



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall on Wednesday, 9th October 2024 and present were three Parish Councillors, Sevenoaks District Councillors Laurence Ball and Alan White, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, two members of the public and the Clerk Helen Penney.

Co-option:

We have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested and would like more details, or know that you would like to co-opt, please contact our Clerk.

Sevenoaks Local Plan and Tibbalds:

The Local Plan has been delayed whilst waiting for results from the recent National Planning Policy Framework consultation. Once implemented, Sevenoaks District Council could see their housing targets rise by up to 58% which will create additional pressures for SDC to deliver an effective Local Plan whilst meeting their defined need.

Farningham Parish Council has been working with Crockenhill and Eynsford Parish Councils to collaborate with Tibbalds, award winning planning experts, to compile evidence that SDC's plan to build 2,500 new dwellings at Pedham Place is not fit for purpose, not in line with national planning policy, and instead, promotes the wrong development, in the wrong place.

Recycling Collections:

The new recycling bags for life from Sevenoaks District Council are due to be delivered over the next few weeks if you haven't yet received one. The bags can contain the equivalent of 3 clear recycling sacks and are weighted to prevent them blowing away. Information on what can be put in the bag is printed on the side. Further information is included in the pamphlet (that should be included when each sack is delivered) and on the SDCs website.

A20 Road Safety:

Works to install average speed cameras along the 40mph sections of the A20 are due to take place early to mid-November, exact dates and times of any necessary road closures are still to be confirmed. Improvements to lighting is expected at the same time along with the installation of speed countdown markers. Investigations into possible solutions to prevent the illegal righthand turns from Eynsford Road onto the A20 are still ongoing with KCC.

Friends of Farningham:

The final Friends of Farningham meeting for the year has concluded. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for keeping the village tidy and looking lovely for residents throughout

the spring and summer months. New members are always welcome and dates for next season will be published in the new year.

Christmas carols and mulled wine:

This will be on Saturday, 7th December from 5pm and will revert to Carols and mulled wine at Farningham Village Hall car park, High Street. The Christmas tree in Market Meadow will be pre-lit for arrival. Please remember to bring your own mug!

Neighbourhood Plan:

We are considering a joint Neighbourhood Plan (an important and powerful tool that gives communities statutory powers to help shape how their communities develop) with Eynsford Parish Council which will require the formation of a steering group made up of councillors and residents from each parish. You can find more information about what is involved at www.neighbourhoodplanning.org. Further information will be given in our winter newsletter, which every Farningham resident should receive by the end of November.

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

The next Farningham Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 13th November at 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.

Cllr Andie Fitzsimons