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PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – AUTUMN 2011

Planning brief seals future for Coldeast site

THE FUTURE of the 150-acre Coldeast site has been settled once and for all and promises tremendous public benefits.

These include an extension to the new Community Hospital, a swimming pool and many more.

It's taken a 25-year struggle, much of it against the last Labour Government's dictatorial planning policies, to achieve.

With a relatively small price to pay in new housing, the Conservative-led Borough Council tipped the planning scales very much in the public's interest by adopting the Coldeast Development Brief.

Had former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott got his way, 1,000 more houses would have been added.

"It will ensure development is planned and delivered in an integrated and comprehensive manner," said Councillor Brian Bayford.

The brief provides for:

- Affordable and sheltered housing
- Recreation and leisure
- Site option for a swimming pool
- Cemetery and allotments
- Biodiversity enhancement
- Accessible parks, woodlands and green spaces
- Repair and re-use of listed buildings including the mansion and its landscape.

Coldeast's planning history dates from 1986 when an application for 800 houses was refused by the Council.

Numerous applications and refusals followed, culminating in an appeal decision when former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott gave consent for 250 houses.

His decision affected 35 acres.

The development brief proposes a further 170 homes and up to 60 for sheltered accommodation on 17 acres, plus 77 acres for open space and community facilities.



Looking ahead: Park Gate Councillors Brian Bayford and Marian Ellerton visit the Coldeast site.

There are 10 acres for healthcare uses, including expansion of the community hospital.

Other uses include Lord Wilson School, Royal Mail sorting office, Coldeast Mansion and its grounds which comprise 11 acres, so housing will occupy about a third of the site and over half will be handed to the Borough Council to maintain.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "I worked successfully for over 20 years to keep building off the Coldeast site and it was only

after we lost the planning appeal that it was zoned in part for housing.

"This development brief finally settles the future of the site in perpetuity and ensures that with a limited amount of extra housing there will be tremendous community benefits.

"Without the new facilities and handing over of the land the housing cannot happen.

"It is important that additional money is generated from the housing to provide improvements to education and transport locally."

Park Gate pre-school receives awards for excellence plus a cash grant



SMILES all round from these mums and their children at the Funtime Pre-school St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate.

The pre-school has been awarded funding for tables.

County Councillor Seán Woodward, with support from Councillor Marian Ellerton, awarded them a £500 grant to provide the new furniture.

The cash came from his county grants allowance, in which he still has £2,500 to give to deserving local community causes.

This is a very successful pre-school and Councillor Woodward is pictured at their much-improved garden and play area after presenting awards for excellence.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Carol service

For a second time, County Councillor Seán Woodward is supporting the popular Park Gate traders' carol service with a grant to cover the costs of insurance and organisation.

It takes place on Monday, December 12 at 7pm.

The traders supply hot mince pies and soup and there's a raffle.

Parking ban

Drivers trying to dodge parking fees at Swanwick Station are in for a shock.

Following complaints over several years about the parking outside the cottages by the Village Inn on Botley Road, Park Gate by commuters, the Borough Council will paint double yellow lines there which will be effective 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday.

Church grant

Father John, of St Margaret Mary's, requested £2,280 for new fencing for the car park, which was granted by Councillor Seán Woodward, supported by ward Councillors Marian Ellerton and Brian Bayford.

It will help to keep church users safe and prevent easy access to the grounds.

The church is a focus for the community and many groups are based there.

Speedwatch volunteers warn drivers: 'You'll be clocked'

SPEEDING drivers beware. These residents may clock you and pass your registration number to the police.

They are some of the many volunteers across the Western Wards who target roads where people have reported speeding or where there's a record of excess speeds.

The information is given to the police to help decide where to set up speed traps.

County Councillor Seán Woodward recently provided a grant to Burrigge Residents' Association to buy Speedwatch equipment.

The cash also went towards wheelie bin stickers to remind drivers on Swanwick Lane and Botley Road they are in a 30mph limit.

Councillor Woodward said: "By applying the stickers that we have



had printed this gives a highly visible speed reminder to motorists on one day every week."

If you'd like to become a Speedwatch volunteer or find out more details, you should contact Park Gate police station.

Stickers are available from association secretary Pat Johnson on 01489 576045 or pjohnson@sier-ra.co.uk

•Photo: Park Gate Councillor Marian Ellerton (left), Pat Johnson and Warren Simpson using the Speedwatch equipment.

Happy outcome follows care complex discussion

A PLANNING application was recently received for the development of a care complex with access off Beacon Bottom.

This would include a number of bungalows, health centre and rest home.

Park Gate Councillor Brian Bayford said: "Access to the Beacons is not ideal at the best

of times."

He met over 20 residents at John Curtis' home to seek views and to advise on procedures.

"Interestingly, each neighbour brought cakes, drinks and other refreshments and the discussion turned into a happy event."

Councillor Bayford added: "I'm pleased to say the application was subsequently withdrawn."

Community hall and bowls club benefit from council grants

PRIORY Park Community Hall has received £2,500 from the Council's Community Action Team (CAT) fund towards refurbishment of the kitchen.

Council Leader Councillor Seán Woodward said he was pleased to help.

"The hall is used by many community groups and the new kitchen will also have an 800mm high top area which will be suitable for wheelchair

users."

Cost of the kitchen refurbishment is £5,304 and the balance will be met by £1,500 from Councillor Woodward's County Council fund; the hall committee will raise the remaining £1,304 from their funds.

Bowls club furnishings

Lockwood Bowling Club, based at Priory Park Community Centre, promotes

bowls to residents aged 6 years and upwards.

A £1,000 grant from Councillor Woodward will help them to equip their recently extended clubhouse with extra tables and chairs, and also add blinds and curtains to the new windows and doors.

"The club is a fantastic success in the Western Wards and I am pleased to be able to help them improve their facilities in this way," he said.

Community Hospital is surgery option

HAMPSHIRE NHS has suggested 3 options if the proposed closure of Locks Road Surgery goes ahead.

1 Transfer to the Whiteley Surgery.

2 Transfer to an extended Brook Lane surgery.

3 Use space at the Community Hospital for a new surgery.

A questionnaire is available for patients to give their views by the internet at www.surverymonkey.com/s/gpservices

Option 1 is impractical for most residents as the Whiteley Surgery is too far.

It is stated that Locks Road surgery does not meet modern standards, but no changes have to be undertaken if the current practice continues to use it.

It seems inevitable the GPs will get their way and sell the site and your councillors believe that in the circumstances using accommodation in the Community Hospital would be the preferred option.



Shedding a new light on Park Gate

WORK to replace and maintain 250,000 street lights across Hampshire should begin within the next 6 months.

All lighting columns over 15 years old – about 150,000 in total – and all lanterns will be replaced by new high efficiency units.

This is the largest lighting investment in Europe as a private finance initiative.

The County Council is investing £121m in a 25-year contract to replace most of the lighting columns on main roads to the British Standard.

This will involve smart technology that can dim or brighten banks of lights and with more control over what time lighting comes on and goes off.

It will lead to improved quality of lighting, road safety and crime reduction in residential areas.

Coffee kiosk go-ahead brings jobs to local shopping centre

TEN JOBS will be created after councillors gave the go-ahead for a Costa Coffee kiosk to be built in the Locks Heath shopping centre.

Centre owners New River Retail are delighted that their application has been given permission to build over the lower area of the square just behind the clock tower.

Stuart Mitchell, the company's asset manager, said the new purpose-built Costa Coffee pod would be built by spring 2012.

"The 1,500 sq ft pod, which will include an outdoor seating area, was brought forward after New

River Retail completed a consumer survey which indicated a strong demand to bring Costa Coffee to the location and we hope it will enhance their shopping experience," he said.

New River Retail bought the shopping centre in November 2010 and this outlet, which will seat around 40 people, is the first major step in upgrading it.

Councillor Brian Bayford said: "New River Retail have been very cooperative and continue to work closely with Fareham Borough Council to achieve a real difference to the centre."

Share a taxi to hospital

A BOOKABLE taxi-share service is running to take people to the Community Hospital.

It follows axing of the local bus service and will run for a trial period, starting at the Lockwood Centre with pick-up points at several locations.

Costs will be £2.10 single or £3.50 return. Bus pass holders and under 5s travel free.

Save on fuel bills

YOU can benefit from cavity wall and loft insulation at a fraction of the price, thanks to Insulate Hampshire.

It's open to all homeowners, offering loft insulation at £99 and cavity wall insulation at £75 for the first 5,000 suitable homes to sign up and £99 thereafter.

It's expected to improve 20,000 Hampshire homes, cut household bills by £300 a year and save 1.5 tonnes of CO₂.

To book an assessment with an advisor (by appointment only), call Freephone 0800 952 0037 or visit www.insulatehampshire.co.uk

Housing development plan stalls

HOUSING at Peters Road, which stalled after approval by a Government Inspector in 2006, has recently been resubmitted by different developers.

The original plan was for 307 units, over half of which were flats. The

new application is for a few less units with a different layout. Councillor Brian Bayford met residents from Chichester Close and Brook lane to review the implications.

Later, some residents met one of the developers and some answers were given.

However, to date, the application has not been progressed further.



Councillor Marian Ellerton views the still vacant Peters Road site.

PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK CONSERVATIVES

Do you support Conservative principles? Would you like to VOTE to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates? Would you like to ATTEND social or political events with like-minded people? Would you be willing to HELP us by delivering *InTouch* newsletters in your road?

If your answer to any of these questions is YES then why not JOIN the Park Gate & Priory Park Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please telephone Marian Ellerton on 01489 570774

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Their questions often put me on the spot



Anthony's RC Primary School and Cams Hill have new freedoms to build on their success.

Year 5 pupils at Wicor Primary School put me on the spot by asking for my election winning tips just before they hold their own elections.

I NEVER cease to be impressed by our local schools - whether it's the questions pupils ask or the commitment of staff and students to raise standards.

Congratulations to two local schools on becoming the first academies in Fareham: St

When I visited Henry Cort Community College students explained how we could improve facilities for teenagers in Titchfield Common.

The Principal, Phil Munday, then took me to talk to students about their work as part of an anti-bullying day.

High tech treatment at the vets'



DESPITE the challenging economic climate, local businesses thrive.

New technology helped Titchfield's Eaton Aerospace win the contract to make the fuel system for the new Boeing 787. Man's best friend gets high tech treatment at the Companion Care vets' surgery which I opened.

View from the battlements

JAMES Humphrys from the Environment Agency took me to the top of Portchester Castle to talk about flood and environmental risks.



Historic day for Fareham when Olympic torch blazes into town



IT'S MADE from gold coated aluminium, pierced with 8,000 holes and shaped like an elongated cornetto. And it's coming to Fareham.

Even its designers admit the Olympic torch has a slightly 'bling' appearance, but nobody among the thousands expected to line Fareham's streets to see the relay of runners bearing it

towards its destination will care much about that.

The symbolic flame, lit by 11 'vestal virgins' at Olympia in Greece and making a 70-day journey across Britain from Land's End to the Shetland Islands, will be passing through on Sunday, July 15 - 12 days before the opening of the London 2012 Olympics.

Fareham Mayor Councillor Trevor Cartwright said: "It's an honour for me to confirm that the Olympic flame will



be coming to Fareham as part of its 8,000 mile journey to the Olympic Stadium in London."

He made the announcement with Council Executive Leader Councillor Seán Woodward, pictured in Westbury Manor Museum garden with the 1948 London Olympics torch, where they greeted representatives from the 10 'Get Set' network of schools and the college in Fareham, who are demon-

strating a commitment to Olympic values.

Any school or college in the UK can become a member of the 'Get Set' network and receive rewards and recognition from London 2012.

Fareham is one of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

through which the Olympic flame will be carried by relays of torchbearers.

The 30-inch tall torch has 8,000 laser-pierced holes, each representing a relay runner and the distance the flame travels, and the triangular sides reflect the three Olympiads staged in Britain.

The torch that passes through Fareham will be one of 8,000 made by a small London firm - one for each runner.