Who was there?

Present:  Chairman Cllr Kay Mandry, Executive Leader, Cllr Seán Woodward.

Residents: approx. 120

What was talked about?

Police update – PC Sam Couchman
Gave an update to residents of local policing issues in the area.

- There is a new Chief Constable, Olivia Pinkman.
- There is a team of 4 working in the area.
- The Response and Control Team have moved to Fareham Reach. Fareham Police Station still holds specialist units along with Fareham East neighbourhood policing team. Plans to move into the council are on hold while other options are looked into.
- There have been reports of anti-social behaviour at the grounds off Oakcroft Lane. Police working with FBC and owner to make property secure.
- There have been a few neighbourhood disputes that police are working to resolve.
- Police worked closely with FBC to remove travellers from sites last month. The process does take time and measures have now been put in place to prevent travellers gaining access in the future.
- There will be a speed monitor on Hill Head Road
- Fareham West has seen a reduction in burglaries, however there have been some in garages and non-dwellings. Police are working with forensics team but burglars are believed to be from Bursledon.

Questions from residents to police

You know when travellers are arriving when people knock the door and offer building work for cheap prices. Why are there no posts on the route from Stubbington surgery adjacent to the park? There is a rise in thefts when travellers are here. New posts have been installed. There were no rise in thefts; there was more a rise in crime against travellers.

Do you link up with the police in Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent? There are issues with youngsters at Daedalus.
We do talk to other neighbourhood teams. Daedalus is patrolled and there is security by the control tower.
When there are motoring events in the area, there are problems on Titchfield Road. Garden walls and lampposts are knocked down. Can you control behaviours of driving? We’ll try and patrol the area when events take place and see if we can do something about it.

There are boy racers on the existing bypass, it’s really dangerous. We’ll try and patrol the area. We do patrol it when we can.

Why did it take so long to remove the travellers? The school were really concerned. A procedure needs to be followed and we worked closely with the Council. We had to get a court order and then the weekend was in the middle so it took a bit longer. There was a lot of scaremongering.

Have the traffic lights changed at Windsor Court? Can the speed be cut down there? Cyclists should have lights but not a lot do. The lights aren’t controlled by us; Hampshire Highways can look into it. Cycling is a big issue and some work has been done, but it really is down to parents and individuals.

Presentations

Hayley Hamlett from One Community was a guest speaker and discussed local volunteering opportunities in the area and the upcoming Community Showcase on 2 July at Ferneham Hall.

Executive Leader, Cllr Seán Woodward then gave a presentation about the past year’s accomplishments and initiatives that are to take place in the Borough.

Mark Wyatt – Principal Planner for the Council – gave an update on IFA2

Following the presentation, the Chairman opened the floor for questions.

How much is being spent on surveys and consultants for IFA2? Who’s paying? A fee is paid by National Grid when the outline planning application is received. The Council will be funding consultants.

I was informed of IFA2 at the end of May. There has only been a note in the local news but other than that there has not been much information on it. How do you plan to communicate this? We delivered leaflets for this meeting, National Grid held exhibitions, we’ve held meetings, local Cllrs active in own methods, the newspapers published articles. We’ve also worked with Gosport Council to communicate this too.
Will the 120 miles of cable be on/under the seabed? Where will it run?
The Maritime Management Organisation act as the planning authority for the sea. National Grid will need separate consent from them in order to install the cable.

The Stubbington Bypass will pass through green space including farm land to the left of Peak Lane. Can you give assurance that this land will not be used for housing?
There are two ways of funding the bypass; a direct government grant or through developers’ contributions through housing. We have made it clear that the Stubbington Bypass must stand alone with no housing. Putting a road in a strategic gap does not open the flood gates for housing.

There is nothing in the outline planning application about noise radiation. They’ve done no trial to test for this. I would like to see some tests including cables and currents. What happens if they don’t achieve the number inside the legal limit? We need to prove that these things are ok for health.
This is the first stage of the process. An outline planning application has only been received so far; if this is approved then there will be a more detailed planning application that will show everything. I do agree with your concerns and we have raised this with the applicant. If it’s noisier than they say then we can work with the Council’s Environmental Health Team. But this is a very long way down the line.

PUSH is an important committee but part of PUSH’s policy is in regards to strategic gap. If applications go thorough then it will have an enormous impact on the gap. Policies in core strategy have been breached. What is going to happen to the aviation industry? It is the key to success of an airfield.
In regards to PUSH and the strategic gap - if we get to the devolution settlement then we can control designation of greenbelt. A strategic gap has no statutory protection. Greenbelt does. In regards to aviation at Daedalus – we are committed to aviation and there should be no doubt that we will not allow anything to happen which will have an adverse impact on its future. The future is bright for Daedalus.

The expense that National Grid have paid in public relations and planning applications; those will not been done just on a hope that local authority will grant application. I assume there is an agreement in place already, subject to successful outcome, that the borough will grant lease the land to National Grid. What premium payment will be made by National Grid to the Council?
National Grid is a private company. There is no agreement binding between the Council and National Grid. There is no agreed premium. If there is there will be no annual rental agreement. There is no agreement at all, other than in principle, that we would be willing to lease land if they meet many requirements.
–If the UK withdraws from EU then the energy policy won’t happen. Decision to leave EU will not affect this project. If the pound value changes then may be bit more expensive for them.

National Grid couldn’t have IFA2 at Fawley as they sold land, which is why it’s at Daedalus. Daily Echo says there are now plans for new power plant at Fawley. If they built 50 of those power stations then it will be equivalent to output of interconnector at Daedalus. The plans are very different.

National Grid wouldn’t be paying as they go along, they would pay for a long term lease. Will it be in public domain? Yes, if we get in to those discussions and if they get full planning consent then figures will be in the public domain. It will be a single premium and there will be business rates for building and service charges.

Will money be put back into FBC coffers? Yes, which will be spent on Daedalus.

Looking at the French side - DC cable is under ground 28km to meet with huge substation which will be built well away from housing. Why couldn’t cable be bought to Lovedean station where there is very little housing? Chilling link goes from Chilling to Lovedean. Other converter stations in UK have very little housing around. Judgement on where interconnector should go is not something the Council can decide. We decide on planning application merits. National Grid and IFA2 decided that point is in Fareham.

Is the road structure for Newgate Lane going to be completed before this is built? We live on existing bypass and already suffer with pollution, fumes etc. Stubbington Bypass is going to take a few years. The southern section of Newgate Lane now has funding. IFA2 could go ahead at same time.

Kingsmead Avenue backs onto the runway. Re testing for health and safety, can they monitor it at an existing station first? Local authorities will run these tests at existing sites.

There have been a lot of comments from locals - can you assure us that the full essence of what’s in those comments will get through to Planning Committee. How many comments have come from Gosport?

Every comment is posted online as it is and how it comes in. Will extract everything from all comments to form part of report to go to Committee. Will look into how many from Gosport.
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