

# **Meonstoke & Corhampton Parish Council**

## **Winchester City Councillor Report**

### **January 2020**

#### **1. Changes in bin collections for October 2020**

The bids for the new contract starting this coming October have been received and were assessed by the Cabinet on 15th November 2019. The decision was made not to introduce food collections at the start of the new contract. Consideration is being given to charging for garden waste collection.

#### **2. Noisy and speeding vehicles**

The latest meeting of the forum set up to seek solutions to the issues of noisy and speeding vehicles took place on 3rd December. The forum brings together CANS, the Police, Hampshire County Council officials and elected representatives from Parliament, the County Council and the City Council.

The Police ran a successful programme over the summer, with 11 separate operations targeted at peak times of motorbike activity. This occurred both on the A roads and on the smaller country lanes, including various operations on the Morestead Road. New sites were used and the Police welcome all offers of new locations.

Trials of the new acoustic cameras in the area are ongoing, the intention being to seek legislative change in relation to noisy vehicles if the cameras can be shown to work successfully.

A feasibility is to be carried out in relation to the use of average speed cameras in the area.

The County Council are reviewing the suitability and nature of the signage across the area and will be circulating their menu of traffic calming options which can be used by parishes.

#### **3. Small grants**

The next round of applications for small grants from Winchester City Council is now open. Grants of up to £500 are available for one-off pieces of expenditure on projects, equipment and other items. This scheme aims to make small grants easily available to local voluntary and community groups.

Applications for grants can be made online at [website](#). The Council will provide advice and guidance on how to apply and what is covered. The deadline for applications is 12pm on Monday 13th January 2020.

Applicants are asked to attend a session with the Council on 4th February. Decisions will be advised on the date.

#### **4. Council Plan 2020-25**

The current Council Strategy 2017-20 which was adopted by Council earlier this year runs until 31 March 2020. In our last report, we mentioned the then ongoing consultation on the proposed new Council Plan 2020-25.

That draft plan sets out Winchester City Council's key ambitions and focuses on five priority outcomes which are:

- Tackling the climate emergency and creating a greener district
- Homes for all
- Vibrant local economy
- Living well
- Your services, your voice

The draft plan was approved by the Cabinet on 23rd December 2019 and will now be presented to full Council for formal adoption this month.

## **5. Carbon Neutrality Action Plan**

The City Council Cabinet meeting on 23rd December also approved the adoption of the Winchester Carbon Neutrality Action Plan 2020 - 2030. This is in response to the Council's declaration of a climate emergency in June 2019.

The next stage will be the development of an Implementation Plan to provide for delivery of the Action Plan.

## **6. Winchester Parking and Access Strategy**

Winchester City Council's Cabinet has approved its new Parking and Access Strategy for public consultation. A key element of the proposed strategy is the introduction of Sunday and evening parking charges, in conjunction with improvements to the existing Park and Ride services.

The draft strategy can be viewed and comments left at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/major-projects/parking-strategy-2020/>.

The consultation closes on 6 February 2020.

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