CONSERVATIVES keeping our community

FAREHAM WEST – Spring 2016

Zero Borough Council tax increase for 7 years
We saved Band D residents almost a year’s tax
Now we’re forced to ask for a modest rise

BUT.. All good things have NOT come to an end

THERE’S been no rise in your district council tax since 2009.
It’s because your Conservative Council doesn’t waste a penny of your money, carefully budgeting to maintain top-class services.
This time, due to on-going reductions in Government grants which will disappear altogether over the next 4 years, we’re asking for a very modest rise.
A pre-budget survey showed an overwhelming 85% support for our strategy,
Council Leader Seán Woodward says: “Despite the Chancellor’s austerity burden falling on councils, it certainly does not mean all good things have to come to an end in Fareham.
“Look what we have delivered in those 7 successive zero years; look what’s in store for the future.
“Had we reflected 24% inflation in your council tax during that period, it would now be £173 and Band D residents would have paid an extra £123 over the 7 years.
“Even with the loss of half our grant support from central government, we have managed to preserve essential services and freeze council tax.
“Effectively you have enjoyed saving almost a whole year’s Fareham Borough tax bill.”
The average Band C property will go up by just 1p a day to enable us to preserve essential services Band D properties will rise by £5 making the bill £145 per year.
Add the County Council, Police and Fire & Rescue demand and the overall bill will rise £50 pa.

We honour our pledge to youth

Seán Woodward explains to Toni Lummis (centre) and Lucy Mills at a vibrant YCAT meeting how the Council is fulfilling its promise to support the Borough’s youth.
We have appointed an officer to engage with young people and put £30,000 into a pot which is available to youth clubs for specific projects. And that’s not all...
• The splendid £9m Holly Hill Leisure Centre opens at Sarisbury this summer
• We will not be raising town centre car park charges for the 6th successive year
• Free parking everywhere else, including seafronts and shopping centres, will be maintained as promised

WISE INVESTMENTS KEEP TAX DOWN

Our £8m property investments bring in returns of over £0.5m (7%)
Renting out surplus space in the Civic Offices realises £200,000 pa

Find cash for vital M27 junctions NOW – transport boss tells minister

IMPROVEMENTS to J9 and J10 of the M27 are critical, Hampshire’s transport chief told a government minister.
Preparatory work for the multi-million J9 scheme ended in 2014.
County Councillor Séan Woodward, and Meon Valley Conservative MP George Hollingbery stressed the urgency when they met Andrew Jones, who’s responsible for Highway England’s motorways and trunk roads (pictured).
“It is unacceptable for HE to walk away from its responsibilities by starting work, then abandoning the site.
“Whiteley and Welborne are to take 9,500 houses, there is investment from Solent Local Enterprise Partnership to dual Whiteley Way from Rookery Avenue to TESCO and to install lights at the Rookery Avenue roundabout.
“This traffic needs to use an improved junction 9 to leave the area,” he said.
He also told the minister funding was vital to make J10 an all-moves junction.

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

Rats problem
Rats have been running across back gardens behind the shops in Anjou Crescent.
Councillor Leslie Keeble said they may have come from a broken sewer in the alleyway between Anjou Crescent and Dalewood Road.
Leslie liaised with the environmental health team to ensure that Southern Water, who are responsible for the sewer and rat problem, were told.

Bowling alley’s new role
Plans to convert the bowling alley at Collingwood Retail Park into a Matalan store have been approved by Fareham planners.
Over 200 people objected but there was no planning reason for the council to reject the application, and Matalan produced figures to allay fears that it would adversely affect the town centre shops.

Generosity
Abu Tanzam, owner of Gandhi’s, revealed in our autumn edition that he was sending out extra patrols, so they can expect a response personally within 48 hours.

ANJOU CRESCENT
ABBEE ROAD
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GREYFRIARS ROAD

THERE are notices clearly prohibiting parking on grass verges.
But the drivers of these vehicles have ignored them and don’t seem to care about the damage they cause.
They aren’t the only culprits as van and heavy lorry drivers chew up the grass when they use the verges to turn their vehicles.
It infuriated other residents in their streets who have complained about the anti-social behaviour.

Tina Ellis, pictured bag in hand with her cocker spaniels, who was also angry at the damage, clearly show the problem around the Ward.
Councillor Keeble said: “Not only is it spoiling the environment and street scene, it makes it very hard in spring and summer to mow the grass.”

But offenders better watch out.
The Council’s head of parking and enforcement is sending out extra patrols, so they can expect a knock on the door.

Fears over Osborn Centre health clinics move

A RAFFLE among councillors and Council staff raised £211 towards the Mayor of Fareham’s charity by donating the evening’s takings on April 18.

MP at The Hub
Leslie Keeble has arranged for the police and Fareham MP Suella Fernandes to be in The Highlands Hub at Highlands Road shopping centre on Friday, March 11 at 10.30am.
Suella, the police, neighbourhood watch representative and your local councillors will answer questions.

Suella to the rescue
Leslie spoke to Fareham MP Suella Fernandes about the plight of Barbara Tipper, revealed in our autumn edition.
She has to take taxis costing up to £12 a trip to visit her GP and go shopping when her friend can’t take her because buses don’t stop near her home.
InTouch team leader Tina Ellis says Suella has promised to call at Barbara’s home to discuss the problem.

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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.

Bag it, bin it or pay £100 penalty dog owners warned
ACTION is under way to deal with the growing menace of dog fouling across the Borough.
Raising awareness, informing and encouraging dog owners to dispose of dog waste responsibly is part of a comprehensive media campaign.
InTouch team leader Tina Ellis said: “It is important to make the public aware of the significant health risks created, particularly for children, by not picking up after their dogs.”

There are over 600 waste bins around the Borough, which allow people to dispose of dog waste.
To help the enforcement team, the Council hopes to introduce a Borough-wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling in April, which will allow enforcement officers to issue fixed penalty notices.
The penalty will go up to £100.
And litter louts will also face a stiffer penalty of £80, even for dropping a coffee wrapper or a cigarette end.
Tina Ellis, pictured bag in hand with her cooker spaniels, adds: “All dog owners have a responsibility to carry doggy poo bags.
“Bag it, bin or pay the penalty is the message.”

Brian’s troubles are still not over
DISABLED Brian Leg persuaded Councillor Leslie Keeble in desperation just before Christmas.
He had been almost 3 weeks without heating and hot water at his Shaftesbury Housing home in Meadowbank Road.
The contractor had arrived to rectify the problem with the wrong parts.
Leslie, who’s keeping an eye out, quickly told the landlord the urgency of the situation, portable heaters arrived and priority repairs were done the following week.
Leslie said: “Unfortunately, the poorly repaired drain in his drive filled up with rubble, flooding his bathroom and hall, ruining his hall carpet (pictured).
“He is now trying to get the pipe company to pay for the damaged carpet.”

Emergency work to shore up the storm-damaged sea wall at Hill Head finished a week ahead of schedule and will cost the Borough Council £250,000 from its reserves.
Councillor Leslie Keeble said: “Despite no opportunities for government or external agency grants, the Council agreed to urgent action to bring the pathway back into use and to develop an action plan to rebuild the pathway with a life of perhaps 40-50 years.”
The Council had agreed a strategy outlining options to protect Fareham’s coastline from the River Hamble to Portchester, which would help reduce the risk of coastal flooding and erosion to over 2,800 homes and 10,000 people for the next 100 years.

袋之，存之，或付£100罚金狗主人被警告

行动正在展开以应对日益严重的狗粪问题，跨越整个境内。
提高意识，通知和鼓励养狗人士妥善处理狗粪，负责任的行为部分是综合媒体运动的一部分。
InTouch队的领导人Tina Ellis 表示：“重要的是，让公众了解狗粪带来的重大健康风险，特别是对儿童而言，不清理狗粪。

境内外有超过600个废物箱，允许人们将狗粪丢弃。
为了帮助执行团队，理事会希望在4月引入全区公共空间保护令（PSPO），针对狗粪问题。
该罚款将提高至£100。
乱扔垃圾的人也将面临更严厉的£80罚款，即使是丢弃咖啡杯或香烟。
Tina Ellis，手提狗笼，并与她的厨具西班牙人，加入了：“所有狗主人有责任携带狗粪袋。
“携带垃圾，丢弃垃圾，或者支付罚款，这是信息。”

Brian的麻烦仍没有解决

残疾的Brian说服了议员Leslie Keeble，就在圣诞节前。
他在Shaftebury Housing的家已经三个星期没有暖气和热水。
承包商来修理时错用了零件。
Leslie，一直关注，迅速通知房东，优先修理被完成。
Leslie说：“不幸地，修复不善的下水道在他的车道装满了碎石，淹没了他的浴室和客厅，破坏了地板的褐色地毯（图片）。
“他现在正试图让管道公司赔偿损坏的地毯。”

紧急工作来加强风暴损坏的海堤

紧急工作，来加强风暴损坏的海堤在Hill Head在圣诞节前完成了一周，成本为£250,000。
Councillor Leslie Keeble说：“尽管没有政府或外部机构的补助，理事会同意采取紧急行动，将小径恢复使用，并制定行动计划来重建小径，寿命可能为40-50年。”
理事会已经制定了策略，概述了保护Fareham海岸线从River Hamble到Portchester的选择，这将有助于减少沿海洪水和侵蚀对2,800个住宅和10,000个人的影响的下100年。”
Suella FERNANDES MP for Fareham

Please support my campaign to bring A-Levels back to Fareham

THOUSANDS of teenagers from Fareham have to travel very far if they choose to study A Levels.

I am working with Cams Hill School, supported by all local schools, to prepare an application to the Department of Education to become a Free School Sixth Form, offering A Levels in the heart of Fareham.

Headteacher Gwennan Harrison-Jones (pictured) is leading the team and wants volunteers to support the application.

We also need evidence of the demand for the A Levels in Fareham so please write to me indicating whether, if you have school-age children, you would be interested in sending them to Cams Hill for A Levels.

It is important that the whole community supports Cams Hill in this proposal which will benefit hundreds of teenagers for years to come. The first team meeting is in the Spring, so let me know if you would like more information at: http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/campaigns/education-levels-fareham

Wearing my firefighter’s helmet

I was delighted to spend the day with the crew based at Fareham Fire Station, where I took part in the firefighters’ normal day.

We discussed local and national challenges facing the service with Hampshire Chief Fire Officer Dave Curry and Station Commander Danny Miles. I am grateful to the Fire and Rescue Service for hosting me. The quality of training and dedication by the crew is exceptional.

Task Force launched

I have launched Fareham Community Hospital Task Force to discuss local health issues and push forward my campaign for increased facilities at the hospital, where I was pleased to spend a day working with volunteers (pictured) who do so much to help staff and patients.

Residents tell me more services are needed at the hospital. I raised the issue with Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt when he visited in February.