

Cold Calling - A Warning!

Hampshire County Council has engaged managing agents to undertake home insulation improvements. Local contractors will carry out installations that have been agreed in advance.

A letter should be sent to you giving contact details for contractors to be checked.

They must show their identity. There will be no cold calling.

Do not let anyone into your home without first checking who they are.

Do not sign anything unless you fully understand.

If in doubt ask the Citizens Advice Bureau for guidance.

Cuts in County's Youth Service Budget

Cuts in the County's youth service budget have caused concern even among Conservative supporters. FBC, which has a Tory majority, has questioned Hampshire's plans to target resources to the 5% of young people considered being in greatest need.

The fear is that the vast majority, who are not 'problem' youngsters, could be excluded from youth activity. FBC criticises Hampshire's reliance on the Voluntary Sector to provide and run youth clubs for the majority. Especially when it is questionable whether there is spare capacity in the voluntary sector. We also question the intelligence of plans to transfer responsibility for awarding grants, procuring services and auditing awards to a recently set-up voluntary body.



Double Yellow Lines to Prevent Inconsiderate Parking

Geoffrey Crescent and other surrounding roads such as Hoeford Close and Farrier Way have contacted Paul and Katrina with their concerns about inconsiderate parking.

Double yellow lines are to be implemented as requested. The plans are now advertised and should be in place before the end of the year.

Residents have expressed concerns that the double yellow lines at the entrance to Watersmeet do not extend far enough. Vehicles parked too close to the corners interfere with sight lines. This problem is now being investigated by officers.

New Roles – Paul & Katrina

At the May Annual Council meeting, Katrina's and Paul's responsibilities were confirmed as;

Katrina - Liberal Democrat Housing Spokesperson
Housing Policy Development and Review Panel
Housing Tenancy Board (which includes 3 Co-opted FBC Tenants)
Local Development Framework Steering group
Standards Committee
Deputy on Planning Committee

Paul - Liberal Democrat Strategic Planning and Environment Spokesperson
Audit Committee
Planning Committee
Scrutiny Board
Strategic Planning and Environment Policy Development and Review Panel
Deputy on Licensing & Regulatory Affairs Committee

Working for You

Paul and Katrina work as a team to serve the interests of every resident of Fareham East and Wallington.


We are always ready to listen and respond to your concerns and to represent the needs of people across the Borough.

Contact us as above, or visit us at one of our regular surgeries at **Westbury Manor Museum** on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30. You are welcome to drop in for information and to discuss any concerns you may have.

Our next surgery dates are: **Saturdays: Sep 3rd Oct 1st Nov 5th Dec 3rd**

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The SDA - Who Was "MISLED"?

The report by the government inspector on Fareham's Core Strategy proposals, including the plans for a new town North of Fareham, has now been delivered.

In his report the inspector said, "Various council publications, most notably a special edition of 'Fareham Today'... give the impression that the Strategic Development Area is intended to meet Borough, rather than sub-regional, housing needs. This clearly conflicts with the evidence base...."

He also said that, "...while additional demographic evidence has been prepared by the Council, this does not justify a development of the scale proposed at the SDA solely to satisfy housing needs generated within Fareham Borough."

These comments clearly show that the majority Conservative group of the Council has misled **YOU** and that a huge development of this scale is **NOT** needed just for the residents of Fareham.

We, as your local Liberal Democrats councillors, refuse to acknowledge the need for this massive development, along with many others, including;

- The Fareham Society
- The Campaign to Protect Rural England, (Hampshire)
- Funtley Village Society & Residents' Association,
- Wallington Village Community Association,
- Wickham Parish Council & Wickham Society,
- All Liberal Democrat Councillors,
- Conservative Councillors John & Pam Bryant

AN APOLOGY: In our Spring newsletter we said that Councillor Tim Knight had opposed the SDA to the North of Fareham. We apologise to Cllr Tim Knight who did not vote against the SDA but abstained at the last relevant full Council meeting.



What Next?

Special **Community Action Team** meetings were to be held on Monday 19th September at Funtley Social Club between 7 – 9p.m. Councillor Woodward was giving a presentation about the new community north of Fareham and answering questions from local residents.

The area action plan (AAP) which will be concerned with the finer details and plans for the proposed new settlement will take about two years. The first consultation will take place towards the end of this year. It will be with interested community representatives and groups, including schools. The main public consultation will be the 'Preferred Options' consultation which will probably take place towards the end of summer/early autumn 2012. We will keep you informed and there will be information from Fareham Borough Council.

You will have a chance to make your views known!

See inside for more local news →

Update!

St Christopher's Hospital, Wickham Road

We are pleased that property builders Taylor Wimpey are at last going to redevelop the St Christopher's Hospital site. Progress has begun with nearby residents being surveyed about the site development. The proposed plan, which is different from the outline planning consent, will be put before the Planning Committee later this year.

ACTION! Residents were concerned with the broken fence and overgrown hedges around the site. Katrina has spoken to the firm and the fence has now been fixed and the hedge cut back. Further investigations are being carried out into concerns regarding open windows on the ground floor of the old building.

Earls Road - Oversized Tree

Following a call from a resident in Earls Road, Katrina spoke on behalf of the caller at the Planning Committee meeting. The resident had trouble with an oversized tree at the back of their garden which the council had originally said was not able to be cut down. After a unanimous decision, the outcome was changed and the tree has since been dealt with.



Next CAT Meeting Mon 17th October. The meeting will be held at Henry Cort Community College, Hillson Drive from 7-8.30p.m.

Play Area News!

Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel – Leisure Centre

Council Officers are in the process of producing a report that will be put before the Leisure and Community Policy Development panel in early September. The report will focus on a review of play space and other recreational space within the Fareham borough. Park Lane Park is a project that has been allocated £65,000 for 2012/13. Officers will bring forward a suggested review of the parkland that surrounds the Leisure Centre.

The review could include proposals such as:
Moving the children's play area from under the trees to a new area.
The addition of adult gym equipment.
Redevelopment of the skate park.

The report will be available on the FBC website a week before it is submitted to the Council on the 7th September. Any suggestions are welcome so please contact us

Eastern Parade – Play Area Improvement

The council has also outlined in its current approved programme for Leisure and Community Policy that Eastern Parade is allocated £56,000 funding in the years 2014/15. FBC has outlined a programme of improvement for the area. This is to include a review of the play area. Bath Lane Park has also been ear-marked to be looked at some time after 2015, as it was revamped early in the cycle.



Liberal Democrats – We always have time to listen to YOU



Local resident Pat O'Hagan, has highlighted the need for more disabled parking spaces at Fareham Leisure Centre. Spaces that could be used for disabled customers, near the entrance, have been identified. Plans have been agreed for the contractors to make the improvements in due course. Well done and thanks to Pat for raising this issue with your local Lib Dem councillors.

Tesco development

We have great sympathy for resident who are being disturbed by the all-night building works taking place around the Quay St roundabout. We are looking into finding whether those affected could be compensated.

Action!

Croad Court – Offensive Pigeon Droppings in Church Path

A concerned resident at Croad Court recently contacted us about a problem with a severe build-up of pigeon droppings. The mess at the entrance to an alleyway was creating a potential hazard. Katrina promptly spoke to a council officer and had the guano cleaned up.

Another example of Liberal Democrats working for you, all year round!



See our website farehamlibdems.org.uk for more on these and other local stories

Responding to Residents



In our last newsletter, we reported the successful completion of work on 'Bridleway 100', the footpath from Broadcut which has been given a hard surface and we asked residents and other users to keep the new path clear of dog fouling, with an exhortation to, "Pick up the Poo".

Once again, in response to requests from residents, we have managed to get a dog waste bin installed beside the path.

It should be recognised, however, that this is not a new bin, it has only been moved from another location. As a cost-saving measure, the council can no longer afford new bins to be installed and **serviced**.

Safer Neighbourhood Team – Hampshire Constabulary

Police Beat surgeries will be taking place at **Sainsbury's Broadcut** on the second Friday of every month. The next are to be held on the **12th August** and the **9th of September**.

You can use this opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have with the Safer Neighbourhood team.

The Portchester & Fareham East team includes Sgt. Tremellen, four police constables and a Safer Schools Partnership Officer.

Can you remember Fareham in times gone by?



If so, Year 4 of Harrison Primary School would love to hear from you. In the autumn term pupils will be studying 'Fareham, Past, Present and Future'. **Your memories are precious**. If you are willing to be interviewed by pupils or could write down your memories please contact Katrina or Mrs S Gmitrowicz at Harrison Primary School 01329 234016.