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FAREHAM NORTH – SUMMER 2010

Pam's thanks to Fareham North Ward supporters



Pam Bryant: 'Good to see so many young first-time voters.'

COUNCILLOR PAM BRYANT would like to thank all of the residents in Fareham North Ward who voted for her in the recent Borough Council Elections.

She was delighted to have received so many votes and to once again increase her majority.

The local election campaign, which was held jointly with the General Election, brought out a record number of voters in the ward and it was good to see so many young first time voters taking the time to visit the polling station.

Pam will continue to do her best for all residents of Fareham North and will continue to keep in touch throughout the year with regular newsletters.

Pam has now been appointed Chairman of the Community Review Panel, and continues to sit on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, Public Protection Panel and the Scrutiny Board.

RESULT

Pamela BRYANT (CON)	2,464
Baker (Lib Dem)	933
Brown (Lab)	457
Harrison (Green)	239
Maj	1,531
Turnout 71%	

Axe for 'garden grabbers' as Tory planning reforms bite

GARDEN grabbing planning policies set by Labour are among the first to be axed by the Government - thanks to Conservatives laying the foundations.

The Coalition wasted no time getting rid of six unpopular measures and two pieces of unwanted guidance.

As moves to transfer planning powers away from remote Whitehall mandarins and back to local councils gather pace, Councillor David Swanbrow, Fareham's Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Environment, commented:

"They must be congratulated for their swift action on planning issues that have frustrated councils and residents alike. They promise that further changes are on the way. This can only be good."

He welcomed the decision by Greg Clark, minister responsible for decentralisation decision making, to scrap minimum density targets on new development; he has already issued a new planning policy statement to that effect.

Mr Clark also made changes allowing councils to reduce dramatically 'garden grabbing' where gardens have been lost to inappropriate development.

"For years, the wishes of local people have been ignored as the character of neighbourhoods and gardens has been destroyed, robbing communities of vital green space," said Councillor Swanbrow.

It will allow Fareham Council to resist developers building high density one or two bedroom flats where the need is for family houses.

Before the election, the Conservative green paper promised to scrap the South East Plan,



Unwanted: These flats, one of 6 such developments within 400 yards at Park Gate, were built 4 years ago and are still unsold. Most were granted on appeal.

but councils would be expected to base their plans on what they submitted to the plan rather than what was forced upon them by Whitehall.

They also said they would introduce planning laws allowing objectors to appeal against decisions to approve planning applications that were contrary to a council's published plan.

Councillor Swanbrow added: "It will take time to implement all their ideas but they have made several good starts."

"Already, Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) has issued a letter saying that decisions on housing supply - including provision for gypsies and travellers - will rest with local planning authorities rather than the government, and planning inspectors must now take this statement as a material consideration at appeals."

Residents' parking scheme starts in town centre

FROM JULY, some streets in the town centre will have a residential parking scheme.

This is being introduced in response to concerns expressed by residents about the problems with all-day parking.

Councillor John Bryant, Chairman of Planning and Environment Panel, said: "This scheme is being introduced following consultations

with local town centre residents who have been requesting a residents' parking scheme for many years."

Residents living the streets listed below can buy a permit for £40 per annum.

This will entitle them to park on-street in marked bays during the daytime - usually between 8am - 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

They will also receive 10 free visitor permits per house-

hold per year. Additional visitor permits are available to residents at a cost of £10 for a book of 10 permits.

No charge will be made for Blue Badge holders and essential medical staff can apply for a special permit.

The following streets in Fareham North will be part of the new parking scheme: Colenso Road, Crescent Road, Gordon Road, New Road.



By
Mark Hoban
MP for Fareham

We will work in national interest to clear up mess inherited from Labour

nalled from the start of the negotiations that we had to respect the verdict of the electorate and work together with the Liberal Democrats to find solutions to the profound problems facing our nation.

As David Cameron has made clear, Britain needs strong, stable and decisive government at this point in our history. It was in the national interest that we achieved this coalition agreement on a secure basis, enabling us to govern securely in the national interest.

We must recognise that all coalitions involve compromise. However, I would like to reassure you that the key principles on which we fought this election have formed the basis of this agreement.

It commits the next government to a significantly accelerated reduction in the budget deficit, to cut £6 billion of government waste this financial year and to stop the jobs tax.

The agreement also allows us to carry out key elements of the reform agenda we outlined in our manifesto, including welfare and school reform.

We have protected our nuclear deterrent and there will be no amnesty for illegal immigrants, nor the handover of any additional powers to the EU.

But the past few days have not just been about compromise. There is significant common

ground between us and the Liberal Democrats, such as our commitment to building a green economy, decentralising power and protecting civil liberties - including scrapping ID cards.

This will be a Government that puts the national interest first and takes determined and resolute actions.

We have already seen this in the difficult decisions that we have had to take on the public finances. As Treasury Minister, I know just how empty the coffers are and the scale of the challenges we face to get the economy moving again.

I am afraid that the last Government spent money as if there was no tomorrow.

Unfortunately, they have left you with the bill. That is why we have had to make difficult decisions on taxes and spending to balance the books whilst doing all we can to support economic recovery.

You can be assured that the tough decisions that we have had to take are aimed at one goal: clearing up the mess that we have inherited from Labour. It is a tough job but one that needs to be done.

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I am very grateful to the residents of Fareham North for their support in the recent General Election.

Regardless of whether or not you voted for me, I look forward to serving all of you as your Member of Parliament for the next five years.

The outcome of the election locally was very clear but it was not so clear nationally.

In the election, the Conservatives gained nearly 100 extra MPs, a bigger gain than in any election since 1931. This was a remarkable achievement. However, we fell short of an overall majority.

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, sig-

WARD NEWS BRIEFS

Vandalism

Due to vandalism, some play equipment in Funtley recreation ground required expensive replacement wooden planks, which have now been installed, hopefully allowing local children to enjoy the playground again.

Town centre displays

Planned events with displays in the town centre during the summer include 'Sixties Sensation' Saturday, July 17 and 'Bygone Fareham' on Saturday, September 11.

Both days will have plenty of memorabilia to bring back some happy memories.

Play Ranger events

Free Play Ranger events will take place at parks and open spaces across the Borough offering children and their parents an opportunity for natural play ideas.

Call Sue Mills, acting communications manager, on 01329 824518 for details.

Planning decision overturned

A planning inspector has overturned the decision by Fareham's Planning Committee and given consent for a 30-bed residential home at 74 Kiln Road.

Fareham awaits the judges in prestige national competition

JUDGEMENT day is approaching and all across the Borough green fingers are being crossed to see whether Fareham can take a prize in the prestigious Britain in Bloom competition.

The Borough was invited to take part because of its successes in the South & South East England in Bloom over the past three years.

Britain in Bloom, run by the Royal Horticultural Society, is one of the largest events of its kind in Europe.

Fareham was overall winner in 2009 for the sixth year running in the Large Town/Small City category and the Sensory Garden, which won gold in the Best Small Park category, was awarded a Green Flag which the Council hopes to

retain this year.

Councillor Connie Hockley, Executive Member for Community, said the judges from South & South East England in Bloom would be in Fareham towards the end of July, but the results would not be known until mid-September.

The town will be judged on August 4 in the Britain in Bloom competition, with the results being announced at a presentation ceremony by the RHS at the end of September.

Fareham in Bloom gardens open day will be held on Sunday, July 25.

She added: "Good luck to all those who have entered this year's Fareham in Bloom competition. The presentation evening will be held at Ferneham Hall in October."

Date for next CAT meeting

FUNTLEY Social Club will be the venue for the next Community Action Team meeting for Fareham North and North West, which will take place at 7pm on Thursday, July 15.

It will be chaired by Councillor John Bryant, who said:

"These meetings are your chance to have your say about what goes on in your local area and what improvements you'd like to see."

Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council Councillor Seán Woodward will answer questions and listen to your comments.

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