mph roundels, countdown markers on the approach to the 40mph gateway and high friction surfacing at the A20 main Road junction with the A225 Eynsford Road with a higher skid resistant asphalt surface.

Whilst the Parish Council welcomes these improvements, we are disappointed that the East facing side of Kings roundabout (towards Swanley) isn't also receiving similar safety measures - KCC have advised that the data does not support such an extensive scheme. We will continue to push for safety measures along this stretch of road as well as the illegal right hand turns out of White Post Hill, which have not received the same amount of attention as illegal right hand turns out of Eynsford Road.

We are meeting with Highways in late November where we will discuss our highways priorities for the coming year which will have been confirmed at our meeting on the 13th November.

Sevenoaks Local Plan and Tibbalds:
SDCs next Development and Conservation Committee, is scheduled at 7pm on Thursday 5th

December and SDCs meeting where the Local Plan is most commonly discussed in detail. However, we are not expecting much of an update from this meeting, as the results from the Government's consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework have not been published. SDCs meetings can be viewed live via their YouTube channel or in person from the public gallery at the District Council Offices, Argyle Road, TN13 1HG.

We are continuing our work with Crockenhill Parish Council and Eynsford Parish Council to ensure our objections to any development at Pedham are as robust as can be. This is mainly by joining forces to contract Tibbalds to ensure our objections are evidence and policy based.

Sevenoaks District Council Electoral Review:
An electoral review is currently being carried out to make sure that each local councillor represents about the same number of electors, and that the wards they represent reflect community identities.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has decided that the number of councillors in Sevenoaks District Council should be 48. This is a change from the current council, which has 54 councillors.

The consultation on this stage of the electoral review lasts for ten weeks and closes on 20 January 2025. The Commission will use local views to help draw up their proposals for new ward boundaries.

Local people can provide their views via the Commission website at:
https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/sevenoaks

by emailing **reviews@lgbce.org.uk**
or by post to:

Review Officer (Sevenoaks)
The Local Boundary Commission for England
7th Floor
3 Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YZ

Free CPR and Defibrillator Session:
Kent Fire & Rescue Service are hosting a free CPR and Defibrillator session on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at Sevenoaks Fire Station. Places are limited. Please go to www.kent.fire-uk.org/events to book your space.

Regular updates:
If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook 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

The next Farningham Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 11th December at 7pm in the Shand Hall, which is adjacent to the Church. There is an allocation of time for public participation and if you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk via the links at the head of this page.