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Cllr Seán Woodward with Alan Shearer



Cllr Joanne Bull tries out the climbing wall



Olympic bronze medallist Declan Brooks with Mayor Cllr Pamela Bryant, Mayoress Cllr Louise Clubleby, Cllr Sue Walker and Cllr Seán Woodward

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£20M LEISURE AND CULTURE BONANZA

A £20m leisure and culture bonanza is coming to Fareham with upgraded leisure centres and the relaunch of plans for the town centre’s new arts and entertainment venue, Fareham Live. A £6.33m project to refurbish Fareham Leisure Centre was officially re-opened by Portchester’s Olympic bronze medallist Declan Brooks. The refurbishment includes a high intensity interval training Fortis Studio and Fortis ambassador and former premier league footballer Alan Shearer visited to officially open that part. The centre now features state-of-the-art facilities including a ‘Top Rock’ climbing wall, soft play area and indoor splash pad suitable for those with accessible needs. Everyone Active, which manages the Centre in partnership with Fareham Borough Council, unveiled the new-look centre with Declan and Mayor of Fareham Cllr Pamela Bryant. Executive Member for Leisure and Community, Cllr Sue Walker, said: “It is really exciting to be able to provide new, improved facilities at a time when leisure has become so important to us all, in the wake of the pandemic and performance of Team GB at the Tokyo Olympics.” Work is also complete on improvements to Holly Hill Leisure Centre to add a steam room and sauna, while the £13.3m plans to replace Ferneham Hall with a new arts and entertainment facility to be called Fareham Live have also gone out to tender. BH Live has been appointed to run the venue on the Council’s behalf.

Local Plan submitted to Government

Fareham Borough Council has submitted its proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State after five years and two borough-wide consultations. It will now be examined by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government to determine if its proposals are sound.

The Publication Plan is a hugely significant step for the Borough, meeting the demanding challenges of the Government's commitment to building 300,000 new homes in the UK every year.

The local plan is robust in determining where new homes can be built and how many new houses are required to meet the Government targets and the needs of the Borough.

It also outlines the requirements for industrial and commercial land for job creation as well as reinforcing our commitment to biodiversity and sustainable development.

Simon Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development, said: "I am delighted that as a result of the last five years of hard work, we have now been able to submit our publication plan for inspection and look forward to a planning inquiry which will be expected in Spring 2022. Should the Inspector find the publication plan to be sound, this will allow the Council to consider the adoption of the plan and for it be used in determining planning applications up until 2037."

Raley Road residents anxious about infrastructure and loss of wildlife



Cllr Susan Bayford with some of the Raley Road residents

A number of residents contacted Councillor Susan Bayford recently over their serious concerns about an outline planning application for up to 20 residential dwellings on land to the east of Raley Road.

This has been an allocated site for many years. The photo is of Susan meeting a group of concerned residents in the park adjacent to the site when they expressed their frustrations about the future of the wildlife, local infrastructure issues and the proposed demolition of a house on Warsash Road to facilitate access.

This application will come before the Planning Committee in due course.

News in Brief

Clip-and-Collect green waste

In September the Council started the early bird "Clip-and-collect" scheme to allow residents to pre-purchase a brown-top bin and pay for the first year's subscription to the green garden waste collection.

This modernisation of the Council's garden waste collection is long overdue and allows for more green waste to be recycled in compliance with health and safety legislation.

Those households who have chosen not to take up the paid service are able to continue to use their green or white bags but will need to take them to the household waste recycling centre at Segensworth.

Alternatively residents can carry out their own home composting and assistance and advice is available from Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

We hope many more residents sign up to the scheme and recycle their green waste which goes to create Pro-Grow.



Councillor Susan Bayford with Y Services Development Officer Lorna Danter on her recent visit to the Genesis Centre in Locks Heath. More details on the visit on the back page.

Locks Heath is safest in Conservative hands

Locks Heath Centre plans update

New River, the owners of the Locks Heath Shopping Village, carried out a consultation on their proposals for improvements at the Centre and many members of the public took the opportunity to make comments.

Mr John Gorrod and Councillor Susan Bayford both made deputations on the application with particular emphasis on car parking spaces and road safety.



John Gorrod and Cllr Susan Bayford at Locks Heath Centre

The committee members debated this matter at length and decided to defer the application until further discussions could take place with the applicant.

Councillor Bayford, who with her late colleague, Keith Evans, campaigned for a zebra crossing, understands that having considered her requests New River Retail has been able to design this crossing so that it meets safety standards. The company's additional commitment is to fund the implementation of the crossing. Susan is delighted that NRR has taken this decision.

News in Brief

Keith Evans award

The late Locks Heath Ward Councillor Keith Evans was granted the status of Honorary Alderman in a ceremony at Fareham Borough Council on 21st October. The Mayor presented Keith's widow, Eve, with a scroll commemorating his commitment to the Borough of Fareham over 30 years of service to the community.

Locks Heath Speedwatch moves a step closer

Since the Summer Edition of 'InTouch' more local residents have shown interest in setting up a Speed Watch group in Locks Heath. At the time of the previous edition, it was understood that we would need to request a grant for the project. However, we have managed to obtain the equipment we need to start the group.

In September, Malcolm and Susan met with Katie Strange, Citizens in Policing Coordinator. During the meeting we discussed the logistics of setting up the group, the training that would be required and the level of commitment from the volunteers.

It was a positive meeting and since then, Malcolm has written to all the volunteers and provided them with an update. The next stage is to train the first cohort of volunteers and commence the sessions.

If you would like to be part of the new speed watch group please contact either Councillor Susan Bayford or Councillor Malcolm Daniells, as further training sessions can always be provided in the future.



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Suella

BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



I'm delighted to be back at work following maternity leave after the birth of my daughter.

Leading the way

The UK is leading the way in strengthening the western alliance against growing security concerns. AUKUS is a historic security pact between the UK, US and Australia which will see Australia acquire its first fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, the sharing of cyber capabilities and other undersea technologies. In the most significant security arrangement between the three nations since WW2, this represents a major step forward in promoting shared values, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. It is a new pillar of our strategy, demonstrating our commitment to security.

Fareham's Zero carbon electricity ambition

I know many are concerned about gas prices and impact on the environment. Firstly, the energy price cap will remain in place to protect consumers throughout the winter alongside the Winter Home Discount and Winter Fuel Payments.

We are confident in our resilient gas supplies from British waters and a diverse renewables and nuclear sector.

Current price spikes underline the need to get the country onto secure zero carbon power. We are accelerating our ambition to deploy low carbon generation by 2035, including renewables, nuclear and new options such as hydrogen.



Suella and the team from Caldera

I was pleased to visit Caldera in Segensworth where CEO James MacNaghten and his team have developed a zero carbon heat battery. Using the ground-breaking 'Warmstone' heat battery, which holds 100kWh of energy, a whole house can be warmed using cheap, green, off-peak electricity which is released when required. Caldera is rapidly scaling up and installing many heat batteries in homes around the South East.

Genesis Centre re-opens

The Genesis Centre, managed by Y Services for Young People, successfully reopened after lockdown with the first event on 7th September.

Amongst the services at Genesis is Open Access on Tuesdays for 10 to 13 years and Thursday Youth Club, partly funded by Fareham Borough Council and the Big Lottery. On Wednesdays, The Focus Special Needs Youth Club is open for the 11 to 19 age group, partially funded by Hampshire County Council. The Music Studio has acquired Youth Music Funding to enable more music to be enjoyed at the Centre.

Ward Councillors Susan Bayford and Malcolm Daniells really appreciate having such an excellent facility in Locks Heath, which provides vital support for our young people.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour decreasing

During the summer, a serious vandalism incident occurred near the Locks Heath Shopping Village. Glass was shattered all around the area, and many locals were distressed and made to feel anxious by the event.

Councillor Susan Bayford arranged to meet with the Centre Manager and Police to discuss the incident. Both Councillor Malcom Daniells and Susan would like to thank the staff at Fareham Borough Council who took more than four hours

clearing up after the incident to ensure it was safe for the public, their pets and the local wildlife.

We will remain in regular contact with the police to ensure both local councillors are informed about Locks Heath Police matters. At the last update the police informed Susan that anti-social incidents have reduced in the area, and monitoring is ongoing in a number of areas in Locks Heath.



Cllr Malcolm Daniells