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News from the Parish Council

Planning Notices.

3/21/0969/FUL
(East Herts)

Construction of a 50MW solar battery energy storage system facility and associated access, landscaping and other infrastructure works. Land At Greens Farm, East End Stocking Pelham Hertfordshire. **[Awaiting Decision]**.

3/21/2845/CPO
(East Herts)

Application to use buildings at the site of Moylan's to process automotive waste(oil) in preparation for being taken off site for recycling. Concern here is the fact that an existing waste pipe empties in to Bourne Brook and is not identified for removal. **[Awaiting Decision]**.

UTT/ 23/2794/HHF

Application for single storey front extension to 15 Rectory Lane. Comments by 6th December.

Highways.

A120 will be subject to some extended roadworks this year between Tesco's and the M11. These are currently active and will end in February 2024..... **Rye Street** will be closed between 30th November and 2nd December for resurfacing between 83 and 209 Rye Street for refurfacing. The road will also be subject to traffic light control between 22nd & 24th January (Affinity Water)..... **Michaels Road** near to ex-Mountbatten Restaurant will have traffic lights (possibly multi-way lights) 4 – 6 December. This is for vegetation clearance between the roundabout and the bridge over the River Stort. **Hazel End Road** will have continued disruption and traffic light control until 22nd December.

There are a number of disruptions to Farnham Road by the parcel of land on which it is proposed to build 76 residences. The closures will be related to the provision of utilities. The closures will take place intermittently over the next 18 months. Some of the time traffic lights will be in use and at other times the road will be closed and on these occasions warning signs should be posted in advance to warn residents. The Parish Council has made it known that in the winter period the proposed diversion (along the lane to Hazel End) may well become flooded and we would expect Farnham Road to remain open. We are also raising the issue of emergency vehicles, carers and social workers who need to access the village.

BT – Information on BT Digital Voice and Conversion of Land Lines. I have received a notification from BT to inform residents that BT intend to convert existing copper wire land lines in this area to BT Digital Voice in the Spring of 2024. They intend to hold public meetings beforehand to provide information about the conversion and stress that most existing home telephones will work on the new system, albeit in some cases with a free small adaptor. BT inform me that they will be contacting households with care lines or intruder alarms to ensure that they continue to work. It is also their intention to contact those residents over 75 years. For those who wish to upgrade their telephone handset there will also be an opportunity to purchase these at a reduced price. They are particularly concerned about residents being contacted by hoax/scam callers who offer to help with this work at a cost. **BT stress that there is no additional cost to residents in this process and if you are in doubt contact BT on the helpline numbers that are on your telephone bill.**

Carols Around the Christmas Tree. This event is being held in the Village Hall this year and will follow the usual format, starting at 5pm with a few carols being sung outside by the Christmas Tree and then more carols as we move inside the hall. Mulled wine, fruit juice and nibbles will be served to help boost the energy for singing! Father Christmas will make a 'surprise' visit around 5.45pm with gifts for children followed by a few more carols ending at 6pm. The bar will remain open until 7pm. **Do come and join us and get Christmas off to a pleasant and relaxing start.**

Closed Circuit Television in the Village. Slow progress continues. Detailed plans of camera positions have been produced for consideration and discussion with landowners before proceeding. We are in discussions with the school and Diocese regarding permission to place a camera pole on land owned by the school/Diocese. We are also taking advice from the District Council concerning the Hazel End conservation area and have now been invited to submit a preliminary planning application for advice and comments in preparation for a final application. As we have stated previously, support from the Parish Council, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council and the Police along with some very generous voluntary donations by residents in the village has provided us with £18,400 available as funding and we have negotiated with our preferred company to provide and install the system. Should any person wish to discuss the plans they are welcome to contact the Clerk of the Parish Council. In summary, progress is very slow!

As there will be incidental extras, if any residents still wish to donate, they are welcome to contact Peter Jarman in confidence to discuss their wishes or donate via the internet to our bank account as below:

Account: Farnham Parish Council; Sort Code: 30-90-84; Account No: 00219534; Reference: CCTV

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place at 8pm on Monday 20th November 2023 and Monday 22nd January 2024. Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and notices and agendas are always published in advance on the village notice boards (outside of Home Farm, Hazel End; outside of 'Thriffs Farm', Farnham Green; both inside and outside of the Village Hall) and the Parish Council website. Most meetings are held on Zoom and if this is the case links can be requested from Chris Smith. There is also a public participation item when questions relating to past or present business may be asked.

Peter Jarman

Village Diary

Events This Month:

Tuesday 5 th December	Walking Group	10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313
Tuesday 19 th December	Walking Group	10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313
Sunday 24 th December	Carols Around The Christmas Tree	5pm – 6pm in the Village Hall
Tuesday 2 nd January	Walking Group	10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313
Tuesday 16 th January	Walking Group	10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313
Monday 22 nd January	Parish Council Meeting	8pm Village Hall – All Welcome
Tuesday 30 th January	Walking Group	10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313
Wednesday 31 st January	Coffee & Cake	10am-12 Farnham Church

Forthcoming Events:

Monday 19 th February	Parish Council meeting	8pm Village Hall – All Welcome
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Regular activities:

Wednesdays	Coffee & Cake	10am-12 Farnham Church (last Weds of month) Except December
	Yoga	6.30-7.45pm School Sports Hall
	Breathing Course	1.30pm & 5.30pm each for 20 minutes email jwilson.theglobe@btinternet.com
Thursdays	Zoom Yoga	7am (Contact Jo for Zoom link}
	Zoom Yoga	9am (Contact Jo for Zoom link)
	Toddlers' Group	9am–11am School Hall (<i>term time only</i>) Ring 776004