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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 6th November 2019, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and one member of the public.

Village improvements:

We now have a splendid new oak post to support the village sign, thanks to Beray Builders for their efforts, and two new seats in Irving's Corner. The two remaining dilapidated seats are also due to be replaced and our thanks go to the Haughey family for their generosity.

Protection against scams:

The West Kent Police Volunteers and Neighbour Watch Liaison Officer has put together a 20 minute e-learning package on trying to avoid being scammed and it is well worth a look. The menace that is scamming will not go away and if you don't have a computer perhaps you know someone who can show you the website which is www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan:

Cllr McGarvey said SDC are very disappointed by the decision of the Government Inspector to suspend the hearing, thereby cancelling the sessions scheduled for November at which the Pedham Place housing proposal was to be discussed. Further updates will be posted on the council's website and a definitive statement on the position is imminent.

Eynsford Road flooding and other road issues:

Cllr Gough reported that various works had improved the flooding situation in Eynsford Road but drainage in South Hall Close was not flowing as it should. Flooding on the corner of Button Street also remains on the drawing board while proposed work on the Scratchers Lane/A20 junction has been postponed until next year. We continue to push Kent Highways for improved safety along Gorse Hill in the shape of white lines and cats' eyes while on the positive side, a consultation is taking place on the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Beesfield Lane.

VE Day:

The Armed Forces Charity is organising a 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8-10 May 2020. Anyone wishing to become involved should look for further details on their website, www.veday75.org

Friends of Farningham:

Our small but tenacious group of village clean-up volunteers has finished for the winter and will resume activities in March. Thanks to all who attended our bi-monthly meetings and worked so hard to keep our village neat and tidy. In our group or not, we can all do "our bit" if we look after the pavement areas in front of our properties, ie cutting back the hedge to make the pavement fully accessible and cleaning up leaves etc. We will announce next year's dates in January and our gallant

band would welcome further volunteers.

Grammar School Places:

Kent County Council are seeking views on a proposal to expand Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys by increasing numbers and establishing a satellite of the school on the Wildernessee site in Sevenoaks from September 2021. You may email comments to school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 4th December 2019, 7.45pm in the village hall with a break for public participation at 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon