FARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**News from the Parish Council**

**Planning Notices.**

3/21/0969/FUL Construction of a 50MW solar battery energy storage system facility and associated access,

(East Herts) landscaping and other infrastructure works. Land At Greens Farm, East End Stocking Pelham

 Hertfordshire. ***[Awaiting Decision].***

*3/21/2845/CPO* Application to use buildings at the site of Moylan’s to process automotive waste(oil) in preparation

(East Herts) 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 to add single story front extension to 15 Rectory Lane with rooflight. **[Approved].**

UTT/23/3219/HHF Permission for demolition of existing conservatory, replaced with part two story, part one-story

 rear extension and first floor extension over existing kitchen for The Old Rectory, Farnham Road.

 ***[Awaiting Decision].***

UTT/24/0278/LB Application for retention of opening in downstairs room & proposed removal of partition

 at 58 Hazel End. ***[Awaiting Decision].***

**Highways.**

**A120** between the Homebase roundabout and the M11 is due to have the final stages of completion taking place between now and new date, May. Details are not clear at the time of writing but there are likely to be some minor delays until it is completely open with all associated works being completed.

There are several 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. As very little has taken place in the last six months the licence has been extended for another 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.

**Rye Street** traffic lights by Newlands Avenue entrance entrance 19th March – 3rd April (9.30am-3pm) followed by road closure 9 (7pm) - 10 May (6am).

**Parish Council website and email addresses**. A reminder that the email address for the Parish Council Clerk is now *clerk@farnham-pc.gov.uk**.* The new Parish website is now available at[*www.farnham-pc/gov.uk*](http://www.farnham-pc/gov.uk). It has been carrying the latest information regarding waste bin collection which was received every day from Uttlesford District Council. A copy of this page can also be found on the new website along with any other key issues that have arisen. These will be found under the headings of *‘Posts’ or ‘Notices’.* The website also has many photographs taken over the years from around the village. These can be found under the heading ‘Galleries’. A word of warning that these are still being built up and in some cases there may be a few errors, especially around dates. If you notice these, please do let me know. There are some interesting photographs from the past and less young residents may recognise earlier photographs of themselves!!

**Parish Councillors also have a new email address purely for parish issues so that councillors avoid using their private or personal email addresses for parish council business.** The new addresses for Councillors are:

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More details of councillors may be found on the website under *‘Parish Council’ – ‘members’*

I am currently looking through the past minutes of Parish Council meetings since 1894 for local history of the village. There are some interesting snippets of information popping out of the minutes, several of which will be publicised on the website over the next few months. As a starter who knows (or remembers) what the circumstances were that led to the planting of a special tree on the Green outside of Farnham Primary School in 1995? Who/What donated the tree? On what occasion? Is the current tree the same tree?

**Annual Meeting of the Parish.** This will be held on Monday 18th March at 8pm. Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm. Wine/fruit juice and nibbles will be available free of charge at the end of the meeting when the Parish Council invites those who are attending to join in the more informal part of the evening. The main body of the evening will consist of reports of the various activities in the village over the last year with each report to be no more than 2 or 3 minutes. This is usually a very pleasant and informative evening and we look forward to many residents attending. It is also a good introduction to the village for those people who have recently moved to Farnham. We very much look forward to meeting you.

**Closed Circuit Television in the Village.** I am pleased to report some action in terms of moving CCTV forward after a long period of inactivity. The Headteacher of Farnham School has agreed to a camera pole being place near a school perimeter fence, but it now must go to the Chelmsford Diocese for permission to be confirmed and a licence agreed. We are still waiting for the Diocese to reply so this week I will be on the phone (rather than scanning the minutes!) The cameras intended to be placed at Hazel End are due to be placed near to the Hazel End conservation area. Last week Essex sent an heritage officer to view the site to consider if the camera pole is likely to interfere with the conservation area in any way. We anxiously await her report and the recommendation of the planning department of Uttlesford District Council. As we have stated previously, support from 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 18th March 2024 which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish (see details in the elsewhere in the magazine) and regular Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd April 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 ‘Thrifts Farm’, Farnham Green, outside of the Village Hall) and the Parish Council website. Occasionally meetings may be 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 12th March Walking Group 10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313

Monday 18th February Annual Meeting of the Parish 7.30 for 8pm Village Hall – All Welcome to listen to

 the reports from all active groups in the village

 followed by wine/juice & nibbles.

Saturday 23rd March Village Hall Quiz 7pm Village Hall (details in magazine)

Tuesday 26th March Walking Group 10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313

Wednesday 27th March Coffee & Cake 10am-12 Farnham Church

**Forthcoming Events:**

Monday 22nd April Parish Council meeting 8pm Village Hall. All welcome.

Wednesday 24th March Coffee & Cake 10am-12 Farnham Church

**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’ Group9am–11am School Hall *(term time only)* Ring 77600*4*