

FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk to the Council: Mrs A. Barlow.

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Farningham Parish Council met via a video link on Wednesday, 7th April 2021, and present were seven parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), Kent County Councillor Roger Gough, one member of the public and the Clerk Amanda Barlow.

Farningham Woods:

There has been costly vandalism to the recently installed fencing in the car park at Farningham Woods and the parish council has been working with co-owner Sevenoaks District Council to rectify this. Reinforced fencing is planned and this will hopefully deter those on motorbikes, four wheel drives and quad bikes from gaining entry. There have been reports of anti-social behaviour by some riders and members of the public are urged to report such incidents to the police by phoning 101.

Friends of Farningham:

Our voluntary clean-up crew have their first meeting on Saturday, 1st May and will thereafter meet on the third Wednesday and first Saturday until October. Social distancing requirements made it a later start than usual but we have initial plans to spruce up Irving's Corner and carry out a litter pick to support the Great British Spring Clean. We meet at 10am at the Village Hall and all are welcome. High-vis jackets are provided and please wear strong shoes and bring gloves and any light gardening tools you may have for pruning etc. Further details are on our website or from carolsalmon46@gmail.com

Buses:

Cllr Gough reported on the reinstatement of some Go Coach routes and these are outlined elsewhere in Trident.

Speedwatch:

The joint Eynsford-Farningham Speedwatch campaign is about to hit the streets again and more volunteers are needed to man the roadside equipment designed to deter those breaking the speed limit. Information on the scheme is available on www.communityspeedwatch.org and if you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk. Caroline Fryatt is our local co-ordinator and Kent Police give full training.

Policing:

Cllr Pointer met with Police Community Support Officers over traffic issues and possible criminal activity in and around London Road. The officers said they would amend patrol routes to include the area and said it was essential all incidents were reported to them via the 101 phone number or 999 if an emergency. All such calls are reviewed daily and resources deployed accordingly.

Housing:

Sevenoaks District Council and Action With Communities in Rural Kent are surveying Farningham for information on housing needs. We are assisting with distributing the survey and each household will receive a letter in May. It is hoped you will take a little time to complete the form even if you have no immediate requirements.

Filming in the Village:

Residents will have seen film crews in Farningham in late April as Sly Fox Productions made a return visit to film the next in their Queens of Mystery series.

Regular updates:

If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook, Twitter 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 and Twitter @FarninghamPC

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021, 7pm on Zoom. The Annual Parish meeting has been cancelled but the Annual General Meeting and full council meeting will take place. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to join in.

Cllr. Carol Salmon