

# CONSERVATIVES keeping our community



# InTouch

STUBBINGTON & HILL HEAD - Winter 2016

Zero Borough Council tax  
Increase for 7 years

We saved Band D residents  
Almost a year's tax

Now we're forced to ask  
for a modest rise

Currently England's 5th Lowest Council Tax  
**AND we will  
continue to improve  
services and drive  
down costs.**

**THERE'S** been no rise in your district's council tax since 2009. It's because your Conservative Council doesn't waste a penny of your money and carefully budgets to maintain top-class services.

We now have to ask for a very modest rise due to on-going reductions in Government grants, which will disappear altogether over the next 4 years.

A pre-budget residents' survey showed an overwhelming 85% support for our strategy.

Despite having to shoulder the Chancellor's austerity burden the Council, having held it's share of the Council Tax the same for the last seven years, plans to continue to provide good value for money.

Had the Council not frozen the tax and let it rise at the (24%) rate of inflation over this period it would have cost 'Band' D residents an extra £123.

The Fareham Borough Council tax charge would then have risen to £173 per household.

Despite the loss of half of the central Government grant support during this period the Conservatives have managed to preserve essential services and freeze Council tax.

'Band' D properties will now rise by £5 making the bill £145 per year. Add the County Council, Police and Fire & Rescue demand and the overall bill will unfortunately rise by £50 p.a.

**The Council is fulfilling its promise to support the Borough's youth.**

They have appointed an officer to engage with young people and put £30,000 into a pot which is available to youth clubs for special projects. And that's not all...

- Other promises include the £9m Holly Hill Leisure centre which opens in Sarisbury later this year and includes a 25 metre pool with 6 swimming lanes, a learner pool and gym.
- Town car parking charges will not be increased. They have now stayed the same for the sixth successive year.
- Free parking everywhere else, including the Village, seafront at Hill Head and Meon Shore.

## Find cash for vital M27 junctions NOW

Preparatory work ended for the multi-million Junction 9 scheme in 2014.

Andrew Jones who is responsible for Highway England's trunk roads and motorways has been pressed by the Council to improve Junction 9 and to add new slip roads onto Junction 10 (A32) to cope with the new development at Welborne.

**WISE INVESTMENTS  
KEEP TAX DOWN**

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Our £8m property investments bring in returns of over £0.5m

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Renting out surplus space in the Civic Offices realises £200,000 pa

**One of England's lowest district council taxes - that's CONSERVATIVE budgeting**

## HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY - YES OR NO!

A planning application has been lodged for a change of use of the former Status carpet shop in the village centre to a 'hot food takeaway' (Application No: P/16/0040/FP)

The immediate reaction has been generally that the change should not be permitted on the grounds that the village has enough hot food takeaway outlets.

The Local Planning Authority, Fareham Borough Council, (FBC), does not have the power to reject out of hand any planning application, and has to deal with the application according to national and local rules and policies.

As usual objections (or support) should be submitted to FBC Planning Department in the normal way.

## Council to buy more land?

Fareham Borough Council has announced that it is considering compulsory purchase of the land allocated to Welborne (the 6,000 house site north of Fareham) and to seek a development partner in a bid to progress activity on the site.

## VILLAGE POST OFFICE REFURBISHMENT

The Stubbington Post Office is due for refurbishment and will be closed on 8th March, and should reopen on 21st March 2016. This will include a much needed open plan environment and provide additional services including car tax.

Cllr Kay Mandry welcomes the changes as many residents find it difficult to access the branch. If there are any changes to the dates posters will be displayed in the branch to let customers know.

## ANOTHER BANK IN THE VILLAGE TO CLOSE

Cllr Kay Mandry has received an email from Barclays Bank informing her that their Stubbington branch is to close on 20th May. She has asked Barclays about the effect the closure will have on the vulnerable and elderly. Barclays have responded by saying that anyone affected should speak to the local branch staff and "they will make contact directly".

### Hill Head Beach Clean

When: Saturday 5th March 2016  
10am – 11.30am

Where: Salterns Car Park by the Rotary Hut

What: We will clean along the promenade and beach between Salterns and Monks Hill car parks

Wear sturdy shoes and bring gardening gloves

Litter pickers, bin bags and some gloves will be provided  
<http://www.meetup.com/solent-environmental-action/>



Considerable damage was caused to the Hill Head promenade and sea defences located below Cliff Road by the heavy wave action scouring out the shingle from below the concrete footpath causing it to collapse.

**TEMPORARY** repairs have been carried using 350 concrete bagwork units, 22 tonnes of concrete and 12 metres of sheet piles. Temporary repairs using plastic sheeting has also been made to close the holes in the groynes.

Work is now underway to determine the best way forward to replace all of these ageing defences and thus secure the promenade for future generations. Cllr Arthur Mandry has been able to secure from the Executive Committee a financial commitment of £250,000 to fund the repair work.

Public consultation will take place during the development of the plan.

## MEON SHORE BEACH CLEAN

**CALLS have been made to show the south coast in all its glory by keeping it clean for the Queen in her 90th birthday year.**

Graham Smith (tel: 07584634336) for Solent Environmental Action (s.e.a), is encouraging green-fingered volunteers to take part in the Clean for the Queen beach clean (see notice to the left).

The photo shows the Meon Shore beach clean in January organised by Graham, where well over 60 volunteers took part, including Cllrs Tim Knight and FBC Executive Member Cllr Tiffany Harper (centre of picture).



## Daedalus - National Grid Interconnector

National Grid is planning a new major infrastructure project, known as IFA2, linking the UK's electricity transmission network to France by sub-sea cable.

The link, known as an interconnector, will run between Caen in Normandy, France, and the Daedalus site in Stubbington and is said to be able to provide enough power to run 1,000,000 homes.

Fareham Borough Council (FBC)'s Executive Committee has now agreed to the sale of the required land at Daedalus to National Grid, subject to planning permission being obtained to build the Interconnector. An outline planning application is expected to be received in March 2016 when the public will be consulted and have an opportunity to comment for or against.

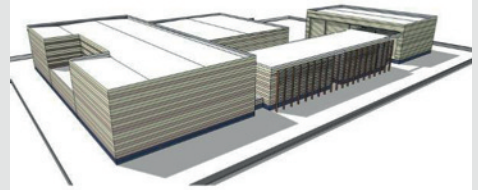
The Interconnector will be up to 25 metres high (a similar height to a six or seven storey building) and occupy 10 acres (about the size of four football pitches) and be sited in the north east of the airfield with the power cables arriving across the Monks Hill car park and progressing up the western side of the runway.

National Grid have sent out over 22,000 leaflets in the locality and produced a report on their first round of consultation.

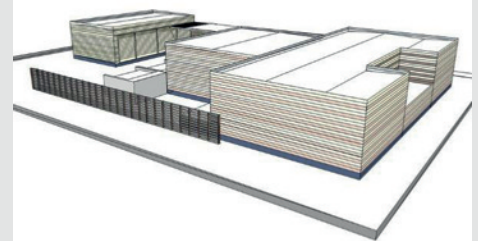
A Community Action Team (CAT) meeting was held at Stubbington Baptist Church on 10 th December to discuss it.

National Grid has just released its consultation report which confirms a very low rate of local interest. They sent out leaflets to 22,052 households. The response: - 148 feedback forms received back from

Illustrative option of North East View



Illustrative option of South East View



exhibitions, 3 letters from residents, and two from Residents' Associations.

## NEWLANDS FARM

Hallam Land Management lodged another planning application (P/15/1279/FP) with Fareham Borough Council in December 2015. It is currently invalid as further information is awaited.

### What are the changes?

- An overall reduction in housing from 1550 to 1100 units 40% of which would be affordable.
- Land to the west of Oxley's coppice is no longer part of the scheme
- The alignment of the applicant's bypass has changed to reflect the permitted scheme by Hampshire County Council
- Additional uses are proposed to include shops and a care home in addition to a healthcare facility and primary school, public house and open space, including allotments

### Residents are reminded that this proposal is contrary to the Council's strategic gap and countryside policies

Once the application becomes valid, comments should be submitted to FBC Planning Department in the normal way.

## THE OSBORNE VIEW HILL HEAD ROAD



The Osborne View Hotel has applied to the Fareham Borough Council (FBC) Planning Department for extensive changes to external elevations, garden landscaping, extended and additional decking areas and terracing, a new garden play area and internal living quarters. All existing doors and windows are to be replaced. (Full plans may be viewed on the FBC planning portal Planning Reference P/ 15/1256/FP)

There may be residents who will welcome the improvements to the structure of the building which is looking rather tired. Conversely there may be others who are affected by the proposed changes.

The changes to the decking and garden result in an increase in capacity of 64 additional covers. The Design and Access Statement on parking states '*The application does not propose to alter, extend or reduce the current parking provision*'. Will the additional capacity result in an increase in the numbers of those arriving by car and wishing to park? What do you think?

If you have views on this application you may wish to do so on the FBC Planning portal under the reference given above.



# YOUR voice in Westminster

It is vital that local infrastructure can support these extra houses. Therefore, I met with the Minister for Housing for reassurance that Government investment will deliver infrastructure to support wider commercial development and job creation in our area.

Seán Woodward, and I conferred about sea defences at Hill Head. The need for robust protections along our coastline was made evident by the dramatic scenes at the beach in recent weeks.

This month I also met with local Councillors to discuss National Grid's proposals for the IFA2 electrical Interconnector. Although no planning application has been received at the time of writing, I have arranged a meeting between local residents associations and National Grid bosses shortly, to discuss concerns about the proposed location of the interconnector on the north of the Daedalus site.

## Happy New Year!

This Government is working hard to make the aspiration of home ownership a reality for more people across the country. They are improving financial support through Help-to-Buy schemes and increasing housing supply through building projects such as the Direct Commissioning Pilot, for which neighbouring Daedalus Waterfront zone was chosen to fast-track 200 homes that already have outline planning permission.

Last month I met with the Chancellor, George Osborne, to re-emphasise our need for road improvements with particular reference to the Stubbington Bypass. I will continue to support Hampshire County Council and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership in this way so that when they make their bid for the remaining Stubbington Bypass funding, they will have the best possible chance of success.

On a different tack, the leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr

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**Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will be on Thursday the 5th of May 2016.** The Commissioner appoints the Chief Constable and oversees policing, ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has an efficient and effective police service. Michael Lane from Gosport is a local candidate.

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**Finance & Coastal  
issues**

**Councillors' A Conservative Councillor will be at the Crofton Community Centre on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon to listen to your opinions & views on local issues and answer questions. These surgeries have been held continuously there for over 17 years.**

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