



InTouch

LOCKS HEATH WARD

Keith sets up new coast sea defences strategy



Stormy seas batter Hill Head sea wall and damage repairs are surveyed by Keith Evans and engineer Andy Pearce (right).

THE SEA has encroached up to 20 feet along the Hill Head shore line in recent years.

And Fareham Borough Council was 'overtaken by events' when winter storms ravaged the sea wall, says **Conservative** candidate **Councillor Keith Evans**.

Councillor Evans, as the responsible executive member, said the Council commissioned a major condition and strategy review early last year from coastline management experts East Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP).

"This identified 7 coastal zones and indicated the current state of existing sea defences and the likely open coastline risks over a 50-year period

"Unfortunately, none of the Fareham zones is an area which would fall into categories that would receive government agency funding.

"Some, like adjacent to Solent Breezes, are classified as 'No active intervention' – ie let nature take its course – others as 'Hold the line' or "Managed retreat", he said.

Councillor Evans decided to establish local councillor working groups to examine some of the zones in more detail and identify possible action plans and costs – priority being given to the Portchester Tra-

falgar Wharf and Hill Head because of the significant concerns identified in the strategy report.

He said: "At Hill Head we were overtaken by events with some particularly strong tides and storms allied to general lowering of beach levels causing severe damage to the seawall and promenade.

"These confirmed the concerns suggested in the strategy report - this stretch of defences has reached the end of its life."

He reviewed this with ESCP and agreed a two-pronged course of action.

1 Patch the damage to minimise further deterioration and re-open the promenade.

2 Develop an option to re-establish the sea wall and promenade with a target 50-year life.

The sea defence was repaired and the promenade re-opened within a few weeks.

The working group is to review options to re-establish the sea wall and promenade after consultation with residents and interested parties with the aim to complete the work in summer 2017.

He added: "This is a significant financial commitment by the Council for which there are no obvious means to receive grants."

No wonder 92% of residents are happy with the way we run the Council

An effective candidate who gets good results



Dear Residents

I have been one of your Locks Heath councillors for several years and have always endeavoured to represent your views effectively, with some good results but **ALWAYS** in response to you.

Fareham is a **Conservative**-run council with a truly excellent record of maintaining services whilst improving efficiencies to counteract the general government reductions in direct grants.

I have enjoyed the last 4 years and if re-elected I will use my experience and enthusiasm to:

INFORM Locks Heath residents through regular editions of the **InTouch** newsletter on matters of local and Borough wide interest

CONTINUE to oppose any unauthorised development in the Countryside

WORK with local residents at the earliest possible stage where significant planning is proposed to ensure that the quality of life is preserved

INFLUENCE Hampshire County Council to identify and implement sensible measures to make our roads safer and help reduce congestion

MAINTAIN the Fareham record of ensuring our small local play areas are kept up-to-date

SUPPORT our local schools at the County Council so that they meet the needs of our young people

I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue my work in Locks Heath for another 4 years and when you go to the ballot box on May 5, please pause and reflect upon **OUR** achievements in Locks Heath and across the Borough.

Then vote for the **ONLY** party that can deliver the goods year after year while giving you value for every penny of your council tax.

Yours sincerely

Keith Evans

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED

- Frozen your council tax for 7 years. We are 5th lowest of 201 councils in England
- New community centres in Fareham, Portchester, Whiteley. Many others upgraded. New £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre at Sarisbury.
- Daedalus Solent Enterprise Zone to provide thousands of marine/aerospace/aviation jobs
- Hundreds of new affordable homes
- Upgrades/replacements for many children's play areas, skate parks, changing rooms and pavilions
- Millions in grants to local organisations. 100% charity shops rate relief
- Operation Resilience to improve roads across the borough
- New Market Quay shopping centre and cinema
- Provided new CEMAST college, business innovation centre (now full), resurfaced runway at Solent Enterprise Zone, Daedalus
- Removed buses from Quay Street roundabout and provided new bus lane in Western Way
- Planned for most of our housing needs at Welborne to help protect strategic countryside gaps between Fareham and its villages

'Proud of his Fareham background'

KEITH EVANS says: 'I am proud of my Fareham background.

'I have lived in the Western Wards for more than 40 years.

'I am married with three children, now all away from home.

'I am now retired but my job was with a multi national pharmaceutical company with responsibility for strategic planning and overall IT management across Europe, Middle East and Africa.

'My personal interests include past membership of Round Table, senior school PTA chairman, infant school governor and chairman of Genesis Youth Centre.

'I'm a regular football spectator.

'At the Council, I am presently the Executive Member for Planning and Development and was previously the Executive Member for Streetscene (waste collection, grounds maintenance etc).'

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Makeover in pipeline for even more attractive centre

EXCITING plans are afoot to make Locks Heath Centre even more successful.

Councillor Keith Evans says:

"The retail offering is extensive and balanced so all the week's household needs can be met on a single visit.

"The owners are thinking about extending the retail offering.

"Discussions with Fareham

Council have been positive and

I support the extensions and re-modelling that has been suggested, including the provision of a purpose-built community facility."

The complex boasts other attractions.

The Genesis centre is sponsored by the Borough Council, which owns the building, and provides a range of facilities for young people up



to the age of 17. **Keith Evans** is chairman of the centre management group.

The Community Centre incorporates a sports hall, meeting rooms, one of the busiest libraries in Hampshire and a casual coffee meeting area.

The Trustees have worked hard to improve the overall appearance and professionalism of the management with great success.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

•Continue to maintain almost the lowest council tax in the country while making savings and preserving front-line services

•Plan for housing needs at Welborne to preserve countryside gaps between the town and villages

•Improve Newgate Lane by building new southern section, aim to achieve funding for Stubbington bypass which has planning consent

•Improve A27 between Segensworth and town centre with dual carriageway, redesign station roundabout/Gudge Heath Lane/Redlands Lane junctions

•Continue to deliver a Vision for the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus to provide thousands of highly skilled jobs and infrastructure

•Carefully consider plans for an electricity interconnector at Daedalus

•Work hard to ensure certain delivery of 6,000 homes and 6,000 jobs at Welborne by 2036, plus infrastructure (secondary school, 3 primary schools, bus rapid transit and a new all-moves M27 junction 10

•Fight hard any planning appeals which threaten our strategic countryside gaps

•Provide new parkland at Coldeast, new Western Wards cemetery

Dealing with dog mess menace

ACTION is under way to deal with the growing menace of dog fouling across the Borough.

Councillor Keith Evans, pictured chatting to a couple of responsible owners, said: "It is important to make the public aware of

the significant health risks created, particularly for children, by not picking up after their dogs."

There are over 600 waste bins around the Borough, which allow people to dispose of dog waste.

He said the Council had begun the process to change legislation to improve powers for enforcement officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN).

Once a legislation is in force, not clearing up after a dog can result in a fine of up to £100.

'Keith really cares' say MP and fellow councillor

Fareham MP Suella Fernandes:

"Keith has the experience and skills to make a difference for local residents in Locks Heath.

"He also really cares, so always goes the extra mile to help."

Councillor Susan Bayford:

"I have worked with Keith as my fellow ward Councillor for the past four years.

"He works hard to represent the views of local residents and strives to ensure we maintain value for money from our council tax."

Keith Evans says: "I know what's going on in Locks Heath because I know my ward and I keep in touch"

Around and about with Keith Evans

Keith's support for top cadet unit



Olay! A new carpet



On the floor



Keith Evans (far right) attending the dedication of Warsash Sea Cadets' new patrol/support RIB. The unit was voted the top one in the UK for 2015.

An ice swim



Pictured with Locks Heath Community Centre chairman Geoff Eales and administrator Bev Colborne, Keith recently approved a £1,900 grant towards new carpeting in the entrance area.

Admiring the new floor at Locks Heath Centre sports hall with centre chairman Geoff Eales.

Keith gave a grant towards the first UK National Ice Swimming Championships at the Andark pool in Swanwick. He's pictured with one of the contestants, Kate Fryatt.

Old school classrooms replaced

Action to upgrade path



Keith, pictured with ward colleague Susan Bayford, explains to the County Council's Steve Faulkner (centre) why the well-used path near Lockswood Centre needs an upgrade after residents complained. The work will now be carried out.

These gloomy old temporary classrooms at Locks Heath Infant School have been replaced by purpose-built ones after Keith Evans put pressure on the County Council.

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