Who was there?

Present: Chairman – Cllr Trevor Howard
Also present: Cllr Woodward, Cllr Keeble, Cllr Gregory.
Residents: 31

What was talked about?

Police update - Sgt. Steele, PC Jeremy Tremellen
- 6% increase in anti-social behaviour but down in north and west.
- Violent crime increased across Fareham. 25 more victims.
- Acquisitive crime down across Fareham. 12 incidents in total.
- Police beat surgeries at Highland Hub on Friday 18th July 10am – 11.30am

Questions:

Q: Where’s the Highland Hub
A: Highland Shops

Q: Dogs Barking
A: Contact Environmental Health

Q: Shotguns Fairfield, found 12 bore cartridges
A: I haven’t heard any reports in 2 years
Q: On 31st May a woman collapsed has it been investigated
A: Can’t comment

**Mark Dunning – Community Funding**

- Fareham Bowles Club £4999 for renovations
- Spinnaker Brass Club £2,695 to purchase a Tuba

Q: Festive market – 1 piece on tinsel, it was not festive.

**Presentation by Executive Leader – Cllr Seán Woodward**

Cllr Woodward gave a presentation looking back at the past year in the Borough looking at:

- **Welborne**
  - Talked about naming of Welborne
  - Planned consultations
  - The Welborne Plan and the Development Plan for the Borough will both go to independent planning inspector.

- **Community Safety Partnership**
  - Access All Areas is running in Partnership with Winchester this year. It is a range of free summer events for 11 – 17 year olds for 3 weeks in the summer holidays.
  - SNAP discos are running throughout the year at Ferneham Hall

- **Town Centre Action Plan**

- **Fareham Park Fun Day**

- **Residents Survey**
  - Good satisfaction results across all services, even though we have made lots of savings
  - Council tax is frozen for the 6th year even though we lost 50% of government funding

- **Collingwood Court**
  - We are building a new sheltered housing scheme – replacing the old Collingwood House
  - We will be building a sheltered housing scheme in Coldeast next year

- **Fareham Leisure Centre**
  - £1.5 million refurbishment at the leisure centre including new swimming pool.
Green gap between Stubbington and Fareham

- Hallam Land Management has put in a planning application to build on Newlands. The decision for the planning application has been delayed until September.

Solent Enterprise Zone

- Innovation Centre is currently being built
- Resurfacing the runway at Daedalus
- New hangars installed to support new start-ups in marine, aviation and automobile.
- Fareham College’s CEMAST is opening in September

Newgate Lane improvements

- Hampshire are undertaking consultations based on improving access to Fareham and Gosport.

Vanguard

- Consultants have been brought in who have worked on various areas.

  Parking: Number of informal appeals against the issue of a PCN reduced from 45 per week to 27.

- Benefits: Processing times for new claims reduced from 20 days to 16, and in a pilot areas, reduced to 8 days.

- Building Services – The time it takes for a job to be completed from when a customer first reports a problem has been reduced from 89 days to 7.

- Planning – In a trial area, the time it takes to process a planning application has reduced from 53 days to 30.

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A: No, if Newlands get the go ahead means inspector thinks we need even more houses.

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A: Look at Whiteley that has a 50 metre buffer. People from Funtley should get engaged in the process to tell us what they want for Funtley, no one from Funtley came for 2 years.

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Q: A27 improvements will there be another lane included.

A: Yes.

Q: Bus services in South Fareham are appalling.

A: You are probably right, free bus passes are causing some of them to become unviable. Often most of the people on the bus are not paying. Bus companies are not allowed to make a loss by law. Buses receive £172m a year in subsidies in Hampshire. Looking at alternatives like, dial a ride taxi share where you can use a bus pass.

Q: Who pays for the bus passes?

A HCC puts in £13m a year to subsidise and the rest comes from government.

Q: What about reinstating the No. 9

A: I met with the director of 1st Bus and there will be improvements but not the No. 9

Q: Can we use school buses.

A: we already do for some services.

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Have Your Say - Consultations

All consultations are available at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation