FARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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Farningham Parish Council met in the Shand Hall at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Wednesday, 9th September 2026 and present were five parish councillors, Sevenoaks District Councillors Laurence Ball and Alan White, the Clerk Helen Penney and six members of the public.

Councillor vacancy:
We are still looking to co-opt a new Parish Councillor and if you would like to discuss the application process please contact our Clerk.

Dog excrement:
We are very disappointed at the amount of dog waste accumulating in Irving's Corner, our little gated sanctuary between Market Meadow and the river. A notice has been placed at the gate and someone supplied black bags for owners to pick up their dog's waste. Unfortunately, some have ignored this request and people who go into area for picnics etc are at risk of infection, particularly children. If you are so inclined, please remind people of their responsibility should you see someone not picking up after their dog, either in Irving's Corner or the High Street, which is another hot spot for dog waste.

The Local Plan:
We circulated a leaflet commenting on Sevenoaks District Council's Regulation 19 Local Plan Consultation which outlines what can be built and where from 2027 to 2042. As a Parish Council we oppose the large scale development planned for Pedham Place and have used consultants Tibbalds to make our case. The deadline for responses was 17th September and we hope our drop-in sessions and leaflet assisted residents make their responses. All comments go directly to the Planning Inspectorate who will decide whether the Local Plan is sound or not.

Unitary Councils:
Following a legal challenge, the Government has announced a pause in the plan for four unitary councils to run Kent from April 2028. Sevenoaks District Council was expected to become part of the new Council for West Kent, alongside Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

New Wheelie Bins:
Those eligible should have received two new wheelie bins from Sevenoaks District Council. One is for recycling and one for household waste and these will be collected on alternate weeks from 12th October. Food waste placed in the orange and black containers will be collected weekly. Information on the new service has been sent to all households and carried in the InShape magazine but if you have further questions please go to the Sevenoaks District Council website or contact them on 01732 227000.

White Post Hill traffic:
We are holding an informal consultation with White Post Hill residents over the possible closure of the A20 junction opposite Eglantine Lane. Illegal right-hand turns continue unabated from this junction and we have also received representations about the excess speed of the traffic both here and

towards the doctors' surgery. There has been a big increase in parking for and traffic using the surgery and residents walking up White Post Hill, where there is no pavement, are at real risk.

Friends of Farningham:
The group held their final meet of the year on Saturday 5th September and our thanks go to the volunteers who worked so diligently on keeping our beautiful village clean and tidy. All being well they will resume operations in April 2027.

Christmas carols and mulled wine:
This will be on Saturday, 5th December in Farningham Village Hall. Please remember to bring your own mug!

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.gov.uk
The Facebook link is www.facebook.com/farninghampc

The next Farningham Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday, 14th October at 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 our Clerk.

Cllr Carol Salmon