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‘Here’s another fine mess they’ve gotten us into’

IT READS like a Laurel and Hardy farce, but for Fareham planners the mess they have been gotten into by the Government is no laughing matter.

In less than a year, yet more green fields have come under threat as Whitehall demands the Borough Council finds space for up to 2,500 extra homes.

And these come on top of the 2,300 houses we have already been forced to add to the new Draft Plan 2011-2036.

“What an awful Government-inspired mess this has been,” said Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans.

To meet the original target of 2,300, the Council proposed having as much brownfield development as possible, plus large new greenfield sites in Warsash, Portchester, Titchfield Common and South Fareham, which sparked furious protests from residents.

The dust hadn’t settled before Whitehall moved the goal posts again with a new formula to calculate housing need, a stronger obligation to take up unmet housing need from nearby councils and severe penalties for non-planning approval or non-delivery.

The mess became a mire and led to the Council having to sus-

pend the Draft Plan and take it back to the drawing board.

Keith Evans led fierce Council opposition to the changes, but intensive lobbying of Housing Minister Kit Malthouse and senior civil servants by the Council Leader and Fareham and Gosport MPs fell on deaf ears.

He stated: “Government ignored our objections and is proceeding with the new mechanisms – although it conceded on one point and will introduce the measuring against new numbers effectively from 2020 rather than being backdated.

“We are working through the numbers, but it looks certain to be in the range of 1,800 to 2,500 more houses above the original additional 2,300 – an enormous increase and one which will have to be met in the main from further new greenfield sites.”

Fortunately, the suspended Draft Plan remains valid while the Council confirms the extra numbers and evaluates all the remaining green space in Fareham.

Residents are being consulted on site options which will be merged into the current Draft Plan before a new plan is issued for public comment in the autumn/winter 2019.

Keith Evans added: “Fortunately, we have a good knowledgeable team of planning officers who are helping to minimise delays and the additional costs.”

Celebrating 20 years of outstanding Conservative administration

FAREHAM Council is the envy of every local authority in Hampshire and way beyond.

Conservatives have brought consistency, stability and prosperity since taking over running the Borough 20 years ago from the failed Lib Dem/Labour pact that left the Council facing bankruptcy.

The anniversary on May 4 was celebrated with a party at Portchester Parish Hall, attended by nearly 100 councillors, one former and two sitting MPs, party workers and supporters.

It also marked the date that Seán Woodward was elected as its dynamic Council Leader.

He said Fareham had steadfastly voted **Conservative** because the Council was seen to be delivering for local people.

“We have consistently set the lowest taxes and best services of



most district councils, high quality parks, leisure facilities, a good refuse collection service and, as far as we can, clean streets.

“We support local commerce and industry with fantastic business facilities, including our industrial estates and business parks at Solent Airport@Daedalus.

“We invest in commercial property to raise millions of pounds to deliver excellent services and work with others to bring huge road infrastructure investment in our Borough.

“We treat taxpayers’ money as it should be treated – to be spent only as necessary and always prudently.

“It takes a great deal of planning and delivery. We have an excellent team of officers who deliver for our residents day after day. I am so grateful to them for their work.”

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NEWS ROUND



Leisure Centre 'outstanding'
Fareham Leisure Centre, which is managed by Everyone Active on behalf of FBC, has been recognised for its outstanding services following a thorough assessment by Sport England's leading national quality scheme, Quest. It is the first leisure centre nationally to gain four consecutive outstanding judgements.

Weed spraying under way
The County Council was scheduled to start weed spraying in Fareham from the beginning of May. Contractors will work west to east through the Borough to complete the job by the end of the month. This is much earlier than the last few years and should be more effective.

Help for homeless
The Government has announced a Flexible Homelessness Support Grant, and local charity Two Saints will benefit by £40,000, allowing them to extend outreach worker hours and enable more homeless people to get help.

New dog fouling law
A clamp-down on dirty dog owners came into force on April 1.

The Council's new Public Spaces Protection Order aims to encourage dog owners to be more responsible. It allows the Council to continue to tackle dog fouling and request dogs be put on leads if causing a public nuisance. They must be on leads in sensitive places such as cemeteries and are excluded from certain places such as play areas.

The PSPO also limits the number of dogs a person can walk at any one time to four.

Jobs forecast
A famous British aero company is investing heavily in Fareham. Percival Aviation's new site in Cartwright Drive, Segensworth will create jobs and strengthen the Fareham economy.

The company, established in the region for over 40 years, expects to create around 30 new jobs over the next 5 years.

Brickworks wins transport award

BURSLEDON Brickworks has won the first Institute of Transport Administration award.

It was presented by IOTA national chairman John Egan, who is pictured with Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Sarisbury Councillor Seán Woodward.

It recognises work done at the brickworks by Hampshire Narrow Gauge Railway Trust, South Hampshire Historic Steam & Engineering Society and Southampton and District Transport Heritage Trust. It is the only steam-driven brickworks in the UK and holds regular open days. More information at www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk.



'Big Belly' digests tons of waste

TWO NEW smart bins have been installed in the Borough as part of a trial to help reduce the amount of litter.

The bins, nicknamed the 'Big Belly', replaced another brand of solar bins at Holly Hill play area and Passage Lane car park in Warsash. Solar compaction technology boosts capacity to 808 litres and compacts the litter several times a day, so more can be disposed of and fewer collections are needed.

'Big Belly' is currently used by more than 80 councils and is operated by a handle or by using a foot pedal. A sensor emails the council office when it's full, so the bin can be emptied.

The trial lasts until August 2019 and results will be monitored.

PHOTO: Susan Bayford and granddaughter Annabelle use the bin on one of their visits to Holly Hill play area.



'Let's brighten up the Borough' appeal at Fareham in Bloom launch



HELP FILL Fareham with flowers.

That's the appeal from organisers of the annual Fareham in Bloom competition.

The event was showcased at Fareham, Shopping Centre in April when hundreds of people attended and children enjoyed several attractions, including making cane bird feeders.

Packets of seeds were given away by long-term sponsor St Margaret's Nursery to encourage people to add colour to their gardens.

This year, 11 gardens across the Borough will be open to view on Sunday July 21.

Entry is free and open to anyone who lives or has a business within the Borough.

PHOTO: Fareham in Bloom volunteers, Horticultural Development Officer Matt Wakefield, Pat Sutton from St Margaret's Nursery, Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford and Consort Brian Bayford.

Locks Heath youth centre award
A thriving Locks Heath youth club has won a top award for its work in the community.

Y-Services for Young People received a High Sheriff of Hampshire Award at a ceremony in the Great Hall in Winchester on March 20.

It went to Genesis Youth Centre in Locks Heath, which is managed by Y-Services.

The awards are presented to organisations and individuals who have made a great difference in their communities.

Genesis recently received £2,644 from Fareham Council's Youth Activities Fund.

This money will help to ensure that this excellent facility can continue to support a range of activities and clubs.

Fareham Mayor Susan Bayford, who attended the presentations, said: "Congratulations to everyone involved with this special charity – a very well deserved award."

PHOTO: Councillor Connie Hockley, Maria Calway-Kennedy, Dr Clifford Williams, Alderman Brian Bayford, the Mayor, chairman of trustees Andy Kennedy and Kyle Dear.



Sea Scouts get new safety boat

DELIGHTED members and leaders of Warsash Sea Scouts pose with their splendid new safety boat.

They use it to patrol when the scouts are on the water and to tow their small dinghy to the safe children's sailing areas.

It involved a lot of hard work with fund raising events, other cash coming from parents, membership fees and grants.

These were topped off by County Councillor Keith Evans who gave the group a £2,500 grant from his devolved county budget. Other grants went to:

- Warsash Over 60s – £400 to help with transport
- Locks Heath FC – £1,000 for kit and equipment
- St Anthony's School – £420 for a dipping pond

- Fareham Fairtrade Group – £100 to promote understanding and awareness
- Locks Heath CC – £500 to offer cricket and activities to young people
- Y-Services – £520 for youth centre dishwasher

Keith, pictured second right, said: "So, a wide range of sums, each vital for the projects requested. I am pleased this facility will continue at least for 2019-20, re-starting from the end of May.

The process is carried out on-line on the County Council website. He added: "I particularly look for organisations from my area Warsash, Locks Heath and part of Titchfield Common and for projects, not to assist with running costs."

Susan meets new manager Lucy



COUNCILLOR Susan Bayford was delighted to meet Lucy Perry to find out how she was settling into her new role as manager of Abbeyfield Court.

The residence in Locks Road provides independent living for older residents.

Lucy, who took over the role from recently retired long-term manager Neil Thompson, said she was enjoying getting to know the residents, staff and volunteers.

PHOTO: Susan, Lucy and resident Brian Hoskins.

Volunteers clear up after the litter louts

'PLEASE take your rubbish home or find a bin for it'.

It's an on-going appeal to litter louts who dispose tons of it in hedges, verges and streets.

And it costs Fareham council taxpayers nearly £1m a year to keep the Borough tidy.

Helping to set an example, a team of volunteers in Locks Heath regularly patrol some of the worst areas in their ward.

Here they are pictured on a windy April

day collecting rubbish thrown over park fences and in to woods near the Lockwood Centre.

PHOTO (l to r): Andy Fry, Councillors Keith Evans and Susan Bayford, Nigel Watts and David Basson.



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Prepare for a ‘No Deal’ and just get us out

Like many residents in Fareham, I am disappointed and frustrated that the Government did not deliver Brexit on March 29 as promised.

As a Brexiteer, in Parliament I have consistently voted against extending Article 50, against holding European Elections and against a 2nd Referendum.

Instead, I voted in favour of No Deal so that we could just get out.

Sadly I was in a minority in Parliament. The solution is clear: the Government and Prime Minister need to prepare for ‘No Deal’ and take the UK out of the EU.

The relevant plans are in place and by providing certainty to the country and businesses, we will be able to move on from this damaging impasse.

I will keep working for this in Parliament and will do all I can to ensure that we deliver Brexit, ie leaving the Customs Union, the single market and taking back control over our borders and laws.

Suella

BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham

Campaigning for better social care

Many residents are worried about social care for their elderly and vulnerable relatives.

The Government is committed to improving social care. £1.8 billion is allocated for 2019-20 through the improved Better Care Fund, ie a 23% increase on last year.

For Hampshire, an extra £4.7m has been allocated for winter pressures, and in Fareham, I have visited excellent residential care homes like Gracewell, Hamble Heights and Abbeyfield where residents are brilliantly cared for.

Despite the good work, there are many people who find the Continuing Health Care system slow,



bureaucratic and unfair.

John White, from Fareham, (pictured) came to see me about caring for his sister-in-law who was suffering with Alzheimer’s

disease.

Funding applications were rejected by West Hampshire CCG and the appeals process was delayed so that funding was only granted after 6 years – too late for his sister-in-law who had sadly passed away.

I am working with local residents, Ministers and Hampshire CC to improve the system. I also spoke about the issue in Parliamentary debate on April 24, which you can read here:

www.theyworkforyou.co.uk

If you would like support on this matter, please get in touch with me.

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We mustn’t allow these brave men’s names to fade away



THEIR sacrifice in two World Wars will live for ever, but the names of those who gave their lives are fading away on Sarisbury’s war memorial.

Some on the 1914-18 side of the memorial are barely recognisable, but help is at hand in the first stage of restoration.

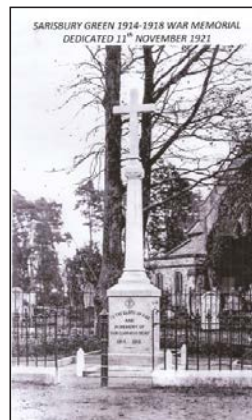
When the matter was drawn to Fareham cemeteries officer Christine Callaby’s attention, she managed

to record all the names by searching the Imperial War Museum’s web site.

She said: “I was able to reconcile all the names on this war memorial and establish the missing ones by process of elimination and remains of the eroded inscriptions.”

She also discovered the picture of the memorial taken on November 11, 1921 when it was dedicated.

She added: “The next stage is to investigate if we can find a specialised contractor to restore the names. “I will do my best to do so as soon as I can.”



Susan’s ‘wonderful mayoral year’ raises £30,000 for charities

WHAT a fantastic mayoral year Locks Heath Councillor Susan Bayford has enjoyed.

And the icing on the cake must be that she and her committee raised around £30,000 for her 3 charities.

Some of the money has already been presented to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, Abby’s Heroes and Acts of Kindness (Solent), representatives of which are pictured with the Mayor.

With husband and Consort, Alderman Brian Bayford, she relinquished her duties at mayormaking in Ferneham Hall on May 9.

Susan said: “We had a wonderful year meeting some amazing people across the Borough and attended at least 400 engagements.

“There were many highlights, which included meeting hundreds of people doing special things to help others in our local communities.”

