



**Caroline**  
**DINENAGE** MP for Gosport



Over recent weeks there has been understandable concern regarding some of the behaviour of staff in Downing Street during the pandemic. Many people have also been frustrated at the way this matter has been allowed to distract focus from the other important local, national and global issues facing us, and indeed the significant government achievements despite the challenging circumstances. The number of people in work and average wages are rising. Our vaccine booster rollout has outstripped the rest of the EU. The economy is back to pre-pandemic levels and growing faster than any other in the G7 for the second year.

As your MP, I have been working closely with Charlotte Fairall, the mother of little Sophie from Stubbington, who lost her life to cancer last year. Charlotte is determined to improve how we detect, treat and care for childhood cancer. I set up a meeting for her with the Health Secretary and raised this important issue in Prime Minister's Questions. I have now applied for a full Parliamentary debate to push for more progress.

**CONTACT CAROLINE**

Gosport Office: 02392 522121  
Website: [www.caroline4gosport.co.uk](http://www.caroline4gosport.co.uk)  
Email: [Caroline.dinenage.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Caroline.dinenage.mp@parliament.uk)  
Twitter@cj\_dinenage  
Facebook.com/caroline4gosport

**COME AND JOIN US**

If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering In Touch in your street, then why not join Stubbington & Hill Head Branch of Gosport Conservative Association?  
Contact details at the bottom of the page.

**Introducing Jacquie Needham, our In Touch Team Leader**



Jacquie has lived in Stubbington for many years and played an active part in the community spending some time as a Guide Leader.

We are very pleased that she has decided to join our team and share with us her considerable local knowledge.

You can come and talk with Jacquie and the rest of the team, outside of Forget Me Not on a Saturday morning, once a month, where we are available to answer questions, provide information and deal with any issues you may have.

**CROFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Nicky Raynor, who has been the Community Centre Manager for over 20 years, retired at the end of January and we wish her a long and happy retirement. The new manager is Nick Scott and we welcome him into his new role. Please go along and see what the centre has to offer and say hello to Nick.

Website: [www.gosportconservatives.org](http://www.gosportconservatives.org) Email: [office@goscons.plus.com](mailto:office@goscons.plus.com) Tel 02392 522121

Published by Gosport Conservatives, 167 Stoke Road, Gosport PO12 1SE.  
Printed by Stanbury Chameleon, D23 Heritage, Business Park, Heritage Way, Gosport, PO12 4B

CONSERVATIVES – Over two decades of outstanding civic service



**InTouch**

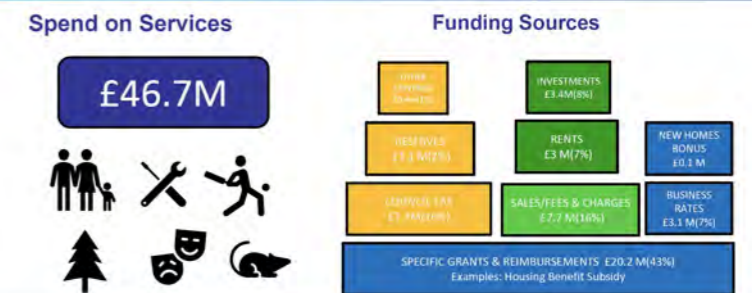
**Tough but fair budget for Fareham**

Like 2020, last year was a tough year for the Council's finances and of course for very many of our residents with similar problems in balancing the books. The good news is that we managed to keep all frontline services running throughout the pandemic.

The bottom line is that Fareham Borough Council will be increasing the council tax this year by just 1p per day for the average home, which will receive all of our services for just £3 PER WEEK. Of course the increases from the County Council, Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire & Rescue will also be added which will give a total council tax to the average home of £32 per week (£1,669 per year.)

This year the Chancellor has announced a council tax energy supplement of £150 which will be paid by the Council to all households in April who are in council tax bands A – D (75% of properties) with a discretionary fund given to the Council for helping those in bands E – H who are experiencing financial hardship. The energy supplement will be paid from funds paid to the Council by the government and will not affect bills, everyone will still have a full council tax bill to pay. In addition there is a discount on energy bills of £200 in October which will be reclaimed over the following 5 years via energy bills.

**How the Council's finances work**



**FAREHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

**IN THIS ISSUE**

Budget for Fareham

Hill Head land updates

News Update

Local Health Care Provision

In Touch with Westminster

Introducing Jacquie Needham

New Community Centre Manager

During 2021 we achieved a fantastic refurbishment of Fareham Leisure Centre as well as some improvements to Holly Hill Leisure Centre. We are also working on celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee when we will be opening a special Jubilee park at Daedalus, planting the Queen's Copse at Abbey Meadows in Titchfield and lighting a beacon at Portchester Castle. We hope there will be many Big Jubilee Lunches taking place across the Borough in support of Her Majesty's fantastic achievements over the last 70 years.



Fareham leisure centre

We will be continuing our massive programme of refurbishment of children's playgrounds and community centres to bring them up to the highest, inclusive standards. In addition we hope to see the Fareham Live entertainment complex built on the site of the old Ferneham Hall to open at the end of next year.

We will continue with our council house building programme to provide much needed affordable housing, we expect a commencement on Welborne now that all of the infrastructure funding is in place and the public examination of the new Fareham Local Plan. We are also continuing to invest to create new opportunities for highly skilled, highly paid advanced engineering jobs at Solent Airport @ Daedalus.

## HILL HEAD LAND UPDATES

### Seafield Park MOD land for sale

Residents are concerned about land for sale in Seafield Park known locally as “the cabbage patch”. FBC are aware of the listing as it has been on the Government website for several years despite most of the land being leased to FBC and the remaining land leased to HCC for the Study Centre, the MOD are obliged to show the land holding as “surplus” to their requirement. FBC agreed a twenty five year lease with the MOD starting in 2005 and have eight years left on the agreement.

The Estates Department have been talking to the MOD about a possible purchase of the leased area and will continue to do so. FBC have contractors who remove unwanted scrub and plant wildflowers under the guidance of our countryside officers.



The “Cabbage Patch” outlined in red

### Land at Stubbington Lane

Contractors have started development on this site, the first two weeks were for highway enabling before development could begin, completion of the project is expected in Spring 2023.

Capella Close, (the name of the site) will house eleven Shared Ownership Homes, the contractor has delivered letters to the immediate neighbours to provide them with their contact details, deliveries will be managed to avoid peak times and they will endeavor to keep disturbance to a minimum.

As this is the Councils first Shared Ownership project, it will be an exciting time for them to be able to offer some new affordable home opportunities for residents.

The official Turf Cutting Ceremony will take place on 25th February and will be attended by Councillors and Officers.

Once the building work has started FBC will be releasing details of costs for the purchase of these new shared ownership homes.



The new entrance from Stubbington Lane into the Capella Close development

### NEWS UPDATE

#### **Bargate Homes in Old Street.**

On winning their appeal to build East of Newgate Lane, Bargate Homes were required to provide mitigation land for over wintering birds displaced from that site. The work seen recently in the fields in Old street are to prepare an additional part of those fields to provide those mitigation measures. This is a legal agreement that requires the land to be used for that purpose in perpetuity, or as long as the houses remain on the Newgate Lane site. This has been confirmed by Council Officers.

## Local Healthcare Provision by Cllr Steve Dugan

I have recently been asked questions by several residents, and there have also been Facebook posts, regarding the status of Stubbington surgery and why FBC allows development without providing additional health care so I thought I would give a quick update to enable people to understand the issues faced.

The NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is legally responsible for the provision of healthcare in our area and Stubbington Surgery is a private business contracted to the NHS to provide NHS services to our locality. Central government, not local authorities, provide the CCG funding, and the CCG is consulted on all planning applications and the local plan. This provides them with information on the number of dwellings the government require FBC to build and, a good indication of the population increase requiring their services for the next 10-15 years allowing them to plan their required budgets.

FBC carried out a considerable amount of work in order to assist the surgery with plans to expand. Adjacent land was offered to allow a new car park to free up the existing one for it to be used to expand the surgery. The offer was turned down by the owners.

In the recent planning appeal for 206 houses at Oakcroft Lane the CCG had no objections to the application on capacity grounds.

I hope this helps to clarify the situation and I must stress that our surgery does an excellent job with its limited resources, but the issues are not something which can fixed by FBC.

You can contact the CCG via their website or at the address below.

**NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight  
Clinical Commissioning Group  
The Castle  
Ground Floor  
Castle Avenue  
Winchester  
Hampshire  
SO23 8UJ  
Phone: 02380 627444**



STUBBINGTON SURGERY

## Contact your Councillors



**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR  
HILL HEAD**  
**KAY MANDRY**  
Tel: 01329 317923  
[kmandry@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:kmandry@fareham.gov.uk)



**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR  
HILL HEAD**  
**STEVE DUGAN**  
Tel: 07306 533072  
[sdugan@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:sdugan@fareham.gov.uk)



**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR  
STUBBINGTON &  
COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
CROFTON DIVISION  
PAL HAYRE**  
Tel: 07941 969429  
[phayre@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:phayre@fareham.gov.uk)



**IN TOUCH  
TEAM LEADER**  
**JACQUIE NEEDHAM**  
Tel: 07913 246797  
[Jacquie.needham@sumar.co.uk](mailto:Jacquie.needham@sumar.co.uk)