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COUNCILLOR JONATHAN GLEN

I SEE THE WORLD NOW WITH A CLEARER EYE.... HAMPSHIRE 2050 – A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The HCC Commission of Enquiry was established in 2018 to look at ways of moving ahead with climate change within Hampshire right through to 2050. We are now considering evidence, debating key issues and making recommendations at a very high level. It is a long-term vision for Hampshire, which will guide and contribute to the prosperity, quality of life, protection and enhancement of the character and environment of our county.

My job as Chairman of the Senior Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that we continue to address issues that will affect our ability to meet our climate-change targets, effectively reminding the County Council officers and cabinet that we are in the business of cleaning up Hampshire.

As you'll know, for the last six months councillors and officers have not had to travel to and from work in Winchester every day, making significant savings in transport expenses and lower pollution levels. Most of the County Council business is now conducted on-line from home, including full council and committee meetings. We are all becoming experts on Zoom.

As a result, the business of the County Council is being conducted at pretty much pre-COVID levels, and the following examples are the kind of progress we are making in keeping Hampshire going.

For instance, we have recently announced the first initiatives to help Hampshire residents reduce their carbon footprint. Community projects include a **Telephone Helpline** offering advice from energy choice to insulation, establishing a **Community Energy Network** across Hampshire and a **Targeted Residential Solar Group Buying Scheme**. Parishes and communities are encouraged to take part in the sustainable community **Greening** campaign (<http://www.greening-campaign.org/>). The climate change **Action Plan** is due to be presented to the HCC Cabinet on 29th September.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>
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Hampshire Highways are now re-using recycled material from old roads. Materials are screened, crushed and blended cleanly and quietly ready for re-use. With around 5,500 miles of roads this will make a significant contribution to reducing our carbon footprint. Over 40 new temporary footpaths and cycleways have been installed across Hampshire. HCC have bid for £3.45 million from Government to build more highways schemes to support social distancing, encourage walking and cycling and assist economic recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/21082020TransportPopUps>

Emergency Response teams responded to areas of flash flooding clearing debris from gullies following the heavy storms across Winchester. Further information and advice is available below:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanning>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/yourhampshire/yhnov19keepinghampshiremoving>

Meanwhile the **Household Waste Recycling Centres** have safe social distancing measures in place for staff and residents. Only book the slots you need and it's easy to cancel a booking if you change your mind. Booking slots are available up to seven days in advance.

If you have any questions on these or other County Council issues, please feel free to email me on jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk and I'll do my best to answer them.

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17th June 2020

Dear Mrs Mann

Completion of Probationary Period

Following the agreement of Full Council at its meeting on 16th June, I am happy to confirm the successful completion of your initial 6-month probationary period as proposed by the Staffing Committee on 1st June. This automatically confirms your permanent employment as Parish Clerk to Odiham Parish Council under the terms of your original contract as issued to you in November 2019.

During your initial review meeting with Cllr Verdon and myself we had agreed a set of objectives for your probationary period which we can confirm were not only met but exceeded as follows:

1. Meeting administration to be more efficient: agendas are set out more coherently, meetings run more smoothly and draft minutes are now usually available within 48 hours, against a target of 5 working days
2. Financial administration: OPC's budgeting has been moved to Scribe in time for reporting FY 19/20, against a target of in time for the start of FY 20/21. In addition, a lot of work has been done to clarify the reserve position and proper management of reserves has been built into the 20/21 budget reporting,

Moreover, you have achieved these milestones against a background of a range of unplanned challenges: the Covid 19 pandemic, challenging staffing matters and the Mildmay footpath and boundary issues. You have also brought innovation to the collaboration between the Clerk and Council such as pre-meetings to go over the agenda with Chairs. You have supported us all to run more effective and efficient meetings, not least as we have moved seamlessly to using virtual meetings during the current restrictions, enabling essential Council business to operate uninterrupted.

I speak for Council when I thank you for your significant contribution to our joint role in offering service to the local community. We have enjoyed working with you and hope you have a long and happy career in Odiham.

Yours sincerely

Dr Angela McFarlane
OPC Chair

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It's good to be in touch again, and yes, I plan to report on the 'C' word.....CRIME.

I imagine you all have probably heard enough about the coronavirus measures currently in place (and changing every day) but in these challenging times it is frustrating that there are always people who will take advantage of the situation and make it even more difficult. However, petty crime is actually an issue we can do something about now.

Jennifer Lovegrove, our new Hart District Inspector for the police, recently asked me to share my thoughts on local crime. Since COVID-19 took over our lives, our rural communities have been feeling particularly isolated and vulnerable. There has been an increase in rural crime throughout Northern Hampshire which includes theft of quad bikes, burglaries to farms, and garage break-ins. Luckily, Hart has not been affected as much as other districts.

There are special operations in place to target this type of offending and in Hart there is now a new Engagement & Prevention Plan in place to ensure that this level of criminal activity does not escalate. In early May, Hart suffered from a small increase in minor burglaries, particularly in Crondall. Our new Inspector is passionate about rural policing and targeting those responsible, and teams have now been set up to tackle these challenges.

Thanks to their vigilance and community support the police have recently made arrests at a site in Hartley Wintney where several of the Crondall items were recovered, and a suspicious car stopped and searched in Hook Road, with the result the driver was arrested for intent to commit a crime.

In addition, I was informed and have reported on the following:

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- Bicycle thefts in Rotherwick, where entry was probably made from the fields.
- Rotherwick Woods – you may be aware that a company is advertising land for sale along the Hook Road, where reports have come in of suspicious campsites there appearing at random. Hart District Council and the police are aware and are watching the situation.
- Over three months ago there was a spate of burglaries in Holt Park. The MO was to engage youngsters to monitor residents' movements and report back to their criminal masters when houses were likely to be empty. Access had been gained through back doors, keys taken and selected cars driven away. There have also been incidents of 'key-less' car thefts, where the criminals replicate the signals from wireless key fobs. Keep your keyrings out of sight and as far from the vehicles as possible!

There is also anecdotal evidence of 'county-lines' activity along the Holt Lane track from the bridleway bridge over the M3. This allows east entry north and south of the motorway.

If you have outside lights you might consider leaving them on at night to deter opportunist burglars. As ever, if you see any suspicious behaviour or activity that makes you uncomfortable, please make a note of when and where and email myself and Jennifer (jennifer.lovegrove@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Stay alert and stay well!

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