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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday 4th August 2021, and present were seven parish councillors and the Clerk Amanda Barlow. County Cllr Roger Gough offered his apologies.

Farningham Day and Farningham In Bloomers:

Preparation for the Farningham Day on the 4th of September on the Market Meadow continue apace. There has been lots of interest and more stall holders than initially anticipated. You will shortly see separate communications regarding this in the form of leaflets and signs around the village as we get nearer to the date.

In the week leading up Farningham Day residents are invited to join in with "Farningham In Bloomers" to add some colour and fun to the Parish.

From Saturday 28th August residents are invited to hang dad's most embarrassing Y-fronts and auntie's biggest bloomers on a washing line at the front of their house. Children are encouraged to cut, stitch, stick and glue to create a colourful display of socks, pants and long-johns.

Your Councillors will be touring the Parish on Friday September 3rd to photograph and judge the most novel, amusing and creative displays, an award for which will be presented during the event on Saturday 4th September.

The Flint Wall Bordering Village Hall Carpark:

The council resolved to take advice regarding the impact of nearby tree roots on the stability and structure of the wall before proceeding with any repair efforts.

Speedwatch:

Speed Watch is a Police sponsored community volunteer organisation that deploys members of the public to various locations around the Parish. They operate calibrated speed measuring equipment supplied by the Police. Whilst their primary role is to act as a deterrent to speeding motorists they also report any speeding vehicles that the equipment observes to the Police for further action. The sites they operate at are chosen by the Police based on criteria concerned with operator safety, technical and legal suitability and value to the community.

If you've seen the group out in the Parish you will know they and their equipment are very hard to miss! Despite this within the last month four motorists, of nine so-far since they scheme began again, were reported for breaking the speed limit despite the obvious deterrent.

Whilst Speed Watch is independent of the Parish Council speeding remains a high priority topic within it. For some months now the Council has been developing a proposal for a scheme to reduce traffic speed and the associated pollution and noise within the Parish. As with many things concerning public safety unfortunately these efforts may not move as quickly as we'd all like. Data must be gathered, various agencies consulted and so-forth. A recent automated traffic survey conducted by the Highways Agency is one such step. As this proposal develops towards tangible action we'll be sure to update Parishioners via our newsletter, email mailing list and social media.

We're keen to hear about your view on speeding in the Parish: clerk@farninghamparishcouncil.org If you'd like to volunteer for Speed Watch please also contact the Parish Clerk.

A New Rubbish Bin For London Road:

The installation of a new rubbish bin on London Road has been approved and booked by Sevenoaks District Council. It will be located at the top end of the path opposite the large oak tree at the entrance to The Coach House, where the path effectively ends.

Parking on Grass Verges:

Following complaints from residents we approached SDC about the damage caused by cars being parked on the grass verge at the Beesfield Lane/Eynsford Road junction. SDC concurred and recently installed wooden bollards as a deterrent. Another resident in Alban Crescent has a similar complaint and we have written to West Kent Housing to ask that their tenants be asked not to park on the verge outside the property.

Regular updates:

If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook, Twitter 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 and Twitter [@FarninghamPC](https://twitter.com/FarninghamPC)

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 5th October, 2021, 7pm in Shand Hall. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to join in.

Cllr. Sam Pointer