Farningham Parish Council

To: The Members of the Parish Council of Farningham I hereby summon you to attend the 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 14th October 2026 to transact the undermentioned business.

9th October 2026. Helen Penney, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **Attendees and apologies for absence.**
2. **Co-option.**
3. **Declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.**
4. **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.** Agenda item 15.
5. **Nomination of a Member to complete the next Trident Report for submission by 11th November 2026.**
6. **To receive a report from the County Councillor.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
7. **To receive a report from the District Councillors.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
8. **To receive an update on matters arising from the last minutes that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.** (No decisions may be taken under this item).
9. **A Public Open Session. Members of the public can address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note that the total time for this item is 15 minutes and each speaker will be allocated a maximum of three minutes.** (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).
10. **Approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 9 September 2026.**
11. **Clerks report.** (No decision making may take place as a result of this item).
12. **Planning.**

12.1 To note and raise any questions to the planning log circulated by the Clerk on 9 October 2026.

12.2 Planning Applications.

To consider any planning applications and to include any received by the Clerk after the agenda has been served to Councillors.

12.2.1 Reference: 26/01975/CONVAR

Site: Wildacres Farningham Hill Road Farningham Kent DA4 0JR

Development: Variation of conditions of 24/02792/FUL - *a full description is available on SDCs portal*

Additional information was submitted related to consultation responses received by the Tree Officer and Environmental Health.

Comments by: 27th October 2026.

12.3 To note planning applications received but not for comment:

12.3.1 Reference: 26/02444/WTCA Site: Farningham Mill High Street Farningham Kent DA4 0DG

Development: 3 x Willow - Pollard crowns by 50% (Approx 8-10m) due to recent limb failures and dieback in crowns.

12.3.2 Reference: 26/02605/WTPO Site: 1 London Road Farningham Kent DA4 0JP

Development: T1 Beech - reduce the whole crown by 30% to clear garage and telephone cables.

12.4 Planning Applications and Appeals replied to under delegate powers:

12.4.1 Reference: 26/02343/HOUSE

Site: Walnut Tree Cottage 38 London Road Farningham Kent DA4 0JP
Proposal: Extension to and conversion of existing garage to form annex ancillary to the main dwelling.
Comments by: 6 October 2026, no comment.

12.5 Updates on enforcement cases and to highlight new activities or sites causing concern.

13. Finance Items for noting and decision.

13.1 To approve items payable, and note items paid and receipts.
13.2 To note and raise any questions for the flexed budget September 2026.
13.3 External audit 2025/26 - To note the Completion Letter, Audited AGAR for 2025/26 and that the Completion Notice has been published.
13.4 To note the street light inspection report and:
13.4.1 Resolve whether to approve all works to be completed this year, or carry some over.
13.4.2 Resolve for a new reserve for street light repairs to be created.
13.5 To agree for the Clerk to move provider for the Parish Council website.
13.6 Approve the quote for tree work in the village.
13.7 Approve the quote to replace fencing at Irving's Corner.

14. Highways

14. 1 Annual Highways Improvement Plan review.
14.2 To consider KCC's Highways Forward Works Programme and agree to raise concerns if necessary.
14.3 To note the survey results from the informal consultation at White Post Hill and discuss if KCC have provided feedback in time for the meeting.

15. To receive an update and agree next steps on both Community Asset Transfers (CATs), Alban Crescent and Oliver Crescent:

15.1 To note the update from SDC.
15.2 Agree FPC's payment of SDC's legal costs.
15.3 To discuss and agree FPCs solicitor for the transfers.
15.4 Alban Crescent
To review and consider the draft Heads of Terms for the proposed transfer of Alban Crescent including:
15.4.1 Identify any questions or points requiring clarification with SDC;
15.4.2 Agree whether FPC is minded to proceed, subject to satisfactory legal advice, due diligence and agreement of the final legal documentation
15.5 Oliver Crescent
To review and consider the draft Heads of Terms for the proposed transfer of Oliver Crescent and:
15.5.1 Identify any questions or points requiring clarification with SDC
15.5.2 Agree whether FPC is minded to proceed, **s**ubject to satisfactory legal advice, due diligence and agreement of the final legal documentation
15.6 Approve a CAT working group for FPC, subject to the draft Terms of Reference being adopted.
15.7 To discuss a quote from Civic.ly to assist with asset management for consideration.

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

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11 November 2026, 7pm.
Requests from Councillors for the next agenda due by 30 October 2026.