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Himalayan balsam:

The river clearance of this noxious weed was successfully completed when Mark Gallant and his North West Kent Partnership volunteers joined forces with Farningham residents on what turned out to be a hot Wednesday morning. As well as support from the Friends of Farningham team, five villagers donned waders to not only dispose of the plant but clear the river of fallen tree branches and the inevitable litter. Himalayan balsam is a non-native, tall plant with purple flowers and while it looks attractive it does considerable harm to our environment. A big thank-you goes to all of the volunteers.

Road safety:

This remains high on our agenda and priority list and will again be discussed at length at our next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 4th October. Public participation is as ever welcome (please contact our Clerk in advance) while written comments and suggestions will also add weight to our discussions with Kent County Council. Please see the links at the head of this page. Road safety is one of the topics KCC has open for direct public comment and if you wish to go down this route, please use the website below.

Kent County Council National Highways and Transport Surveys:

There are six surveys open until February 2024 and parishioners can have their say on accessibility, highways maintenance, road safety, public transport, tackling congestion and walking and cycling. The website is <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/national-highways-and-transport-2022-23>

Our 2023-24 budget:

We are starting to plan our budget for the next financial year and if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please contact our Clerk. Our Annual Governance Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 is now available on our website.

Dangerous dogs:

There has been social media comment about aggressive dogs in the Farningham area. Anyone with concerns about dangerous dogs, bites on people and banned breeds should contact Kent Police on 101. For all other dog related issues, including dogs being out of control, contact the Dog Warden at Sevenoaks District Council, phone 01732 227000.

A225 Road closure:

The A225 Eynsford Road is to be closed on Sunday, 24th September between 8am and 4pm outside Fairbank to enable internet connection work to be safely completed. Fairbank is between Beesfield Lane and Oliver Crescent.

Christmas event:

We will again be turning on the lights on our Christmas tree in December and all parishioners are invited to meet in the car park of the Village Hall on Saturday the 2nd at 5pm. There will be Carol singing and mulled wine so make a date in your diary.

Regular updates:

If you would like more regular updates from Farningham Parish Council they are available on Facebook 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

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 4th October, 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