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SARISBURY & WHITELEY – Spring 2018

Just a 1p a day rise as Tories set austerity-defying budget

CONSERVATIVES have agreed yet another austerity-defying budget for Fareham.

Despite losing its entire Revenue Support Grant from government, the Borough share of council tax will rise by just 1p a day for the average home.

The Council spends £46m delivering services, but the amount raised in council tax accounts for only 14% of that sum, so we have to raise the rest by investing YOUR money wisely.

For example, over £26m has been invested in the last 3 years in commercial property, mainly in Fareham Borough, producing an income of nearly £2m a year.

Without this income your council tax would have to be increased by nearly 30%.

The resulting budget sees the Council's services remain intact and a district council tax which remains almost the lowest in the country.

Car parking charges are frozen for the 7th year and continue to apply only in the town centre, and free in the evenings and Sundays in the long-stay car parks.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "Times are incredibly hard in the public sector, but we have been able to preserve all the services which our residents value



One of our many achievements is the Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus in which we're investing a further £15m to extend the Innovation Centre with 11 new hangars to help create thousands of new jobs. It received the Royal seal of approval during Princess Anne's visit to mark 100 years of flying from the former Fleet Air Arm HQ.

while respecting that many, particularly those on fixed incomes, would find even modest increases in our charges difficult to bear."

Council will find you a plot to self-build your dream home

EVER dreamt of building your own home?

Fareham Council has started working towards that goal with The Right to Build Task Force.

It aims to include a range of custom and self-build housing plots at Welborne Garden Village and elsewhere in the Borough on any developments of 100 homes and above.

Since its launch last year, the Task Force has been working with councils, landowners and others to bring forward custom, self-build and community-led housing opportunities, with an emphasis on scale and



housing affordability.

It can offer subsidised support for councils and community groups to enable them to meet the demand for self-build space.

One of the Task Force's key objectives is to provide more affordable homes for those in housing need and work with councils to help deliver these.

Council Leader Seán Woodward, councillors and officers met the Right to Build Task Force recently with Richard Bacon MP, ambassador of the Task Force and Mario Wolf, Task Force director.

Richard Bacon said: "It was a

pleasure to meet Fareham Borough Council to discuss self-building opportunities in Fareham.

"Developments such as Welborne offer huge scope for bringing forward a range of well-designed housing options and are, therefore, a logical choice to help meet local demand for people who want to build their own homes."

Residents who are interested in building their own homes in the Fareham area and Welborne can sign up to the Council's register at http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/local_plan/selfbuild.aspx

This will help them to find a suitable plot of land.

Only those that have lived or worked in the Borough for at least two years are eligible.

Almost England's lowest district council tax – thanks to CONSERVATIVES

NEWS ROUND



Crossing worries

Parents have contacted us about the safety of crossing Barnes Lane with their young children to access Sarisbury Infant School and Woodlands Pre-school.

We have advised them to park in Holly Hill Leisure Centre car park so they won't need to cross Barnes Lane.

Officers will investigate putting semi-formal paths across the grass to enable easier walking from the car park to the schools.

We have also asked for temporary flashing 30mph signs to be erected on Barnes Lane near the PUFFIN crossing.

Medical loan centre

After years of chasing we are advised that the lease for the Red Cross medical loan store at Fareham Community Hospital is ready for signing which means that, albeit years late, the store should be opened this spring.

Cemetery extension

A £300,000 extension to Holly Hill Cemetery has been approved which will provide additional grave space for another 30 years.

Space for cremated remains will also be included. This has been agreed as the very popular cemetery is now almost full, meaning that people cannot be buried conveniently near to their loved ones.

Dementia support group

A memory support group for people living with dementia and their carers meets every Monday from 10.30 to 3pm at Fareham Community Hospital.

This is an informal group and people may come every week or just drop in when they want to.

Refreshments are provided by the volunteers of the Friends of the Hospital.

A dementia advisor is available for appointments and the friends are there to chat and help.

Temporary library closure

HAMPSHIRE County Council is planning changes at the Lockwood Community Centre Library.

There will be new shelving and the installation of self-service equipment.

These changes will support better and more flexible use of the library.

Temporary closure is planned for March 20 to April 5.

No books will be due back during the closure and no fines will be charged for these days.

Users will, of course, have access to other libraries and can perhaps make some use of the e-resources facilities available through www.hants.gov.uk/library

North Whiteley development time scale

COUNCILLOR Jon Butts, Fareham Council's representative on Winchester City Council's re-convened North Whiteley Development Forum, attended its first meeting since 2014.

From 2017 onwards the role of the Forum is to feedback on planning issues and options, provide information on development progress, respond to concerns and oversee community development activities.

The Forum was provided with the following timetable:

- Site clearance for access by Feb 2018
- First highway works September 2018
- Bluebell Way to Botley Road – end 2019
- First housing occupations – spring 2019
- Junction 9 works begin – summer 2019
- Primary School 1 – September 2020
- Continuing development – 5 to 10 years

If you live in Sarisbury Ward and have questions or concerns, please get in touch or attend future meetings, which are held in public. Participation from local people, organisations and businesses is encouraged.

No healthcare provision for extra 3,500 Whiteley homes



A VITAL piece of infrastructure is missing from plans passed by Winchester City Council for 3,500 homes north of Whiteley.

Work should start in the summer, but no healthcare facilities are provided.

Amazingly, Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group said none was needed as the existing Whiteley Surgery, already catering for 13,000 patients including those from Locks Heath, could cope with many more.

Only a modest sum of money was put into the planning consent to increase the size of the gridlocked car park (pictured).

And nobody consulted Fareham Borough Council who said it would not support wholesale felling of preserved trees.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "To design a single development of 3,500 houses with no on-site healthcare provision is a real concern and I hope the CCG will, working with their GP con-

tractors, be able to find a solution to ensure patient care will be delivered as conveniently as possible to existing and future residents of Whiteley."

He invited chief finance officer Andy Wood and CCG chairman Dr David Chilvers to discuss the situation.

They made it clear that healthcare delivery was likely to look different in future, but did take on board the car parking issues at the surgery and that expansion onto additional land was not feasible.

They accepted Councillor Woodward's suggestion to explore a possible increase in patient parking by creating an **IN** at one end of the car park and **OUT** at the other end to reduce congestion and to see whether a convenient off-site staff car park could be provided to free more space for patients.

At the moment these are possibilities for discussion and we will report progress.

A roaring success

CLINICAL lead for the NHS's Better Local Care project in Fareham Dr Tom Bertram hosted Swanwick Lions' visit to the new 'same day access service hub' at Fareham Community Hospital (pictured).

The Hub opened this year and Swanwick Lions gave £3,000 for medical equipment.

Fareham Council supplied a £2,000 ECG machine, trolley, and equipment, with a further £1,000 for other items including a nebuliser and 8 blood pressure monitors.

The service is being implemented by NHS



doctors and managers, and currently takes 200-300 calls a day.

It is hoped all local GP practices will join. Swanwick Lions are delighted the equipment they provided is playing a part in the success.

There's money going begging

RESIDENTS are advised not to give money to two rough sleepers in Park Gate area.

Their haunt is around the Middle Road area, where they have been begging for the past 3 months.

The Council is aware and they have been offered accommodation by local homeless charity Two Saints, but they declined, possibly because begging in Park Gate area is lucrative. They have a dog that needs treatment, so the dog wardens want to find them"

The Council advises that responding to requests for money will not help the situation.

The Council is considering using a Public Spaces Protection Order that deals with particular nuisances such as begging.

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Dirty dog owners warned: 'Pick up your pooch's poo'



OWNERS who don't clean up their pets' mess are in the doghouse.

Complaints about walkers letting their dogs off the lead have come from users of Allotment Road recreation ground and newly-opened Coldeast Woodland.

Councillor Seán Woodward, who's pictured meeting a group of responsible owners – all carrying poo bags – at the Allotment Road recreation ground, said:

"There are dog bins provided but people seem to think it is OK to allow dogs off leads who then mess just off the paths and leave it there.

"I have spoken to the Enforcement Officers and asked them to undertake random visits to the locations and they will also see if any additional or updated signage is required.

"We will also look at the potential to install a poo bag dispenser and campaign posters in the area and see about anything we can do on social media.

"Most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dogs when they mess on paths, but they also need to think about clearing up when they mess off paths as it is not only dogs, but children who like to play off the main pathways."

Foolhardy youngsters

ANTI-CLIMB paint will be applied to parts of Whiteley Community Centre to stop youngsters clambering on to the roof above the main entrance.

Councillor Seán Woodward said it was not only foolhardy, but but risked damaging the guttering and roof.

The Council has arranged for contractors to apply the special paint on parts of fencing and gutters.

And the police will be on the lookout for offenders.

School children's lives at risk as PUFFIN crossing bid is ruled out

CHILDREN'S lives are in danger crossing roads around Brookfield School.

It has raised parents' fears and calls for a crossing after several accidents and near misses.

Large numbers of children use the roads and have to contend with narrow pavements on parts of Brook Lane, particularly at Lockwood Road roundabout.

County Councillor Seán Woodward had several traffic counts carried out over the last decade to try to get a controlled crossing as close to the roundabout as possible.

He said all these counts showed more than enough vehicles to justify the crossing, but nowhere near enough pedestrians.

The latest count last September proved the criteria for a PUFFIN crossing were met where most pedestrians cross on Brook Lane, immediately north of the roundabout.



However, because of the number of driveways on the east side of Brook Lane and other technical complications, it is impossible to install a PUFFIN crossing there.

Councillor Woodward said: "It is really disappointing, having been pursuing this matter for a decade, that as soon as the criteria for a controlled crossing are met the feasibility study shows that it cannot be sited where most people cross. "I met the headmistress and her team at Brookfield School and have asked the County Council to enhance the visibility of the point at which most people cross as well as the remainder of Brook Lane near the school with luminous bollards, carriageway markings etc."

PHOTO: Seán Woodward meets Neil Haines and David Simpson from the school management team.

Sarisbury Scouts' new £190,000 HQ on track for summer opening



A SCOUT GROUP has hit its £190,000 target to build a new HQ.

1st Sarisbury's plans for a 16m x 12.5m log cabin scout hut on the site of a tennis court at Burrige Village

Hall attracted matching-funding grants of £25,000 from Fareham Borough Council and £5,000 from Hampshire County Council.

Sarisbury Councillor Jon Butts said: "They are now looking for additional funds and offers of help to fit out the kitchen, toilets etc so that the hut is truly accessible and usable by all.

"Subject to signing the lease and agreeing final terms with the cabin



vendor, it is hoped that groundwork could begin in the spring, with the self-build cabin being ready for fitting out and use this summer.

"They are doing great things for local youngsters and our future community."

Group scout leader Toby King and his team are on track to create opportunities for more young people to put down games consoles and mobile devices and engage in exciting indoor and outdoor activities.

PHOTOS: Toby King (left) receives a cheque for £835 from the Freemasons' Tom Langdon Fund. Inset: An artist's sketch of the new HQ.

Developers try their luck despite 'no new sites' ruling

NO NEW housing sites have been allocated in the new Fareham Draft Local Plan for Sarisbury Ward.

The new Plan, produced in 2017, sets out where development should and should not go.

Nevertheless, developers have submitted applications to build in countryside, none of which is proposed for development:

Sopwith Way, Swanwick: 42 houses – **Refused.**

60 Swanwick Lane, Swanwick: 70 houses. Awaiting decision.

17 and 77 Burrige Road, Burrige: 2 houses. Both **Refused** by Planning Committee

Rookery Avenue, Swanwick: 22 houses. **Refused** by Planning Committee and **Refused** at appeal. Duplicate application withdrawn.

Barnes Lane, Sarisbury: 75-bed care home. **Refused.**

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "There are many applications being submitted right across Fareham in areas which are not allocated for development either in the existing Local Plan or the new draft Local Plan.

"The Committee must also take into account that an appeal inspector ignored ministerial guidance that our existing Local Plan numbers should hold sway while the new Local Plan was going through its statutory processes, meaning that Fareham temporarily does not have a full 5-year land supply for new housing.

"Until that gap is filled the balance of consideration is further tilted in favour of the developers."

Residents are encouraged to have their say on these applications right up to the date of whichever Planning Committee considers them.