



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk to the Council: Mrs A. Barlow.
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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 7th July 2021, and present were five parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey) and the Clerk Amanda Barlow.

Farningham Day:

It is full steam ahead for the village gathering on Saturday, 4th September (11am-3pm) in Market Meadow and the Village Hall. There will be plenty of activities for children, including an entertainer, as well as live music, a dog show, a barbeque with tea and cakes provided by Farningham Women's Institute in conjunction with their Macmillan Coffee Morning. Further details are available from the Clerk or by phoning Carol Salmon, 01322 860983.

Farningham in Bloomers:

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 3rd September to photograph and judge the most novel, amusing and creative displays, an award for which will be presented during the event the following day.

Speedwatch:

Farningham's branch of the Police Speed Watch scheme has recently restarted after a year in hiatus due to Covid restrictions. The scheme sees Police-trained volunteers deploying speed measuring equipment to approved sites to observe and report speeding motorists. Weather permitting (they are not allowed to operate in the rain!) you should see regular deployments of the group with their speed measuring equipment around the Parish. In the short time that they have already been operating four speeding motorists have been written to by the Police as a result of being observed breaking speed limits. The group is always looking for volunteers: the more volunteers the more likely they are to be able to raise enough people to deploy on a given day. Deployments are an hour in length at varying times of the day. Those interested should contact carolinefryatt@oldparsonagehouse.com for more information.

Friends of Farningham:

Our volunteer group has been active around the village with weed clearances taking place along Cinder Path and Valley View Terrace. We have also been along the riverside walk from The Lion Hotel, cutting back nettles and working on the bridge and in Irving's Corner. We meet on the first Saturday of the month and the third Wednesday, 10am at the Village Hall. Do come along if you can – the more the merrier.

Kent County Council:

We are actively pursuing several matters with Cllr Roger Gough, including addressing the noise and speed issue on the A20 along the top of London Road and cars parking on the grass verge at the junction of Beesfield Lane and Eynsford Road. We also continue to push for action to restrict vehicle speed in the High Street and London Road.

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, 4th August, 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.

Cllr. Carol Salmon