



InTouch

FAREHAM NORTH – Autumn 2017

Funtley village development proposals are condemned

NORTH WARD councillors have condemned the proposed release of land at Funtley for building under the new Fareham Plan.

Councillors Pam Bryant and Louise Clubley told the October Executive meeting said they were upset that the area was being earmarked as it was so close to the Welborne boundary.

Councillor Clubley said: "I am extremely disappointed we should even be considering this part of the Borough.

"This is the last piece of countryside enjoyed by the local community, with Funtley Meadows now welcoming wildlife and a natural environment.

"The smaller site requesting outline permission for 27 dwellings was due to be refused for several reasons just 5 months ago, but was withdrawn

just hours before the meeting.

"Surely all policies which were contrary to any development have not changed. We should be protecting these areas of countryside for the benefit of future generations as well as the local residents now."

Councillor Bryant said: "I have on several previous occasions expressed great concern regarding any future development in this area. In 1993, a similar application was refused by FBC and dismissed at appeal by the inspector saying 'I take the view the vicinity is essentially rural in character'.

"Funtley village has had a tremendous amount of building over the past 25 years. Access to any proposed development in this part of the village would be from a narrow country lane.

"Access for traffic will be through the already busy village with the extremely narrow bridge over the railway unable to cope.

"The bridge, which I believe belongs to Network Rail, is a single carriage-way with traffic lights. In my opinion far from ideal to take further traffic and would pose a real safety issue."

She asked the Executive and officers to consider areas more accessible before making a decision as many other parcels of land received in the 'Call for Sites' were far more suitable."

She added: "If the development goes ahead, we will demand the applicants hand over a huge amount of extra open space to be protected for use by the community above and beyond what would be required."

Fareham same-day appointments service off to a smooth start

A NEW SERVICE for Fareham people to make urgent same-day GP appointments welcomed its first patients in September as it got off to a smooth start.

However, only 40% of surgeries have so far agreed to participate and patients who use the others are encouraged to get their GPs to 'sign up'.

Fareham Primary Care Service (FPCS), based at a hub at Fareham Community Hospital, Park Gate, dealt with 60 patient calls in its first three hours.

Four of the ten GP practices in Fareham are working together to develop a new way of offering urgent appointments to patients who want to see a health professional on the day they make contact.

Participating practices are Highlands Practice, Jubilee Surgery and Whiteley Surgery. Stubbington Medical Practice will join the scheme, from January 2, 2018. Other practices may follow if the initiative proves successful.

Routine appointments at GP practices are not affected, and continue as before.



Dr Tom Bertram, clinical lead for the project which has been funded by the Better Local Care initiative, said: "It's all gone very smoothly. I'd also like to thank everyone at the Community Hospital for getting the room, IT, and everything else in place. They have done a fantastic job."

Amanda Gray, practice manager at Highlands Surgery who is on the project team, said: We have been delighted by the response to this new

service so far."

Patients wanting urgent same-day appointments phone their GP practice as normal and, if they agree to their details being shared with the service, they will then be called back in order of clinical priority with a nurse/GP having a detailed conversation with them - which may result in the patient being given advice over the phone or offered an appointment, either at the hospital or the surgery.

PHOTO: Dr Tom Bertram, from Jubilee Surgery, and Amanda Gray (left), the practice manager at Highlands Surgery, discuss the new service with Dr Derrin Wilkins.



NEWS ROUND

Raising the roof

Ist Fareham Scouts have raised enough money, and with a Council community grant, will be able to replace the roof of their premises in Crescent Road. Funds were raised by a variety of events including Christmas gift wrapping sessions in the shopping centre, evening events and bag filling at Tesco. Our next edition will give details of the works and new replacement roofing.

Councillors' surgeries

If you wish to speak with Fareham North borough and county councillors, they are available on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the café area of the Leisure Centre 10.00am to 11.30am.

Funtley recreation ground

Following the consultation on residents' wishes for new equipment at Funtley Recreation Ground, officers in the Leisure Department are working on plans to include new children's equipment and some adult outdoor gym exercise items. It is hoped the refurbishment will take place early next year.

Spate of car break-ins

There have been several reports of car break-ins across the Miller Drive estate. There are similar reports in other parts of the town. As darker evenings approach, police advise residents to make sure all vehicles are safely locked and valuables removed. Should anyone break into a vehicle, please tell the police, who will give an incident number for any insurance purposes.

Welborne to get health hub

WELBORNE will have a health and wellbeing hub within the development. The proposal was agreed between Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Leader and Chief Executive Officer of Fareham Borough Council.



The chairman of the CCG assured the meeting they were committed to ensuring local people had a range of high quality, local health services to meet their needs. New technology, an ageing population and a shortage of GPs means that the CCG have to change to ways that care is provided in the future to ensure that delivery is possible.

Funtley's past comes to light

LOCAL history came to light at Funtley Social Club when the Village Society staged a photograph exhibition.



The FVS displayed a great assortment of photographs depicting a variety of activities in the village going back over the past century. Many of the photographs had been loaned by villagers, but members had spent many hours in preparation. Councillors Pam Bryant and Louise Clubley, pictured viewing the exhibits, are hoping this may become an annual event with local history being catalogued for future generations. FVS is now busy planning to revive the village fete at the recreation ground on June 22, 2018.

Inconsiderate parking like this could land you with a penalty



THE PARKING Enforcement Service covers the management of on and off-street car parking across the Borough.

The service aims to discourage indiscriminate parking that causes obstruction to other motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and people with disabilities. Enforcement officers try to resolve complaints received by ward councillors and residents, as thoughtless parking affects many residential areas. Please try to be considerate when parking, and always observe the Highway Code.



INCLEMENT summer weather failed to deter Fareham competitors in the annual 'In Bloom' competition from reaping a harvest of awards.

Gardeners beat bad weather to reap a golden harvest

Once again – for the 14th year running - the Borough won gold in the SE Region small cities category, as did all our parks. Fareham North residents' entries won several major categories with some fine garden displays. Councillor Pam Bryant said: "We are once again delighted to congratulate the residents of Burnham Wood on receiving 'outstanding' in Britain in Bloom' with their community entry. "They also won gold in Fareham in Bloom. Jan Purnell, who organises the entry each year, has proved all the hard work brings the neighbourhood together." Jan was delighted to take personal gold awards

of with some stunning displays, particularly for her back garden. Ann Stent, also from Burnham Wood, was another worthy winner. Among the other Fareham North residents Teresa Greenwood received several awards for her beautifully landscaped gardens as did Eve Munro. Robert and Sue Herbert, who have opened their delightful garden for the past two years, won the 'large back garden' award for the third consecutive year. Their efforts were also rewarded with the Borough's Life Time Achievement Award. **PHOTO:** Fareham Mayor Geoff Fazackarley with the Burnham Wood winners.

Fencing for added security

FOR THE past few months Councillor Louise Clubley has been working with Council officers to secure the boundary fences at Leigh Road. She is delighted that concrete posts have now been installed at strategic points around Park Lane recreation ground to act as barriers, stopping easy access from unwanted visitors. She was concerned that access could be used from Leigh Road. However, as part of the safety works, council officers fitted the posts with additional wire fencing on the boundary making the whole area look so much more secure. **PHOTOS:** Before and after the new fencing was erected.



'Waste less' cash grant

FAREHAM has received £30,000 funding from Sainsbury's as part of the supermarket's 'Waste Less, Save More' campaign. The project works with local communities, led by a group or the council. Councillor Pam Bryant says Fareham was chosen to be one of 160 communities across Britain and successfully bid for a share of the £1m. Competitions for local schools to design a bag for restaurants to encourage diners to take home any food they cannot finish.

£19.6m M27 improvements COUNTY Councillor Peter Latham receives numerous calls regarding traffic jams getting into and out of Whiteley.

So he is delighted to report that HCC has just approved a £19.6 million road improvement scheme for the M27 Junction 9 and at Parkway South. At peak times queues can tail back several miles along the motorway. At junction 9, there will be an additional lane put in on the approach and on the carriageway widening. These improvements will provide a substantial traffic capacity at both junctions to reduce the queues.

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Extra 3,100 homes plan goes for consultation amid protest storm

AMID A STORM of controversy and protests, the vital new draft Fareham Plan was approved by the Executive for public consultation

It followed heated debates, depositions from residents and objections from councillors whose wards will be affected.

It covers the period 2011 to 2036 to include the Welborne element and extends the rest of the Borough from 2026 to 2036 – an extra 10 years – to have a single terminus date.

And it is essential to prevent scores of developers climbing on the bandwagon in a free-for-all as happened in **Lib Dem** controlled Eastleigh.

Councillor Keith Evans, executive member for planning and development, said housing requirements were co-ordinated by local councils participating in the South Hampshire area using a premeditated formula.

The method covers aspects such as population growth, age, household sizes and economic growth.

Fareham's requirement for the plan period is 8,300 houses and 85,000 sq metres of employment space.

He said: "We are 6 years into this timeline so some of the houses and some employment space has already been delivered or agreed.

"The net balance for which sites need to be identified and agreed are around 3,100 houses and 13,000 sq m of employment space.

"Developers and landowners have submitted over 200 sites to be considered, but if all these were used, we would have an extra 10,000 to 11,000 houses and an extra 65,000 sq metres of employment space. We have prioritised using brownfield sites in the town centre.

Council officers faced the massive task to assess

each site's suitability, sustainability and developability with reference to other bodies such as education and health.

Many sites were rejected with others identified with varying degrees of suitability, leading to development of a planning strategy with a 3-pronged approach:

1 Large (or clustered) sites that would enable delivery of community benefits.

This resulted in proposed sites in Warsash (700 homes), Titchfield (400 homes), town centre (600 homes), North Portchester (350 homes), South Portchester (350 homes) and Stubbington (475 homes)

2 The balance (about 500 houses) from smaller sites

3 Try to spread the burden and impact across the Borough

The plan is a statutory requirement to meet annual housebuilding aims of the political parties.

In fact, **Conservatives** have the smallest target of 200,000 homes, while the **Lib Dems** want to build 300,000.

The consultation period ends on December 8 with all responses being considered in the preparation of the formal plan to be published by next summer.

This will be subject to further consultation before

everything is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to arrange a public examination, probably at the end of 2018.

He added: "Any Borough Plan is contentious and frequently unwelcome to many. It brings changes to locations and areas, some good and welcome, but others, such as increased road traffic, not so welcome.

"I strongly urge all residents to find time to read the plan and respond to the consultations."

The plan with all supporting documents is available on line and paper copies in libraries and the Civic offices.

The table below shows the total number of houses on sites across the Borough on which developers want to build. Most will have to be defended at public inquiries.

Fareham N	304	Portchester E	103
Fareham NW	133	Portchester W	921
Fareham E	785	Sarisbury	1,124
Fareham S	0	Stubbington	2,302
Fareham W	254	Titchfield	1,161
Hill Head	198	Titchfield Common	438
Locks Heath	0	Warsash	2,698
Park Gate	64	TOTAL	10,485

Conservatives stress the importance of affordable homes.

We have over 1,000 Fareham families on the housing waiting list needing Fareham homes.

These could be for rent (council housing @ 60% market rent, housing association @ 80% market rent), shared equity (part rent part buy), starter homes at a 20% discount on market value or even self-build.

*See Fareham Today Special at <https://tinyurl.com/y8f3f54t>

Fareham's schools will benefit from fairer funding formula

FAIRER national funding has been welcomed by Fareham schools.

From April 2018, the new national funding formula will replace the out-of-date system that saw Hamp-

shire's schools get one of the lowest levels in the country.

All secondary schools will receive at least £4,800 per pupil and all primary schools will receive at least £3,500 per pupil in 2019-20, as

well as a minimum cash increase in respect of every school of 0.5% per pupil, rising to 1%, up to 3% gains per pupil in 2018-19 and a further 3% in 2019-20 for under-funded schools.