

Farningham Parish Council

To: The Members of the Parish Council of Farningham I hereby summon you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the SHAND HALL St. PETER & St. PAUL's CHURCH, 5-6 High Street, Farningham, Kent, DA4 0DG commencing at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 13th May 2026 to transact the undermentioned business.

8th May 2026

Helen Penney, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Election of the Chairman and the declaration of acceptance.
2. Election of the Vice-Chairman.
3. Attendees and apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
5. Nomination of a Member to complete the next Trident Reports for submission by 11 June for May and June meetings 2026.
6. Membership and representation of Committees, other bodies and special interest roles, as follows:
 - A. Finance
 - B. Planning
 - C. Footpaths and Highways
 - D. Transport Matters
 - E. Street Lighting
 - F. Farningham Village Hall Management Committee
 - G. Farningham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (new)
 - H. Charity of Anthony Roper
 - I. Kent Association of Local Councils - Sevenoaks Branch
 - J. Council for the Protection of Rural England
 - K. Correspondent for Trident
 - L. Brands Hatch Liaison Group
 - M. Darent River Preservation Society
 - N. Responsibility for website
 - O. Internal Auditor
 - P. Friends of Farningham (new)
6. To adopt the previously approved Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Scheme of Delegation, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment for 2026/27.
7. To consider, and approve if appropriate, agenda items sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the Admission to Meetings Act 1960.
8. To receive a report from the County Councillor. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
9. Report from the District Councillors. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
10. A Public Open Session. Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note that each speaker will be allocated a maximum of three minutes and at the discretion of the Chair. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
11. Approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings on 8 April 2026.
12. Clerks report. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
13. Planning.
 - 13.1 To note and raise any questions to the planning log circulated by the Clerk on 8 May 2026.
 - 13.2 Planning Applications. To consider any planning applications and to include any received by the Clerk after the agenda has been served to Councillors.

13.2.1 Reference: 25/02418/FUL Site: Farningham Hill Stud London Road Farningham DA4 0JQ

Proposal, amended application: The proposed layout plan has been revised to include an amended pitch layout & to show the position of a proposed acoustic fence. A further technical note on noise is provided.

Comments: Due by 14 May 2026

13.2.2 Reference: 26/00858/MMA Site: Land North And West Of Franks Farm Horton Kirby

Proposal: Amendment to 22/01172/FUL to replace drawing to show the re-sited polytunnels.

Comments by: 15 May 2026

3.2.3 Reference: 26/00718/HOUSE Site: Berisbon White Post Hill Farningham Kent DA4 0LB

Proposal: Demolition of existing garden shed and erection of a replacement garden building with flat EPDM roof. External surface-mounted lighting fitted to garden-facing elevation. Garage conversion with associated internal alteration.

Comments by: 27 May 2026

13.3 Planning Applications replied to under delegated powers.

13.3.1 Reference: 26/00401/HOUSE Site: 24 Beesfield Lane Farningham Kent DA4 0BZ

Proposal: Removing existing hedgerow, front garden paved area' wall and gate. Electric charger point installed for parking for one car with new vehicular access. Bin store.

Comments due by: 30 April 2026

13.3.2 Reference: 26/00683/FUL Site: Land East Of The Coach House London Road Farningham DA4 0JP

Proposal: Change of use of land to B8 Storage as well as the siting of 7 x shipping containers for a temporary period of up to 3 years

Comments: Due by 6 May 2026

13.4 Planning applications not requiring a response:

13.4.1 Reference: 26/00942/WTCA Site: The White House High Street Farningham Kent DA4 0DH

Proposal: Various works on trees.

13.4.2 Reference: 26/01170/WTCA Site: The Carriage House Sparepenny Lane Farningham DA4 0JH

Proposal: Various works to trees.

13.6 Updates on enforcement cases and to highlight new activities or sites causing concern and to note SDCs Bank Holiday procedure for planning enforcement.

13.7 To note and discuss any Neighbourhood Plan updates

14. Finance Items for noting and decision.

14.1 To approve items payable and note items paid and receipts.

14.2 Flexed budget April 2026.

14.3 To approve standing orders and direct debits for 2026/27.

14.4 To approve additional named signatories to the banking mandates.

14.5 Himalayan Balsam Clearance. Friday 26 June 2026.

15. Stall at Farningham Fete on Saturday 13th June, midday to 3pm.

16. Garages Till Avenue.

17. 2026 Christmas tree.

18. Correspondence, and agree next steps - Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership.

19. Urgent Business that occurs and requires attention before the next meeting may be reported at the Chairman's discretion (no decisions can take place as a result of this item).

Date of next meeting Wednesday 10 June 2026

Requests for the next agenda due by 29 May 2026