



Town Clerk's Report to Full Council – 27th January 2020

1. Hampshire County Council – Vision for Hampshire 2050

Cllr Mark Griffin and I attended the Vision for Hampshire workshop on 9th January, which primarily focused on climate change. The following items were noted:

- Transport is one of our biggest problems in Hampshire – petrol and diesel. Electric cars help but they are mostly charged by energy from fossil fuel power stations;
- There is an HCC grant for a 'community energy scheme';
- There are two National Parks in Hampshire;
- Use of heat pumps as an alternative to traditional heating in homes;
- New homes are not being built as 'Climate friendly' – central government needs to change this;
- 'Inversion' model – we wait for things to change from central government but small changes can start from Parish and Town councils;
- More use of anaerobic digestion (AD) plants. See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anaerobic_digestion
- Solar panels on buildings we own
- Aldershot is hosting the world's first solar-powered railway scheme. See: <http://www.railtechnologymagazine.com/Rail-News/aldershot-railway-solar-farm>
- Plant more trees, but has to be the right type of tree in the right place;
- Amsterdam and other cities are using climbing plants in an environmentally-friendly way. See: <https://www.urbangreenbluegrids.com/measures/green-facades/>
- Utilise communication resources and initiatives, such as the Greening campaign and the carbon footprint calculator to generate interest and action to limit climate change <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

2. Councillor Surgery

The Councillor Surgery session before Full Council was launched on social media and the Council's website last week. Information will also be placed in the Council's next, and subsequent, newsletters.

This will be an appointment only session for residents to share any matters with their Councillors in person. All appointments made by 3pm on the Friday before the Full Council meeting will be confirmed with the allocated Councillors on the rota. Key collection arrangements to open up the building will also be confirmed.

The rota for the next few months is as follows:

9th March	Pam Phelps-Jones and Tony Spencer
20th April	Jenny Cole and Greg Easterbrook
18th May	Mark Griffin and Gerry Crisp

If you are unable to attend the session, please could you arrange for a Councillor to take your place and let me know.

3. HDC Climate Change Forum – Agree Council representative/s

Action: to agree Town Council representatives for the Climate Change forum.

4. Annual Town Meeting

Yateley School has been booked for the Annual Town Meeting on 11th March.

Draft outline schedule for the evening

7.00pm	Arrival (music / live or recorded)
7.15pm	Welcome by Town Mayor
7.20pm	Main business for the evening
7.45pm	Break for refreshments and chat with Councillors
8.00pm	Take public questions & resume remainder of business
8.30pm	End

The event will incur the following approximate costs:

- Hall hire £63 (Yateley School has kindly given us a competitive rate)
- Refreshments for 60 people:
 - o Food (wraps, sandwiches, cheese and crackers) £90
 - o Drinks (wine and soft drinks on sale or return) £130
- Total: **£283**

The Events & Communications Officer is preparing a promotional invite to accompany the formal agenda.

5. Waitrose Meeting

I met with the Branch Manager at Waitrose on 10th January to discuss the issue of accumulated waste at the recycling facility. Whilst it is great that so many people want to bring their recycled items to the site, people tend to leave boxes of bottles and other items outside of the bottle banks, which is unsightly. Hart usually arrange for a quick collection but I understand the volume of waste is particularly bad over Christmas and in the summer. I have agreed to discuss with Hart scheduling ahead of time to ensure that the bins are emptied more frequently during peak periods. I have also written a short article for the next Town Council newsletter to highlight the issues.

It was useful to meet with the Branch Manager to discuss the issues and also talk about community engagement, which Waitrose are keen to be involved with.

6. 2020 Event – 20th September

The Events & Communications Officer has prepared a brief update regarding the 2020 Event, which will be issued for the next Community & Environment Committee meeting. In the meantime, I would like to appeal to Councillors to consider volunteering to support the event on the day. A volunteer plan is being put together to identify the roles but the type of task that we will need help with is manning the various activities, co-ordinating the volunteers and setting up / manning the Town Council stand. If you can spare a small amount of time on the day and would like to take this opportunity to engage with our residents, please let me know.

Rochelle Halliday
22nd January 2020