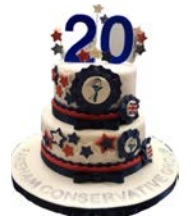




InTouch



PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – Summer 2019

Planning mayhem as pollution fears put thousands of homes on hold

FEARS over dangerous levels of nitrates in the environment have halted building of thousands of homes across Fareham and South Hampshire

It's brought mayhem to the planning department already struggling to re-write the Draft Plan after Whitehall kept moving the goal posts.

And it's a slap in the face for the Government that had ordered Fareham to find greenfield space for thousands of extra homes.

The Council's planning boss labelled it 'plain nonsense'. Poet John Milton summed it up in *Paradise Lost*: "Confusion worse confounded."

Natural England, the Government's adviser on nature conservation, raised concerns that additional levels of new housing could lead to higher levels of nitrates due to increased amounts of wastewater.

Exhaust emissions from increased traffic passing close to The Solent or watercourses leading to it may also result in some nitrates increases.

Since April, Natural England required all house builders to quantify the nitrogen level from their development sites and to identify and mitigate any increase in the nitrates from that land.



For context it is worth noting local planning authorities around Poole Harbour have reported: Nitrogen entering Poole Harbour from the land comes from either nitrogen entering widespread places known as diffuse sources, which are mainly losses from agriculture such as nitrogen fertilisers and livestock manure (85%), or from concentrated point sources such as sewage treatment works (15%).

In less than a year, yet more green fields have come under threat after Whitehall demanded that Fareham finds space for up to 2,500 extra homes on top of the 2,300 houses the Council had already been forced to add to the new Draft Plan 2011-2036.

Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor Keith Evans said: "For all current and new planning applications Fareham planning staff are requiring developers to undertake a nutrient assessment, using Natural Eng-

land methodology.

"They must work with the Council to identify any valid mitigation – such as removing land from agricultural use which will offset any nitrates from new development."

Keith Evans added: "As a good example of this approach, the nutrient assessment of the Welborne development north of Fareham, which is being built on farming land, indicates nitrogen increase neutrality and will continue as planned."

"We will work with developers to find mitigation measures, but ultimately this issue must be dealt with at Government level. We are working with all South Hampshire councils through the Partnership for South Hampshire and other organisations to find a long-term solution.

Veteran Stanley 'overwhelmed' by Daedalus D-Day memories

NINETY nine-year-old Stanley Richardson had no idea what a memorable day lay ahead when he arrived at Daedalus Airfield for the D-Day 75th anniversary.

He was greeted as guest of honour and applauded by thousands of visitors as he was invited to join the Mayor for the unveiling of a plaque paying tribute to the bravery of the 175 pilots who flew 400 missions on June 6, 1944.

Stanley was based at HMS Daedalus as a petty officer in the Fleet Air Arm when it



was the busiest UK airfield during the Normandy invasion.

Still stunned by events unfolding around him, he said: "I'm so overwhelmed to be here. I had no idea what was happening today. It's all a big surprise."

It had been a closely guarded family secret organised by his son, Stuart, who'd driven him from his Littlehampton home.

Stanley's job during the invasion was to prepare and check the planes before they went into battle across the Channel.

He added: "I'm very proud to be here today to represent my colleagues. A lot of

them aren't here today, but I'm here for them."

Over 15,000 attended the two-day show during which there was a full programme of events.

Static aircraft proved a great attraction but bad weather shortened the flying display until late Saturday, when the Dakota arrived to the delight of the crowds.

It had improved next day and flypasts by a Spitfire, Dakota and gyrocopter went ahead, as did the Great War Display Team flying replica aircraft and the Royal Navy Raiders performing an exciting parachute display. The Red Arrows capped an unforgettable weekend.

PHOTO: Stanley Richardson chats to Fareham Mayor Pamela Bryant.



Rapid response

A Park Gate resident is delighted with Councillor Simon Martin's lightning action to resolve a noisy manhole cover issue in Bridge Road.

It took just 12 hours from the time Mr K McGuire complained for contractors to fix it the same evening.

Mr McGuire said: "His prompt response and efficiency in resolving a long, frustrating problem was absolutely outstanding."

Help shape policy

Councillor Ian Bastable has been appointed chairman of Fareham Conservative Association's 'Policy Forum'.

This forum meets to discuss policy issues to report back to Number 10.

August's topic 'The Post Brexit Economy' attracted input from local businesses and residents.

Anyone wishing to air their views and help develop policy is welcome to attend these meetings. You don't have to be Party members or supporters.

If you want to take this opportunity to help shape the new Prime Minister's policy, contact Ian Bastable at ian@bastable.co.

InTouch with the 21st Century

Some readers may prefer to receive InTouch newsletters via the internet.

We already publish them on the Fareham Conservative Association's website.

However, we need to move further into the 21st Century, so Park Gate & Priory Park Councillors Ian Bastable and Simon Martin will post the ward editions on their Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ian-Bastable-Park-Gate-Priory-Park-223584614855823/>
<https://www.facebook.com/InTouch-withParkGateandPrioryPark/>

Thanks for delivering

Ian and Simon would like to thank the local InTouch deliverers for their hard work delivering 4,200 newsletters to residents in Park Gate 4 times a year.

If you are interested in joining our delivery team, please contact us and help to communicate with local residents.

Consultation on social housing rules revision

READERS might be surprised to know that assistance with housing need is available to households earning up to £80,000 pa, according to Government rules.

The Borough Council is currently consulting on its rules for allocating social housing to the various categories of need.

Residents with views on these categories and priorities should contact either the Council's housing



department, or local councillors who will represent your views during the consultation. Councillor Ian Bastable said: "This is an important exercise as the outcome will dictate who does and doesn't get access to the precious supply of council houses in the Borough."

Meantime, residents passing the Council's development site on Bridge Road (pictured) will see that the work is finally under way on the provision of social housing in the ward.

Call to step up police patrols

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour has risen in the ward during summer evenings and residents are concerned.

Drunkenness, drug taking and littering are rife in open spaces and there's plenty of evidence (pictured).

Councillors Simon Martin and Ian Bastable have contacted police and asked for patrols to be stepped up to stamp out the problem.

Residents were urged during a recent Community Action Team (CAT) meeting in Brookfield School to contact 101 and report incidents to the police, or fill in the on-line form if that is easier.



Development on course to meet local needs



FAREHAM MP Suella Braverman and Councillor Simon Martin visited the Churchill Homes site in Botley Road to see how work was progressing.

The development comprises 35 apartments and meets an important local demand.

There are many elderly people and couples currently living in accommodation which is too large or unsuitable for their needs.

Simon Martin said: "The development will be complete by the end of summer."

"It is a significant improvement on what was there before and locals will also welcome the end of the construction which caused problems along Botley Road, particularly in the early days."

PHOTO: Regional managing director James Barnes, Suella Braverman, apprentices Jacob Maiment and Caleb Sallows and Simon Martin

Two local parks win Green Flag awards



PARK GATE and Sarisbury have won Green Flag awards for having two of the best parks in the country.

Holly Hill Woodland Park (pictured) and The Sensory Garden of Reflection in Osborn Road, Fareham, have received the recognition for the 12th and 10th year in a row.

The awards recognise parks and green spaces which boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities.

The awards also had international winners for the first time.

Park Gate Councillor Simon Martin, Executive Member for Streetscene, said:

"We are so pleased to receive these two awards – it's



great news for the people of Fareham.

"Having quality green space is so important for our residents and visitors and the award recognises the

hard work and effort that goes into maintaining our high standards.

"Thank you to all our fantastic staff who do such a good job in looking after our open spaces and we hope our residents take full advantage of our lovely surroundings."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "It's fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 126 international winners."

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award."

"We congratulate every winner on their fantastic achievement."

Helping to get their act together

THIS is what can be gained by applying for a grant from the Council's £300,000 community chest.

Beacon Productions write and perform small-scale plays, but lacked equipment.

They applied for a grant and were awarded £3,100 to buy two video cameras to help perfect their stagecraft.

Delighted members (l to r) Steve Launay, Archie Laing, Jenny Hamer, Linda Laing and Simon Sandburg are pictured showing off the new cameras.



Developer may save part of ancient hedge

IT LOOKS as though what remains of an ancient hedgerow may be saved.

There was an outcry (reported in our spring edition) when owners of the land at Beacon Bottom partly destroyed it.

Foreman Homes have now submitted a planning application for 33 homes

there and their plan shows the hedgerow retained.

Councillor Simon Martin said: "I have always made my objection to this application clear and will be making a deputation to the Council if the application is considered."

He invites objectors to contact him. "Now is the time to stand up," he added.



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Support new PM and focus on exiting EU

There are many reasons to be optimistic.

With a new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the country can unite and focus on leaving the EU by 31st October.

Our new PM has also prioritised investing in the Police so we have more bobbies on the beat – something we desperately need in Fareham to stop anti-social behaviour – and increasing funding for local schools.

Above all, we must never allow Jeremy Corbyn to enter Number 10. His brand of Socialism (modelled on Venezuela) would bankrupt the country and diminish the UK's place in the world.

In personal news, my son, George Jeffrey, was born on 10th July. My husband, Rael, and I are delighted.

Like many working mums, I am taking a period of maternity leave, but my office will be fully operational.

If you need assistance on any matter, get in touch and I will continue to work on your behalf: it's business as usual for Fareham residents.

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BRAVERMAN MP for Fareham



Fareham Community Hospital (FCH) Taskforce, which I set up and chair, has published a report welcoming the GP-led Same Day Access Service.

It calls for its further rollout, better public transport links, greater collaboration with the voluntary sector and more signposting to mental health services and support services for the elderly.

The report sets out a vision of how we could better use FCH. You can find it here: https://issuu.com/suellabravermanmp/docs/fch_future_vision

It was published just as Portsmouth Hospitals Trust confirmed to me that it will deliver a renal/dialysis training hub at FCH to support patients with kidney problems, saving them the travel to QA Hospital.

The Friends of Fareham Community



Hospital, which sits on the Taskforce, said:

"The Friends are pleased that our local MP has shown such an interest in Fareham Community Hospital and hope some of the

ideas in this report are taken on board by the Fareham & Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group, the general practices, Hants County Council, health trusts and others providing services to the hospital.

"The Friends and their volunteers will continue to promote and support the hospital and the local community it serves through various activities such as running dementia support groups, holding regular talks on health related matters which help us to help ourselves, and supporting new initiatives."

PHOTO: Suella held her 3rd annual health summit at Fareham Community Church with 100 residents attending.

'allo, 'allo...Cooper and copper mystery solved as library reopens

BOXING legend Henry Cooper, the British champion who hammered Muhammad Ali in the canvas, opened the original building in 1984.

There will be books about it on the shelves of Lockwood Library, which has reopened after refurbishment.

It's one of the county's busiest libraries with up to 500 customers a day.

HCC Executive Member for Recreation & Heritage County Councillor Seán Woodward, assisted by children from Woodlands Early Learning in Sarisbury, cut the ribbon, with help from Beth and Leo (pictured).

At the original opening, 'Our 'Energy' is pictured with an equally



tall police sergeant, whom we could not identify. So we had to do some detective work.

Corporate Communications at County Police HQ got the answer via a Facebook posting from Hampshire Constabulary History Society (www.hampshireconstabularyhistory.org.uk)

Older readers may recognise popular Sergeant Alan Ketchell, who was then stationed at Park Gate.

He served 30 years in the force and died in 2011, but we still don't know why he was with Henry Cooper who hardly needed police protection.



Multi-million makeover for Ferneham Hall to start in new year

FERNEHAM HALL will close in January 2020 after the annual panto season at the start of its multi-million revamp.

As this is such a large project, the procurement has been done in several phases to ensure we pick the right contractor at the right price.

Not only do we want a fantastic facility but we need to ensure value for money. There's a great deal of interest in this project and we want to make sure it's

amazing.

Tender deadline was the end of July and a contractor will be appointed on September 26 at a special Council meeting.

Architects with extensive experience in remodelling entertainment venues are working on plans for the project and keeping in touch with potential contractors to ensure the timetable for completion and the budget can be met.

It's anticipated the plans and budget will be agreed by early autumn with planning

permission sought shortly after.

The changes:

- Main auditorium to have 800 seats rather than the 400-500 originally proposed
- A flexible studio space for a range of activities instead of a studio solely dedicated to dance
- Making the secondary performance space more flexible to encourage a range of uses
- The remodelled venue will also act as a community centre