

CONSERVATIVES keeping our community



InTouch

STUBBINGTON & HILL HEAD – Spring 2018

Just a 1p a day rise as **Tories** set austerity-defying budget

CONSERVATIVES have agreed yet another austerity-defying budget for Fareham.

Despite losing its entire Revenue Support Grant from government, the Borough share of council tax will rise by just 1p a day for the average home.

The Council spends £46m delivering services, but the amount raised in council tax accounts for only 14% of that sum, so we have to raise the rest by investing YOUR money wisely.

For example, over £26m has been invested in the last 3 years in commercial property, mainly in Fareham Borough, producing an income of nearly £2m a year.

Without this income your council tax would have to be increased by nearly 30%.

The resulting budget sees the Council's services remain intact and a district council tax which remains almost the lowest in the country.

Car parking charges are frozen for the 7th year and continue to apply only in the town centre, and free in the evenings and Sundays in the long-stay car parks.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "Times are incredibly hard in the public sector, but we have been able to preserve all the services which our residents value



Official opening of Daedalus runway. Fareham Council is investing £15m to extend the successful Innovation Centre, providing 11 new hangars at Solent Enterprise Zone to help create thousands of new jobs.

while respecting that many, particularly those on fixed incomes, would find even modest increases in our charges difficult to bear."

County Council gives go-ahead for Stubbington by-pass

A CONTRACTOR to build the long-awaited Stubbington by-pass will be appointed soon.

The County Council gave the go-ahead for the scheme which will reduce congestion and journey times and improve air quality.

County Councillor Pal Hayre said: "It will be important to implement traffic management measures in Stub-

bington to ensure that through traffic diverts to the by-pass."

Businesses and residents will be consulted over ways to improve and reduce traffic flow through the village.

Detailed investigation work along the route by the contractor should take place during the spring and summer to allow the final scheme to be designed.

County Council transport chief Coun-

cillor Rob Humby said: "Improving the transport network will undoubtedly encourage new investment and development into the area and provide new jobs for local people.

"The scheme will also contribute to addressing air quality problems at Fareham which has been identified as a priority in the Government's national air quality plan."



Anger over 160 homes plan threat to wildlife sanctuary

TITCHFIELD HAVEN is under threat from a developer who has submitted a planning application for 160 homes at Old Street, adjoining the wildlife sanctuary.

The plan has angered local people because the area is part of the Meon Strategic Gap.

If granted, they fear land on the east side of the reserve could be threatened and ir-

reversible damage caused.

The Borough Council has received 700 comments and the local **Conservative** team has been working hard to deliver leaflets to households.

Action co-ordinator Steve Dugan and County Councillor Pal Hayre (pictured) have been in Stubbington centre on Saturday mornings explaining the issues.

Almost England's lowest district council tax – thanks to CONSERVATIVES



NEWS ROUND

Takeaway for charity

Please support the Mayor's two charities – Sam's Haven and the Moving On Project – by buying an Indian takeaway from Ghandi's in Anjou Crescent on the night of April 30.

Every year, owner Abu kindly donates the evening's takings to the Mayor's charities. Order on 01329 842183.

Bin men complimented

Many residents told us they appreciated their bins being emptied during the festive period.

Eight crews employed by FBC empty on average 1,236 bins a day with an average weekly total of 6,211 per crew, totalling over 49,000 collections per week.

Medical loan centre

After years of chasing we are advised that the lease for the Red Cross medical loan store at Fareham Community Hospital is ready for signing which means that, albeit years late, the store should be opened this spring.

Dementia support group

A memory support group for people living with dementia and their carers meets every Monday from 10.30 to 3pm at Fareham Community Hospital.

This is an informal group and people may come every week or just drop in when they want to. Refreshments are provided.

Welborne lined up for a station

WELBORNE is on track for its own railway station, linking the new garden village directly to London Waterloo.

A feasibility study commissioned by Fareham Borough Council and carried out by Network Rail in November sees it as a viable project, costing up to £78m.

It's good news all round as the Council has been awarded £10m by the government to deliver vital road improvements to upgrade the M27 J10 to an all-moves junction.

Four potential sites for the new station were identified, the most favoured option being within Welborne, with direct access into the development allowing flexibility for the local transport strategy.

It would have parking for 200 vehicles, a drop-off space and 250m platform to take a 12-car train.

Council to invest £30m at Daedalus

A HUGE investment for the Daedalus project is listed in Fareham Borough Council's 2017-22 capital programme.

It involves over £30m, from which £6.8m will be spent on extending the successful Innovation Centre.

Another £10m will go on new hangars and almost £1m on the control tower and refuelling system and £8m on roads and utilities.



Work starts on converter station



DETAILED planning permission having been granted, work has now commenced on the first stage of the converter station, ducting for cables and open space, seeking wherever possible to minimise the visual impact of the converter station in line with planning permissions given.

The works will be completed within the site boundary and all materials will be stored on site. A Traffic Management Plan has been approved to minimise disruption on the local roads. Cable ducts will be laid in trenches and the installation of cables will follow in 2019. At the landfall site in the Monks Hill car park work will be completed in one season (2019) and working areas will be safely segregated from the public. Access will be maintained across western end of the car park and to the beach huts. Cables will need to cross Stubbington Lane and only temporary lane closures will be necessary and work will be carried out within one season (2019). National Grid's commitment is to: Fund and deliver over 26 acres of the total new public open space for the community around the converter station site, including a car park off Broom Way. Finance the remainder of the new public open space which Fareham Borough Council will deliver. Provide a financial contribution towards footpaths and cycle-ways that allow linkages with the Alver Valley to support access to this wider open space. Provide a financial contribution to the maintenance of the Daedalus North Community Green Space.



THE £1m Borough Council project to maintain and improve the sea wall at Hill Head was completed in December.

Seashore shingle shifted

But another problem has now arisen further east below Hill Head Road.

Councillor Arthur Mandry said there had been a dramatic fall in beach levels, resulting in the uncovering of old groyne posts and concrete foundations. He said: "Access along the beach at high tide is now almost impossible."

Investigations are continuing with Councillor Mandry liaising with residents and the authorities concerned.

In the earlier works, 4,000 tons of shingle were used to renourish our beach to protect it from wave damage and extensive maintenance was carried out on the groynes.

A rail was also installed along the renewed promenade wall to make it safer. Further work has been carried out on the groynes east of Giblet Ore with local residents working in collaboration with the Council.



Battered by the sea: Concrete foundations (left) exposed and (above) old groynes have reappeared, almost blocking the beach.

Food waste campaign

FOOD makes up a quarter of waste we throw away in Hampshire.

Fareham Council is running the 'Great Food Rescue' in partnership with Sainsbury's, and you can get involved.

Local children are designing a logo to encourage people to take home their leftovers. The winning logo will be printed on bags that will be distributed to local restaurants.

Keep a simple food diary and jot down any food that doesn't get eaten. Return it to us and we will send you a Food Saver pack or download it from the Council website (loveleftovers@fareham.gov.uk) or contact them for a paper copy.

Costs sought for 'great chain-saw massacre'



A PATH was devastated when cowboy contractors hacked down shrubs, bushes and young trees, leaving a trail of debris.

It happened in October on the path leading from Cliff Road to Hill Head Sailing Club car park.

Hill Head Councillor Kay Mandry asked Borough Council officers to take action against the unauthorised contractors.

She said the contractor had offered a payment towards the Council's costs to make good the hedge.



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InTouch with Westminster

Caroline

DINENAGE MP for Gosport



Spring 2018

THE YEAR started a number of exciting announcements from Parliament:

- Improving our marine environment with a ban on microbeads
- Helping save lives with a consultation on opt-out organ donation
- Measures to reduce homelessness; and the strategy for a cleaner, greener Britain by eliminating all avoidable plastic waste.

Locally, the Daedalus Enterprise Zone is flourishing. CEMAST College now provides engineering training, rated by OFSTED as **outstanding** to over 1,200 students a year.

The new CTEC (Digger School) has also had a remarkable first year.

Offering innovative, business-led, practical training in groundworks and construction, it's a shining example of how employers and education are working together to deliver the skilled workforce this coun-

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try needs and it's already massively oversubscribed. Daedalus Park Stage 2 will be getting underway later this year to provide more desperately needed business units.

The Innovation Centre at the site is also undergoing a £6.6m extension to provide 33 new offices, 5 new workshops and create 300 new jobs in new and fledgling businesses.

This progress at Daedalus takes cars off of our roads, because people can learn and work locally; it has also helped us successfully to attract government money to improve local infrastructure.

I was delighted to hear that Hampshire County Council has announced that a contractor will be appointed to construct the Stubbington Bypass. Work hoped to commence early 2019.

This new road will not only help ease local congestion, it will enable us to attract even greater investment and opportunity to our area.

Fears over Hill Head and Stubbington sites applications

FAREHAM'S draft Borough Plan has been published for public consultation and 2,500 responses have been received.

The Plan covers the period from 2011 to 2036, in line with the separate plan for Welborne. Future housing needs were calculated by local councils using a formula that takes into account a range of factors including population growth, ages of residents, household sizes and economic growth. Fareham's allocation for the period is 8,300 dwellings. As we are 6 years into the timeline some have already been delivered or agreed. The number for which sites still need to be identified is around 3,100.

Developers and landowners submitted over 200 sites for consideration and the Council has had the massive task of assessing sites as to whether they would be suitable, sustainable and developable. All sites can be viewed in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) on the Council's web site.

Many sites were 'discounted' (rejected) and others identified as 'developable' with varying degrees of suitability leading to a 3-pronged strategic approach: (1) large sites that would enable the delivery of community benefits (2) the balance of about 500 houses on smaller sites (3) the need to spread the burden across the Borough. A major

consideration has been minimising impacts upon residents and the environment, resulting in several preferred sites to be allocated in the draft Plan and these may be viewed on the FBC website at Fareham Local Plan 2036 - Section 12 Development Allocations.

All the responses received to date will be considered in the preparation of the final Plan to be published this summer. This will be put out for further consultation before submission to the Planning Inspectorate to arrange a public examination, probably at the end of 2018.

Sites of concern to Hill Head and Stubbington residents are: Newlands Farm – Planning reference P/15/1279/OA-Up to 1,027 houses

DISCOUNTED (rejected) - NOT included in the draft Borough Plan Subject of a planning application, but currently no decision has been made and it remains under consideration.

Land West of Old Street, Hill Head - Planning reference P/17/1451/OA-Up to 160 houses

DISCOUNTED (rejected) - NOT included in the draft Borough Plan. Subject of a planning application and likely to be determined in March 2018

Your **Conservative** team are working hard to ensure the best possible outcome for residents and the environment and we will continue to keep you well informed.

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