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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 5th June 2019, and present were seven parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and four members of the public.

Co-opted members:

Happily we are back to full strength following the co-option of three members of the public who attended last month's meeting. Duly co-opted are Elizabeth Bourne from Maplescombe Lane, Ruth Hirons from Beesfield Lane and, returning for a second term, Guy Williams from Tilmans Mead. Welcome and thank-you.

Farningham Parish Council appointees for the year:

Daryl Burns agreed to continue as chair, Guy Williams was elected vice-chair, Krish Shanmuganathan will continue his responsibility for planning and Philip McGarvey will monitor finance. Guy Williams takes over from the late Malcolm Gale as Parish Council Webmaster. Our website address is above and we also have a presence on Facebook, which Guy also looks after. Among other appointments, Liz Bourne volunteered to be our Tree Warden, a position which has been vacant for some time, and she will also join Krish Shanmuganathan in representing us on transport matters.

Right of Way Application:

Thanks to solid support from villagers, an application has been lodged for inclusion of the footpath alongside the river, ending at the Lion Hotel in the High Street, to the Right of Way Definitive Map. The bad news is it could take over three years to be dealt with. We will continue to work closely with adjoining parish councils over access along the river paths.

Farningham Woods:

Following disquiet from a parishioner at the maintenance work being carried out in Farningham Woods, an area part owned by Farningham Parish Council but administered by Sevenoaks District Council (SDC), we have requested a copy of the Management Plan from SDC.

Roads:

County Cllr Gough reported that a new policy directive at Kent County Council (KCC) could result in the plan for a 20mph traffic speed zone in Farningham High Street being revisited and he will keep us informed. He also said plans are being considered to reconfigure the Scratchers Lane/A20 junction and any work would take place in school holidays and after consultation with Brands Hatch. The positioning of the speed camera will also be reviewed. Kent Highways has asked all parishes to prepare a Highway Improvement Plan to list their priorities for local improvements.

Fly tipping:

After fears were expressed that the introduction of charges at the KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres would lead to an increase in fly tipping, Cllr McGarvey reported that SDC were actively involved in prosecutions which they hoped would lead to convictions. More cameras are also going to be installed in the recognised hot spots.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 3rd July 2019, 7.45pm in the village hall with break for public participation at 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon