Who was there?

Present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr T Davies, Cllr Bryant, Cllr Clubley, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Fazackarley, Cllr Trott, Cllr Bastable and Cllr Keeble.

Residents: approx. 60

What was talked about?

Cllr Davies, the Chairman of the meeting, gave a brief introduction and introduced the speakers.

1. PC Lee Paddick gave an update from the local Police.

Questions from the floor to PC Lee Paddick.

Q I live in Watersmeet and there were a lot of car break-ins. Lately there hasn’t been as many, have there been more protocols?
A Due to cost and resources we don’t always go out. But if something has been moved i.e CD case, then we will test it for fingerprints or blood left at the scene. Once an area is hit, criminals tend to move on to other areas.

Q Fareham police station has limited opening and closing hours. Complained in Fareham police station, due to parked car, and was sent to the council
A The police station has not been open 24 hours for a number of years. In an emergency you need to call 999 and resources would be gotten from other areas. How that will go back to a neighbourhood team, who would investigate it. We should clarify use on parking. The police have some powers in relation to obstructions. The council deal with double yellow lines, and that sort of thing.

Q RE Number of police officers on the streets.
A If we need to, we can get the resources to incidents.

Q What’s happening with the police station?
A It is still being used quite a lot, but I do not know the future of it.
2. Hayley from One Community talked about Volunteering opportunities and support available in the Borough.

3. The Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council, Cllr Woodward, gave a presentation about developments in the Borough over the past year and a look at what is happening now and then took questions from the floor. You can view the presentation here.

Q  Increasing funding to motorway. Increase traffic with Welborne, it is not going to solve the issue. How is it going to improve? Why are you spending all this money on this and not other issues, i.e schools, GP surgeries.
A  Councillors are not immune to traffic issue. Number one, we need more housing, and we can’t say no more homes, as it will be done to us otherwise by appeal inspectors. Eastleigh example, with no local plan. It’s correct to say that if you do improvements in isolation, then it will not help the issue. So when we get money from developers, we will use it for improvements.

Q  When is the Stubbington by pass going to be built?
A  Next year.

Q  When is the hotel being built?
A  Relies on Premier Inn completing legal agreements.

Q  Can you confirm that there is no intent to build housing on the strategic gap between Fareham and Stubbington.
A  If our Draft Local Plan is found sound on existing housing numbers, then the strategic gap will remain as a strategic gap and the same with the Meon Gap. If the government say to us that we need more houses, then we will have to start all over again.

Q  How have we lobbied our MP, if we say we don’t want any more housing in Fareham?
A  I have lobbied the both of Fareham’s MPs and they have both written to the secretary of state and lobbied him to say that the whole idea of building more houses is flawed, and would not reduce house prices.

Q  Are Fareham Borough Council moving out of the Civic Offices?
A  No.

Q  What happens on a smart motorway when cars breakdown?
A  They will be putting in refuges on the side of the motorway. We will see how frequently they put in the refuges in.

Q  RE Concerning work at Welborne. Will North Hill be closed to public transport?
A  We are not in that depth of detail but are not aware of any such proposal.
Q  Potential for government to impose a 25% increase in housing. Can you give any reassurance that other councils will take their share?
A  Other councils are not providing all their housing need.

Q  RE the poor condition of pavements and the roads in Fareham.
A  Roads are the county councils responsibility. If you want to identify those ideas and we can make sure they are highlighted to Hampshire Highways. Hampshire is spending an extra £10m on fixing roads every year.

Q  What are you purposing to do to replace the information centre at Westbury Manor?
A  There are no plans to replace the information centre. We have lost income and we have to prioritise, and statutory services must come first.

Q  Adverts for litter campaign. How successful has it been?
A  We try to educate and help culprits realise the significance of what they are doing. And we will publish results later in the year.

Q  Can we persuade more companies to put more cigarette pots outside their business, as a lot of litter is cigarette ends?
A  We can take a note of that and part of the litter campaign, with have given out pouches for people to put butts in.

Q  Doctors surgeries are badly managed, could the council help to run them?
A  It’s an interesting thought.

Q  Will the council be compulsory purchasing properties at Ranville Lane?
A  No we are not looking to compulsory purchase anything in Ranvilles Lane.

Q  I’d like to congratulate you on how you’ve turned Daedalus airfield round and made it successful.
A  Thank you.

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