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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesdays 11th June and 9th July 2025.

Church Fete:

Thank you to everyone who came along to this year's Church Fete, we hope you enjoyed the day!

The Fete organisers have let us know that a continued shortage of volunteers is making it increasingly difficult to organise the event each year. If you'd be willing to help in the lead-up to the event or assist with setting up and clearing away over the weekend please do get in touch.

Every bit of help makes a big difference, and we want to ensure this much-loved event can continue. We hope next year's date will be confirmed soon.

Affordable Housing:

English Rural is advertising a new development of affordable homes in Mill Place, West Kingsdown. Seven rented homes and three shared ownership homes will be available later this year and to be eligible for these properties applicants must have a local connection to the Parish of West Kingsdown or surrounding Parishes such as Farningham. For rented homes applicants must also be registered for housing with Sevenoaks District Council. Register interest via the website <https://englishrural.org.uk/ourhomes/register-online/>, email allocations@englishrural.org.uk or phone 02078207930 (option 2).

Family Fun Day:

Don't forget, Sevenoaks District Council's free family fun day is back in Farningham on Wednesday, 20th August, 10:30 to 13:30. It is in Market Meadow, next to the Village Hall in the High Street, and will include crafts, games, sports and activities in a friendly and safe environment. Simply turn up on the day with waterproof clothing and/or sunscreen (this is during the great British summertime!) and your own refreshments.

Please note that children must remain supervised for the whole event.

Motorbike meetings, A20 layby opposite Scratchers Lane:

At our June meeting we were told the Police were aware of the growing nuisance of the weekly bike meetings in the layby opposite Scratchers Lane and had been in attendance. When the Traffic Unit issued various tickets to problem riders calls to the Police drastically reduced but they will continue to monitor the situation.

A20 Speeding:

Kent Police have also monitored traffic exceeding the 40mph limit on the A20 up from King's Roundabout, stopping offending vehicles and advising drivers of their responsibility. Our Community Officer, PC Caleb Guest, said he hopes to make regular visits to the site.

Dog control:

We are concerned about dog walkers taking multiple animals into Farningham Woods but unlike some other local authorities, neither Sevenoaks District Council nor Kent County Council has any policies on dogs in open spaces. People are encouraged to have their dogs on leads and under control.

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

We do not hold a Parish Council meeting in August and our next meeting is on Wednesday, 10th September 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.

Cllr Carol Salmon.