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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

PC Collins and PC Guest.

Our local Beat Officers reported that they are aware of the weekly motorbike meets at the A20 layby opposite Scratchers Lane. Officers regularly attend, which has resulted in less antisocial behaviour and dangerous riding however, the issues of dangerous road use and antisocial behaviour is still ongoing. They are continuing to explore long-term solutions. PC Collins and PC Guest explained that the routes they patrol during their shifts are based on data from reported incidents. They stressed the importance of reporting all incidents, no matter how small, as this information determines where and when their presence is most needed.

Incidents can be reported via:

- **101** (non-emergency)
- **999** (emergencies only)
- **Live chat:** www.kent.police.uk/contact
- **Crime Stoppers:** <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Friends of Farningham:

The Friends of Farningham will meet for the final time this year on Saturday, 4th October. The group plays a vital role in helping the village look its best throughout the summer by cutting back vegetation along popular walks and clearing key areas of the village. Their tireless efforts make a noticeable difference and help the village feel loved and cared for. Unfortunately, there are currently no volunteers to lead the group next year, so the working parties are likely to stop. However, some individuals may wish to continue small tasks informally.

If you would like to help keep the group going or get involved in any way, please contact the Clerk.

Farningham Parish Council would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Carol Salmon and all the volunteers for their dedication this year and in previous years.

SDC's Local Plan:

By the time this report is published, it is likely that Sevenoaks District Council will have released information regarding the third Regulation 18 consultation for the emerging Local Plan. SDC's Development and Infrastructure Committee will be discussing the plan at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September and it is likely that the plan will be discussed again by SDC's Cabinet who are due to meet at 7pm on Thursday 9th October. The agenda for each meeting

will probably include potential housing development sites that have been identified for the consultation. There is a public viewing gallery at SDC's offices in central Sevenoaks, and a live YouTube channel if anyone would like to observe the meetings,

<https://www.youtube.com>.

We expect the Regulation 18 consultation to run from late October to early December and we believe another pop-up event will be held in one of the villages in November, allowing residents to attend and ask SDC officers and Committee members questions in person. We will share further updates as soon as we receive them and encourage everyone to respond to the consultation once it is open.

Neighbourhood Plan:

Thank you to everyone who returned the first Householder Questionnaire. The Steering Group is currently working through the responses, which will form the foundation for the policies that are developed helping us ensure that the plan is shaped by the community from the very beginning, and reflecting local priorities.

A more detailed questionnaire will be released at a later stage to gather information specific to each policy that is identified and is essential to developing an effective and evidence-based plan.

FPC has appointed a consultant who will start to work with the Steering Group straight away.

Upcoming Steering Group Meetings, 6:30pm in the Shand Hall. All residents are very welcome to attend if you would like to learn more or get involved in shaping the plan.

- 24th September
- 22nd October
- 26th November

Community Asset Transfers:

FPC have agreed to submit Expressions of Interest to SDC for the transfer of the following community assets:

- SDC's portion of Farningham Woods
- The greens and play area at Oliver Crescent
- The greens at Alban Crescent

If the Expressions of Interest are successful, each asset will move to the Business Case stage when we can submit more detailed proposals on why the transfers should take place and how the assets would be managed locally.

Village fete, Saturday 13th June 2026:

The date has been confirmed, and the committee are asking for volunteers to help support this much-loved village event. Please contact the Clerk if you would like more information.

Family Fun Day:

Thank you to everyone that attended the Family Fun Day in August. We hope Sevenoaks District Council will repeat the events next summer.

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 meeting is on Wednesday, 8th October 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.