



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 12 February 2025. We will provide a full update next month as this Trident report had to be submitted before the meeting took place.

Vacancy on the Council!

If you think you would like to become a councillor and are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk or one of the current councillors to discuss the role in more detail or, come along to one of our monthly meetings to observe what is discussed and how decisions are made.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. Decision making - Through meetings, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

How much time does it take up?

We meet monthly with the meetings generally being up to two hours long. Some councillors spend additional time each month with other activities around the village and progressing projects with the clerk. In the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

Eynsford and Farningham Joint Neighbourhood Plan

Sevenoaks District Council is consulting on a proposal to designate the parishes of Eynsford and Farningham as a single Neighbourhood Area from Friday 14 February to Friday 28 March 2025. If designated, the parishes will be able to prepare a joint Neighbourhood Plan to help determine planning applications in the two areas. Find out more and take the survey at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/eynsfarnnp Please contact the Clerk if you would like more information and to discuss being involved in the Steering Group.

Annual Parish Meeting Friday 28 March 2025, 6:30 – 8pm, Farningham Village Hall.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Annual Parish meeting. You will have the opportunity to speak to local organisations, Parish, District and County Councillors, raise issues that concern you and suggest projects that you feel will benefit the local community.

Friends of Farningham.

The Friends of Farningham will hold their first meeting of the year on Saturday 5 April 2025, 10:00 AM at Farningham Village Hall. Everyone is warmly invited to join and lend a hand in helping keep the village looking its best. Hi-vis jackets will be provided. Please bring strong shoes, gloves, and any personal garden tools or brooms you may have. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 12th March 2025, 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.