CONSERVATIVES keeping our community

Planning appeal discussed

A CAT meeting, chaired by Councillor Susan Bell, was held at Wicor School concerning Cranleigh Road and what the Council is doing to fight the appeal.

She said: “We called the special Community Action Team meeting to enable residents to be fully informed and to be able to discuss the fact that, even though Fareham Borough Council has refused the application for 120 houses at Cranleigh Road, the applicant, Persimmon, has gone to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

“We want to work with our residents in order that the council and public can put together the best possible case to the inspector which will hopefully lead to this abomination of an application being thrown out once again.

“An appeal hearing date has now been set which is 25th April 2017 and will be heard in Fareham by inspector Tim Salter. The council will make whatever resources are necessary available to fight this appeal which will include appointing a planning barrister and specialised planning consultants. Meetings will be held between Councillors and residents to help prepare the evidence to lay before the inspector. We very much hope that we can again successfully fight off these proposals.”

Reasons for refusal included the loss of grade 1 and grade 2 agricultural land with grade 1 being the very best in the country.

Chairman of the Planning Committee, Portchester Councillor Nick Walker said: “We have until 28th March to get all of our evidence to the appeal inspector. We have been successful in previous appeals and have a very good track record of success however we cannot be complacent. I have an assurance from the Leader of the Council that we will make available whatever resources are necessary to put up the most robust case possible to the appeal inspector.”

Miller Homes submitted a screening request to the Council before deciding whether to submit a full application for 358 homes at Winnham Farm, east of Downend Road.

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Villagers tell Royal Mail: ‘Give us back our postal address’

ROYAL MAIL’S decision to remove Portchester from postal addresses got the stamp of disapproval from residents.

Many businesses and residents have already been affected by the ludicrous decision.

Portchester East Ward Conservative Councillor Geoff Fazackerley and InTouch team leader Trevor Alford promptly sprang into action and raised an on-line petition with paper copies sent to shops.

The local Facebook page, Voice of Portchester, also helped to publicise the petition.

Over 1,400 people had signed before Geoff presented it to to a full meeting of the Borough Council.

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England’s 5th lowest district council tax – that’s CONSERVATIVE budgeting
NEWS ROUND

In Bloom contest golds for Portchester gardens

FAREHAM celebrated another year of success at the South and South East in Bloom awards held at Ferneham Hall. The Borough recorded its 13th consecutive winning entry in the Small City category period at sea award for a fresh fruit led to debilitating illness and even death. So it was fitting that the 300th anniversary of the birth of the naval surgeon who discovered the remedy, Dr James Lind, should be marked in Portchester where he’s buried in St Mary’s churchyard. Deputy Mayor Geoff Fazackerley and Portchester councillors attended the ceremony.

Brave Sam inspires caravan holiday charity

Fareham Deputy Mayor Geoff Fazackerley chose Sam’s Haven as one of his charities when he takes over as Mayor in May 2017. They are in desperate need of board games,” said Geoff, who has appealed for help from Portchester people. Sam’s cheerful smile belies his continuing struggle against health related issues. He has spent so much of his life in Queen Alexandra Hospital he considers doctors and nurses there as part of his family. His parents, Paul and Louise Merrick, set up Sam’s Haven in September 2013 with the long-term aim of raising funds to buy a caravan on a holiday park so that they could offer holidays to families who have children in a similar situation.

They knew it was going to be a long while before they could be in a position to offer these holidays, but to their surprise and delight they managed to put a deposit on a caravan and provide holidays for 15 families in their first year. 2015 got off to a good start with Paul and Louise negotiating to upgrade the caravan to a newer model with double glazing, central heating and a ramp up to the main door.

Dr Lind’s research in 1753 found that lemons, limes and oranges produced the vital vitamin C. But it took another 40 years for the Royal Navy to take it on board and routinely issue lemon and lime juice.

50 years on it’s ‘vive le julengale’

Welcoming representatives from Vannes, led by French Twinning Committee chairman Marcel Mothe, she said: “Over the past 50 years, ties between Fareham and Vannes have gone from strength to strength. We now have a lasting reminder of our friendship.” As part of the celebrations, 150 sailors from HMS Collingwood exercised their ‘Freedom of the Borough’ charming with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed, accompanied by the Band of HM Royal Marines.

Borough tour

PORTCHERST COUNCILLORS joined colleagues recently for one of their regular bus tours of the Borough. Every ward was visited so everyone has a better grasp of issues coming to the Council.

The newest leisure facilities provided by your Conservative Council, such as Portchester Community Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre, were on the itinerary. Portchester shopping precinct and the new Lidl store were visited, so were sites likely to come forward for development, including Cranleigh Road.

CONSERVATIVES have delivered your new Lidl superstore

superstore on Castle Trading Estate was due to open its doors to shoppers at 8am on November 17. It will please the thousands of residents who signed a petition calling on the Borough Council to approve the plans. Plans to extend it further were approved in January for a mezzanine floor for staff, manager’s office, 3 warehouses and a larger delivery bay. The store had been due to open in December, but fast progress with its construction led to the earlier date.

A Levels progress

Our MP, Suella Fernandes, is working hard to bring A Levels back to fairness and organ donations. The NHS relies on our help for blood and organ donations.

Give blood

The NHS relies on our help for blood and organ donations. Red blood cells only store for 35 days and rare blood groups are always in demand.

Jobless figure down

Fareham’s unemployment rate is down 2% on 2015 as the labour market’s strong trend continues.

Olympic swimming hero admits: ‘I was afraid of the water as a child’

Olympic swimming hero Adam Peaty opened the £3m state-of-the-art Holly Hill Leisure Centre and admitted: “Although it might be hard to believe, I was actually scared of water when I was younger.”

Adam, who triumphed at the Rio Olympics by winning Team GB’s first gold medal in the 100m breaststroke breaking his world record set the day before, was acutely afraid of being bathed as a young boy.

The 21-year-old super star was full of praise for the showpiece centre in Salisbury which boasts a 25-metre pool with 6 lanes and a learner pool, gym, spinning room and dance centre.

He told guests: “I know how important it is that we educate more people about the health and safety benefits of swimming, especially those who live in coastal areas such as Fareham.”

“I think the pool here at Holly Hill Leisure Centre will go a long way in helping to do that. ‘It’s also at local pools like these where future athletes are discovered and, for me, it’s very exciting to think that could happen here at Holly Hill.”

A plaque was unveiled at the centre by Adam and the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Connie Hockley.

COME AND JOIN US

If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Portchester Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Nick Walker or Sue Bell on 02392 384943.

WE SERVE YOU ALL

Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we’ll respond personally within 48 hours.

OE60 year of ‘en Lange’ bonds between Fareham and French twin town

Vannes were marked when a 3-metre high sculpture was unveiled at Westbury Manor. Designed to reinforce bonds between the towns, it was unveiled by the Mayor, Councillor Connie Hockley.

SAM MERRICK is a very brave little boy who has inspired a charity in his name. He is the reason why Portchester Councillor and Ward colleague Coun-
An invitation to my Senior Citizens’ Fair

TOO OFTEN we hear about problems that can accompany the ageing process, including loneliness and isolation. In my opinion too little is being done to tackle these issues.

Kindly supported by the Rotary Club Meon Fareham, I am hosting a fair on Friday, November 25 (3pm - 5.30pm) to bring together the huge variety of interests and activity groups we have in our community, enabling people to browse these at leisure and chat with representatives of different organisations.

Stands will include: health and fitness, hobbies, voluntary services, home support, financial advice and bereavement services.

Demonstrations will be held on stage as well as a coffee and cake session with me.

Many activities will be on offer such as physiotherapy and sports massage tasters, tailored advice from a pharmacist, a Zumba Gold taster class aimed at ladies over 50, information on health and clinical trials by Cancer Research UK.

St John’s Church Hall, Upper St Michael’s Grove is on main bus routes, not far from Fareham Station. I hope to see you there.

I found these seniors enjoying the Fareham & Gosport Dementia Action summer tea dance.

Local clubs will demonstrate activities for people to get involved with such as knitting, arts and crafts and Fareham’s Men’s Shed. A travel company will help you find your perfect getaway.

Admittance is free and there is plenty of on-site parking.

Surgery dates

I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter

Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents.

To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months’ notice, as they are very popular.