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Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and present were six parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, four members of the public and the Clerk Jane Gray.

### **End of an era:**

Our Clerk, Jane Gray, will bring the curtain down on 29 years' service to our village when she attends her final parish council meeting on December 2. Jane has decided to take a well-earned retirement and with husband Ian plans to spend more time with their two sons and families, which include five grandchildren. Jane was first appointed Clerk in 1986 and after nine years left the post only to return five years later. Jane has worked for nine different chairmen and women and says giving advice and helping people in the village has given her the most enjoyment. I'm sure all parishioners - those in Eynsford as well as Farningham - will want to join with us in thanking Jane for her selfless service and to wish her and the family all the very best for the future. We are in the process of making a formal offer to a new Clerk and hope that she will be in place before Jane leaves. Further details will follow next month.

### **New Parish Councillor:**

Sam Pointer has been co-opted onto the parish council. Sam has lived in Farningham for seven years and has a strong interest in heritage and restoration. We were delighted to have such a strong interest in the position and sincerely thank all those who made themselves available. It is gratifying to know that villagers are interested in what the parish council does and we welcome public participation in our meetings.

### **Friends of Farningham:**

A big thank-you is due to all those who attended our twice monthly meetings. Our hard work has not gone unnoticed and residents have remarked on how neat and tidy the village looks. All being well we plan to start the 2021 season in March. Stay safe everyone and winter well.

### **Christmas tree in village:**

We investigated the possibility of adding festive spirit to the centre of the village but in the end time – it was necessary to place orders two months in advance – got away from us and it was not possible to meet all the necessary health and safety requirements. We will look at this again early in the New Year and all being well will have a decorated tree in place for Christmas 2021.

### **CCTV in the High Street:**

We looked long and hard at the possibility of enhancing CCTV coverage in the High Street but technical and financial issues mean we do not intend to proceed at this stage. Good information has been gained and the project will be looked at again if there is further interest from parishioners and local businesses.

**County Councillor's report:**

Although the situation is much improved, KCC's Roger Gough outlined further work needed to try and eradicate the flooding issues in Eynsford Road. He also said KCC were actively looking at the situation on public footpath SD192 (Beesfield Lane) following an escalation of nuisance motorcycles on this path.

**Electric Vehicle charging point:**

Thanks to those who responded to our on-line survey about the possibility of a vehicle charging point in the village. Kent County Council has initiated this discussion and the car park at Farningham Village Hall is the only place we may be able to make an installation. Discussions will now take place with the village hall management committee.

**Regular updates:**

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**Next meeting:**

We meet next on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 7pm via the Zoom video link. Anyone wishing to join in can obtain details from the Clerk.

Cllr. Carol Salmon