



FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Farningham Parish Council met on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 in the Shand Hall. Present were 7 Parish Councillors, including Cllr Philip McGarvey (SDC District Councillor), Cllr Roger Gough (KCC County Councillor) and the Clerk to the Parish Council.

### **Speed Watch**

Farningham and Eynsford Speed Watch group remains on winter hiatus. If you would like to express an interest in joining the group and receiving training from the Police before they begin venturing out please email the clerk in the first instance.

### **Friends of Farningham**

Our voluntary group Friends of Farningham will begin activities on Saturday, 2nd April with a 10am meeting at Farningham Village Hall. Our first Wednesday meeting will be on Wednesday 21st April, again 10am at the Village Hall. We will continue to meet throughout the season on the first Saturday and third Wednesday when we will carry out light gardening duties in the village. We have a good, strong core to the group but would welcome new recruits. It is light and rewarding work and we are usually together for about an hour. If you are interested please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Parish Council will be holding an Annual Parish Meeting on 27th May 2022 in Farningham Village Hall at 7:30pm. 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.

### **Open Spaces**

The Parish Council is pleased to report that, following a request from Parishioners in Oliver Crescent and the favourable outcome of a survey of households in the road, new semi-permanent goal posts have been ordered for installation in due course.

### **Litter Bins**

In response to concerns about littering at the top of London Road a new public rubbish bin has been installed at the end of the pathway.

### **Market Meadow Flint Wall**

The condition and repair of the section of flint wall in front of Farningham Village Hall has been a difficult and long-running project for the Council. The age, construction, and location along with many other logistical concerns have made what may seem like a fairly straightforward exercise relatively complicated. However, progress is being made and a contractor to the Parish Council will shortly begin arboreal works in tandem with our specialist flint wall contractor to assess and mitigate the impact that nearby root systems have had on the underpinnings of the structure. This work is a necessary precursor to the full and proper repair of the wall over the summer months.

## Post COVID Village Event

As mentioned last month, planning is well underway for a joint Eynsford-Farningham village event on Saturday, 4th June. This will be a Post-Covid occasion which will coincide with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. During the day there will be a fete in Eynsford Castle Moat and local groups and businesses are invited to staff a stall. There will also be an exhibition arena with music, displays and children's games as well as a tug-of-war and duck race. An evening of music in Harrow Meadow follows with local bands and headline act. Although the entertainment is free of charge, admission will be limited to residents of Eynsford and Farningham who have pre-booked tickets.

The evening tickets are limited in number and will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

To book your place for the evening's entertainment please contact Naomi Morgan-Wintour at Eynsford Parish Council ([info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@eynsfordparishcouncil.org.uk)). You may also use this email address if you would like to have a stall at the fete or can offer to help in any way.

The next meeting of Farningham Parish Council will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Shand Hall (next to the Church). Members of the public are welcome and due to current quick changes in regulations, we would recommend you contact us using details above if you wish to attend.

## Updates

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