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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].***

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. 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 19th March – 3rd April (9.30am-3pm) followed by road closure

9th (7pm) – 10th May (6am).

**Looking into the Past.**

I am currently looking through the past minutes of Parish Council meetings since 1894 for local history of the village. Over the next few months, I hope to place some of the more interesting comments in the magazine. Last month I asked if anybody could remember or knew the circumstances that led to the planting of a special tree on the Green outside of the school. It was planted in 1995 to celebrate 50 years of the ending of World War II and the start of N.A.T.O. The money for the tree was given to parishes by N.A.T.O. jointly with Essex County Council. Is the current tree the same tree? Sadly no, the original tree lasted only two years and had to be replaced!

**Closed Circuit Television in the Village.** I am pleased to report further action in terms of moving CCTV forward after a long period of inactivity. We are waiting for a response from the Chelmsford diocese regarding the placing of a CCTV camera pole by the school. The cameras intended to be placed at Hazel End are due to be placed near to the Hazel End conservation area. We have now heard from the Planning department that although there will be some affect (anything vertical has a negative effect in a conservation area) it is unlikely to prevent the installation of cameras. However, to have that confirmed and permission to install the cameras at Hazel End we must go through a planning application before taking it further. That application will be made in the next few weeks. 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 22nd April 2024 and on Monday 13th May 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 9th April Walking Group 10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313

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

Tuesday 23rd April Walking Group 10am start from Thrifts Farm – Ring 771313

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

Sunday 28th April Bluebell Walk Details in the magazine

**Forthcoming Events:**

Monday 13th May Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall. All Welcome.

Wednesday 29th May 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*