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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 1st February 2023 and present were four parish councillors (including Sevenoaks District Councillor Philip McGarvey), the Clerk Helen Penney and one member of the public.

Conservation Area:

The public consultation at the Village Hall at the end of January was well attended. There is still time, until 3rd March 2023, to comment on Sevenoaks District Council's plans for our Conservation Area by visiting www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/farningham while paper copies of the document are also available at Wadard Books in the High Street.

Friends of Farningham:

The Parish Council's volunteer group will meet for the first time this year on April 1 and will continue to do so on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of each month through to the end of September. Before that the North West Kent Countryside Partnership has arranged another Prevent Plastic Pollution litter pick in and around the river on Wednesday, March 15th. Volunteers should gather at the Village Hall at 10am and further details will be posted on the Noticeboard and Website.

New supermarket for Swanley:

Plans have been lodged with SDC for a LIDL store to be built on the Broom Hill site in Swanley. This will involve the construction of a new roundabout on London Road between the Swanley side of the A20 bridge (beyond the M25 J3 and Wested Lane) and Beechenlea Lane.

Details are available on the SDC planning website, reference 22/03450/HYB.

Farningham Hill Stables:

The Parish Council is in constant dialogue with Sevenoaks District Council over recent activities at this site at the bottom of Farningham Hill and at the time of writing is waiting to hear back from them.

Roads:

We are still awaiting the final details of the new 20mph scheme to be introduced into the village. We are also actively pursuing ways to decrease the speed of vehicles on the A20 where the 40mph limit is regularly flouted. As a first step we have asked Kent County Council to put speed indicator strips across the carriageway in three areas.

Tree works:

The last of the tree works required following a tree survey we had completed before Christmas will be in and around Farningham on Monday, 6th March, particularly in the Village Hall car park.

Annual Parish Meeting:

The Parish Council will be holding an Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2023 in Farningham Village Hall at 8:00pm. Annual Parish Meetings have happened since the Middle Ages and are open to all electors to both attend and speak on matters of local interest. If you have an interest in speaking, please contact the Clerk.

Local Plan 2040:

Sevenoaks District Council consultation for the new local plan providing a strategy for sustainable growth for homes, offices, town centre uses and infrastructure such as schools, health facilities and transport for the district has closed and responses are being reviewed. We will provide an update when the information becomes available.

King Charles III Coronation

We are finalising our plans for a Coronation celebration to take place in Farningham on Monday 8th May and will be starting to make announcements very soon.

And finally, don't forget:

The River Dipping Day on Saturday, 4th March. You must pre-register and details are on our Noticeboard.

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 Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 1st March 2023, 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