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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, and present were six parish councillors, the Clerk, Jane Gray, Sevenoaks District Councillors Philip McGarvey and Brian Carroll, Kent County Councillor Roger Gough and one member of the public.

#### Sevenoaks District Council's Local Plan Examination:

The Government Inspectorate is examining the plan at meetings in Sevenoaks in November and details are available on the SDC website. The Pedham Place part proposal will be heard on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 10am at the Stag Theatre, London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ZZ.

#### Millennium Village Sign:

The Farningham Village Sign alongside Market Meadow has become unstable and will be upgraded by a local builder. The cost will in large part be met by donations from the television company which recently filmed at the Manor House and the Lion Hotel.

#### Village parking and roads:

Parking in the village remains difficult for residents and we are continuing to lobby the Lion Hotel for access to their facilities. We are again chasing Kent Highways to come and clear the blocked gullies on the A20 between the two parts of the A225 (Dartford and Eynsford Roads) before they flood again. Roger Gough reported that recent work had improved the flooding issue in Eynsford Road but properties remain at risk and discussions were on-going with Thames Water.

#### Fly tipping:

Cllr Gough said KCC and partners, including the police, were working on a major new initiative to try and combat the scourge of fly tipping. A considerable amount of money had been earmarked for the project and we now look forward to hearing more on this hot topic.

#### Urgent care medical services:

The NHS has been reviewing the urgent care services in Dartford, Swanley and Gravesham and it has been decided a treatment centre will be set up at Gravesham Community Hospital or Darent Valley Hospital. The public consultation to decide which hospital will operate the centre ends on 4<sup>th</sup> November and full details are available on the website [www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk) or telephone 03000 424903.

#### Mental Health Crisis Drop-in Service:

SDC are providing extra support for those who are in mental health crisis. The sessions, run by North Kent Mind, are held at Citizens Advice offices in Swanley town centre (next to Wilkinsons); young people 14-17 years old on a Thursday, 4-6pm, and adults, 18-plus, on a Saturday 7-9pm. Vickie Smith is the officer responsible at Sevenoaks District Council.

#### Doorstep crime:

Kent Police have reported an increase in criminals' cold-calling for gardening work. They advise parishioners NEVER to agree to such doorstep requests/demands and if the person does not leave your property when asked to do so, to call 999.

#### Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership:

SDC launched this initiative in September with the aim of benefiting residents and visitors and promoting all Darent Valley rail stations. Govia Thameslink and Southeastern are on board and have committed funding. Further details available from Emma West, SDC Tourism and Support Officer.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, in the village hall. Public participation at approximately 9pm.

Cllr. Carol Salmon