



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk to the Council: Position vacant.
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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 1st December 2021, and present were five parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and the Clerk Amanda Barlow.

Our Clerk

We have accepted the resignation of our Clerk, Mrs Amanda Barlow. Amanda will leave the post on 18th December and we have already begun advertising for a replacement, please see separate advert in Trident and on FPC website. We thank Amanda for her work on our behalf and wish her all the best for the future. In the meantime, the Parish Council phone (number as above), email and website will be monitored by Councillors and we will be opening a Post Office Box for correspondence.

Christmas Tree

We were delighted with the turnout for the lighting up of the village's first Christmas tree. Erected in Market Meadow, next to the Village Hall, over 140 parishioners gathered on a cool Friday evening and many warmed themselves with mulled wine. Apologies to those who missed out on this but we opted for a modest budget because we were unsure how popular the event would prove to be. The Carol singers were led by members of Eynsford and Farningham church choirs and singers from the New Follies. Sincere thanks to all and to Lothlorien for installing and lighting the pointy tree and to Sevenoaks District Council for some funding.

Friends of Farningham

The Parish Council recognised the efforts of the Friends of Farningham volunteers by hosting a get together of the group's regular attendees at the Pied Bull. Not everyone could make it, but those who did enjoyed the chance to get to know each other better. All being well, Friends of Farningham will resume their bi-monthly work in the village next April and the dates will be announced early in the New Year. New members are always welcome; contact us by phone or email as above.

Grass Cutting

During our recent "goal posts" survey of Oliver Crescent and Till Avenue residents, a recurring theme was the length of the grass in the community areas. Sevenoaks District Council own and maintain both areas and last summer's wet weather played havoc with their grass cutting programme. Going forward we aim to liaise with SDC and if necessary offer supplementary cuts. This would also include Alban Crescent. The possible installation of goal posts in Oliver Crescent is also a subject of on-going discussion with SDC.

Proposed 20mph Zone

Kent County Council have now given us the required content for the informal consultation document ahead of further work on a 20mph zone within the village. This will be circulated in due course.

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 12th January 2022, 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 Chair via the links at the head of this page.

Cllr. Carol Salmon