

Clerk's Report

15 July 2026

1. Update on road safety initiatives

Community Speedwatch

The group continues to conduct sessions each week, subject to the weather and availability. Since the activity started, the group has recorded 548 motorists who were found to be traveling over the prescribed speed threshold. Details below:

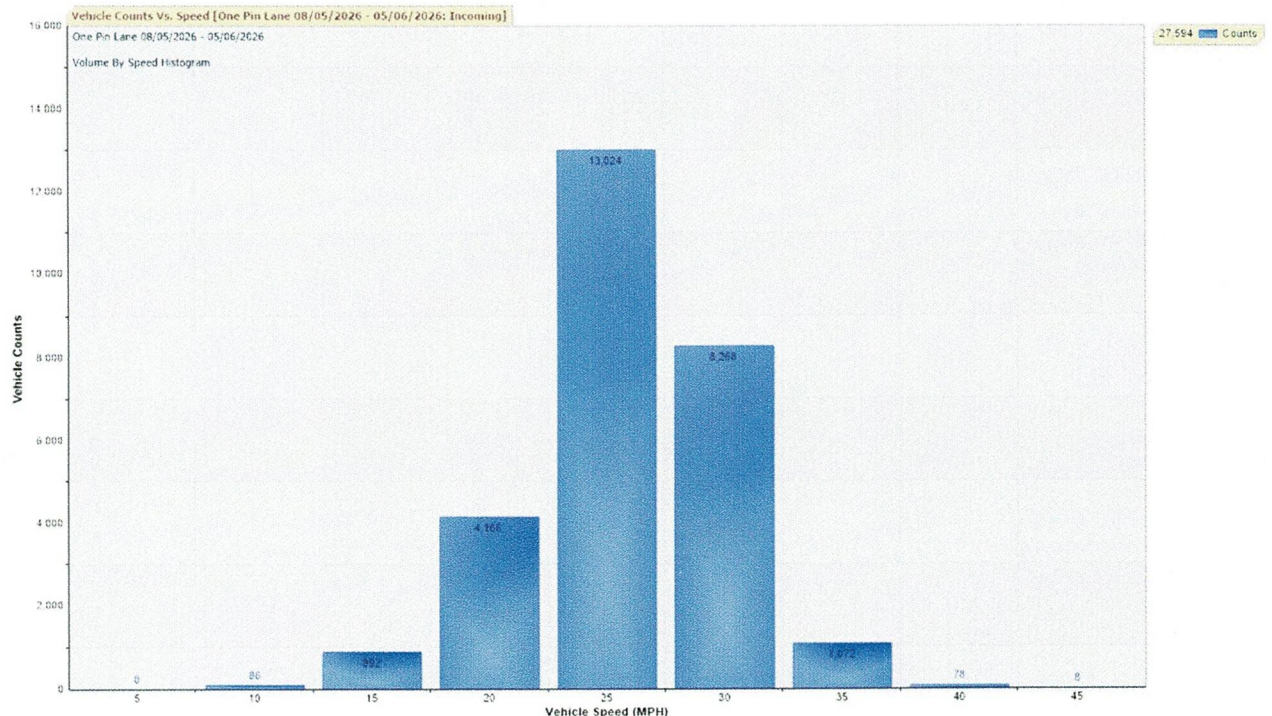
Location	Speeders	Location	Maximum	Report	No
Beaconsfield Road	5	Beaconsfield Road	54	Offensive Behaviour	11
Beeches Road	3	Beeches Road	37	No MOT	7
Collinswood Road	476	Collinswood Road	56	No Tax	6
Farnham Lane	22	Farnham Lane	40	SORN	1
One Pin Lane	39	One Pin Lane	44		
Parish Lane	1	Parish Lane	52		
Templewood Lane	2	Templewood Lane	52		
Total	548				

Since the last parish council meeting, sessions have been held in Beaconsfield Road, Collinswood Road and One Pin Lane.

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

Both signs continue to move around the approved sites within the parish. The latest data download is below.

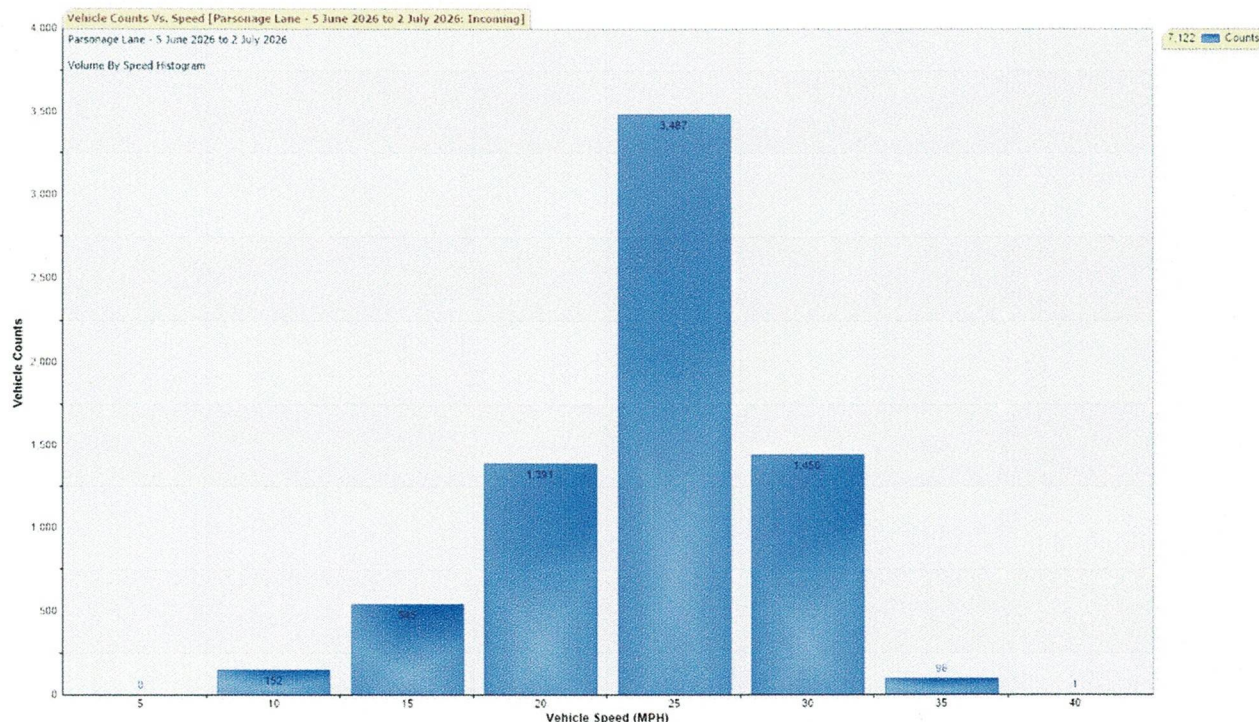
One Pin Lane (30mph) – 7 May 2026 to 5 June 2026



Maximum Speed: 45mph at 10.40pm

Average Speed: 23.31mph

Parsonage Lane (30mph) – 5 June 2026 to 2 July 2026



Maximum Speed: 40mph at 11.35am

Average Speed: 21.59mph

2. St Mary's Churchyard

The Legal Team at Buckinghamshire Council have advised that there is no covenant within the registered title requiring Buckinghamshire Council to maintain or contribute towards the repair of a masonry boundary wall, nor is there any cost-sharing or contribution mechanism recorded.

The Parish Council did not claim that there was a covenant within the registered title it is instead relying on the agreement reached between the Parish Council and South Bucks District Council in c.1988, which agreed a division of the annual costs for maintaining the churchyard 65% South Bucks District Council and 35% Farnham Royal Parish Council. For as long as records are available this division has been applied.

3. Update on 2025/26 projects

• Website Improvements

In line with the Parish Council's decision, the proposal received from Abstract Layers has been accepted and a draft contract has been prepared for consideration at this meeting.

Before starting work on the website, the Parish Council needs to decide whether to adopt a new logo and colour scheme. This will also be considered at this meeting.

• Farnham Royal Playground Licence Renewal

The licence has now completed.

• Dropped Kerb at Spring Lane in Farnham Royal

As previously reported, further clarification as to why this location had been selected was provided to the Project Manager at Buckinghamshire Highways. This has been acknowledged and she is currently liaising with Chris Nash, the Area Inspector, to fully understand the concerns at this location, including the condition of the nearby footway. I am waiting for an update.

• Traffic Calming in Farnham Common and Farnham Royal

Buckinghamshire Highways have confirmed:

- All materials, including the gates and associated signage, have been ordered from suppliers and, subject to lead times, are expected to be delivered in mid to late August;

- The proposed road marking and surfacing works at all three locations will be undertaken under overnight road closures;
- Following discussions with Buckinghamshire Highways' Street Works team, the diversion route required for the works on the A355 Collinswood Road is no longer expected to utilise the M40;
- At this stage, Balfour Beatty Living Places anticipates that works could commence during the final week of August, subject to the current road closure on the B416 Park Road being completed as planned on 23rd August.

4. Feedback from Councillor Meetings

- Buckinghamshire Highways

Tony Birkett, Clive Robinson and I met Chris Nash (Area Inspector)(“CN”) and Andy Smith (Strategic Streetworks Technician) on 19 May 2026. The issues discussed included:

Issue	Comments
The flooding in the dip between the Beaconsfield Services and Farnham Common, which causes traffic to back up into the village.	Mtg notes that not many (if any) issues over the winter so may have been resolved.
Dropped kerbs and pavement repairs, particularly the one on Beaconsfield Road near Spring Lane.	Clerk is discussing dropped kerb with BH Commissioning. CN will look at the footway repairs as a job was raised. Cllr. Robinson happy to meet CN on site to discuss the footway repairs.
A resident's complaint about the condition of the pavement between Elm Close and Forge Drive following a fall.	Clerk awaiting quote from devolved services contractor for siding out to widen footway in effort to improve access.
Lamppost EF62 covered by tree branches	Cllr. Robinson and Cllr. Birkett agreed to carry out a site visit to review and if necessary, formulate a recommendation for FRPC to consider.
Shrubs outside Robin Parade need cutting as visibility for vehicles and pedestrians is now poor. The grass there needs cutting too.	Clerk to add this to the list of possible jobs for volunteers under the proposed volunteers policy.
A resident has complained that the zebra crossing in Park Road is dangerously positioned due to the parking lay-by which is not deep enough for some of the vehicles that are parked there and restrict the vision of drivers who may also be speeding. They believe that if the lay-by was made deeper for proper parking this would make it much easier for drivers to clearly see the zebra crossing and mean the additional flooding issue wouldn't be such a problem.	FRPC has agreed to fund some traffic calming measures in Park Road. Clerk awaiting formal quote from BH Commissioning.
One Pin Lane - 18 drain covers with tar missing	CN will chase completion.
A resident (former parish councillor) has offered to pay for the removal of the tall trees on the triangle of land behind Kingsway Green and to plant more appropriate trees there	CN recommended that the Clerk puts the proposal/request for a cultivation licence on fixmystreet.com
Some of the lines in Church Road were repainted but not the white ones (Access Protection Markings) paid for by residents in St Mary's Close. Residents are asking when these will be done.	CN to review again.
The small verge just north of the village nameplate for Farnham Common on Collinswood Road needs cutting	This is happening again so CN to chase cutting.
The bollards around Kingsway Green are starting to rot. Are there any restrictions on the replacements as they are so close to the road.	CN reiterated this recommendation.
St Marys Close nameplate for cul de sac on Church Road	CN to review again.
Green Lane junction with Beeches Road no white lines so need repainting	Cllr. Birkett clarified that the missing lines were 'stop at junction' lines. CN to review again.
Stewarts Drive pothole	CN and Cllr. Birkett agreed that the major surface failure had been repaired but there are still some smaller defects to repair.
A resident has raise the condition of the service road for Langtons Meadow on the corner of Victoria Road	CN advised that this 'service road' is not BH maintained land.
Overgrown vegetation along Blackpond Lane	CN will review and advise.
Bus shelter near Barn Close has been removed.	CN advised this was not within his remit. It is dealt with by the Public Transport Team at Buckinghamshire Council.
Missing bollard by Robin Parade	CN advised he was aware.

Yellow bollard in the centre of the A355 near junction with Ingleglen keeps getting hit and moved.	CN advised this is a temporary bollard while they wait for a permanent solution.
Damage caused by buses at the junction of One Pin Lane and A355.	Clerk advised to report on fixmystreet.com
Failed road surface in Holly Close	Cllr. Robinson advised that when the latest repairs were done the surface was wet so the repairs have failed. There should be quality control.
Cllr. Robinson's road sign and nameplates report	CN advised that he had reviewed the report sent to him by the Clerk and whilst these signs are structurally sound no action will be taken. Clerk to send report to BH Commissioning (once updated by Cllr. Robinson) to request a quote for carrying out the repairs.
Verge outside 12 & 22 Crispin Way damaged during ongoing building work.	Cllr. Robinson monitoring to ensure builder repairs verge once finished.

- South Bucks Wombles

Tony Birkett and I met with Moona Banerji, one of the founders of the South Bucks Wombles. We discussed the activities of the group and areas where the Parish Council and the Wombles could work together such as The Great British Spring Clean and other community litter picking events.

- Burnham, Farnhams and Taplow Neighbourhood Policing Team

Tony Birkett and I met with PCSO Angela O'Connell on 15 June 2026 to discuss issues within the parish. The topics discussed were:

1. A recent report of illegal cigarettes being sold in the parish
2. The football screenings at the Stag and Hound public house.
3. HMO properties at Verdon Court and in Crown Lane.
4. The reports of vehicles speeding around Farnham Royal and up Beaconsfield Road at night.
5. A report of nuisance smoke coming from the commercial premises into flats along The Broadway.

The next meeting is schedule for 24 August 2026.

- South East Bucks Community Board

Tony Birkett and I met Ani Sultan the manager of the Community Board to discuss ways in which the Board and Parish Council could work together focusing on community cohesion. There was a discussion about possibly holding a Christmas light switching on event.

- Meet Your Local Councillor

Tony Birkett and Njore J. Kimani represented the Parish Council in Farnham Common Library on 11 July 2026 for the latest surgery. One resident raised an issue regarding the Beaconsfield Road.

- Burnham Beeches Consultation Group

Stuart Dennis attended the Burnham Beeches Consultation Group meeting on 16 July 2026 and has circulated a reported to all parish councillors separately.

5. **Farnhams & Stoke Poges Ward Settlement Spatial Plan and the Response to the Draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire**

As previously reported, a Settlement Spatial Plan is a strategic document guiding how towns or villages grow, providing a blueprint for sustainable development, housing, and infrastructure over time. Working with Fulmer Parish Council, Stoke Poges Parish Council, Wexham Parish Council and O'Neill Homer, this document which looks at settlement boundaries, spatial strategy, settlement hierarchy and infrastructure planning and can help to shape decisions on where to build, protects key environmental features, and serves as a tool for local councils to influence planning has been completed.

Tony Birkett, Clive Robinson and I have one further meeting to arrange with Leani Haim of O'Neill Homer to discuss the matters effecting the Farnhams and a decision is being sort at this meeting to settle the cost of an in person meeting rather than an online meeting.

6. **Draft Parish Survey Questions**

The working group of Katherine Damsell, Stuart Dennis, Njore J. Kimani and Clive Robinson is working to finalise the questions. It was hoped that these would be presented at this meeting but it is anticipated they will now be available for the September 2026 meeting.

7. Parish Picnic

Please find below an extract from the Parish Patch summarising the Community Picnic on 17 May 2026.



Sun, Smiles, and Community Spirit: A successful Community Picnic!

What a spectacular afternoon! In May, over 1,000 residents gathered at Farnham Common Sports Club for our highly anticipated community picnic. The British weather truly smiled on us this year, with a break from the rain to provide a beautiful day that was warm and pleasant—ideal conditions for an outdoor celebration.

The afternoon was a vibrant showcase of our diverse community spirit, beautifully blending British and South Asian culture, entertainment, and food. The crowds were kept thoroughly entertained with a fantastic lineup of live music. The vintage harmonies of The Polka Dots brought a touch of classic nostalgia, while the high-energy, thumping rhythms of the Dhol Collective got everyone moving, and a brilliant vocal set by Michelle B kept the festive atmosphere buzzing all afternoon.



Families made the most of the fantastic activities on offer. Children and the young at heart flocked to the bouncy castles, giant games and face painting, while others browsed the brilliant selection of local community stalls. A major highlight of this year's event was the spectacular car and motorcycle show. The impressive lineup of vehicles was generously provided by local

residents, sparking plenty of nostalgic conversations and admiration from fellow petrolheads.

Of course, no picnic is complete without incredible food and drink. Attendees were spoiled for choice with a delicious spread that catered to every taste. Alongside the classic, sizzling BBQ and bustling bar, queues formed for authentic woodfired pizza and a superb selection of South Asian food. To top it all off, a quintessential ice cream van provided the perfect sweet treat to round out the day.





Events like this don't just happen; they are a testament to the hard work and generosity that define our villages. A massive thank you to everyone who came out to make it such a memorable day.

THANK YOU!

8. Christmas lights 2026

Following feedback from residents and parish councillors, quotes were obtained from the contractor for the purchase of more lights for the oak tree on Kingsway Green and refurbishing the lights on the tree at the Pump.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Kingsway Green	20 x snowfall tubes 15 x stars	£1,693
The Pump	Remove all equipment from tree and return to the workshop for testing/repair. Once repaired and tested, all equipment to be refitted and commissioned. NB: Once equipment is tested, a report will be provided listing necessary repairs/replacements with associated costs.	£1,600