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GOVERNMENT GRANT SLASHED BY 16.5% to deal with Labour's legacy

Grant cut worse than expected - and there's more to come next year!

Borough council officials expected a cut in government grant of up to 10%, but the awful reality is 16.5% this year and another 10% next year.

FOCUS team member Jennie Horstman, who lives in Christchurch Gardens, said: "Small district and borough councils have fared really badly out of the Coalition's strategy to deal with the huge debt left by Labour."

"Those of us in Surrey have definitely been hit. Our local community needs to work together on this to protect vital services. **If we have to make cuts they must be on the non-essentials.**"

"Our borough council should be looking into ways to increase its income, so that it can carry on providing the services that are important to local residents."

"Better use of Hook Road Arena and sharing back-office services with other councils are two simple ways of improving income", said Cllr Nigel Pavey. "More will be suggested by Lib Dem councillors when the council sets its budget in February."

"For years the RA Party have refused to consult residents prior to setting their budget, but now the Lib Dems have got the council to look at Budget Simulators that will allow people to express a preference via the internet."

Survey Feedback

MANY THANKS TO THE HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS WHO FILLED IN THE FOCUS SURVEY FORMS.

Your responses show that the policies put forward by the Liberal Democrats are supported by the vast majority of residents.

The Green Belt, keeping Epsom Hospital in the NHS

and low council tax are very important in Stamford ward.

You also think hospital car park charges, increasing recycling and protecting back gardens are important.

Residents also gave us some great ideas about using our open spaces and council buildings and saving money at the Town Hall.



Local residents working for local residents

STAMFORD WARD NEWS

Hookfield and Lindsay Close CPZ

In common with 2 other CPZ's in the ward, charges for parking permits in Hookfield and Lindsay Close will go up from £5 to £50 later this year, following an edict from the SCC's all-Conservative cabinet.

In practice very few permits are issued, the CPZ is mainly intended to exclude all-day parking by commuters. It is not planned to revise the times of operation, but they could be altered if residents want changes.

The Burnet Grove and Marshalls Close CPZ's

We will deliver the results from our recent surveys in the six roads comprising these two CPZ's shortly.

Wells Road junction with Dorking Road

Improvements to the Wells Road junction are now unlikely to go ahead, because of Tory budget cuts, so Cllr Colin Taylor is hoping to extend the 30mph speed limit in Dorking Road to start at the Ashtead boundary.

Did Epsom's historic well spring a leak?

FOCUS team member Jennie Horstman helped Cllr Nigel Pavey and Cllr Colin Taylor with their "Street Surgery" on The Wells recently. Visiting the historic well afterwards, they observed that water is once again seeping onto the footpath in Well Way. It may just be ground water, but last time this happened it turned out to be a leak in a domestic water pipe!

Historic Tree Question

The future of a historic oak tree on Clayhill Green is at risk following an insurer's call for it to go.

The tree was planted about 70 years ago as a memorial to Rt Hon Chuter Ede MP, the borough's first mayor. However an insurance company has called for it to be felled, following fears that its roots may affect a nearby house in West Hill.

However the need to fell it has been challenged by the Tree Advisory Board, so Cllr Nigel Pavey asked for it to be referred to the Planning Committee.



Colin Taylor, Jennie Horstman and Nigel Pavey

Police Panel Meetings

Monday 28th February 2011 at 8.00pm
The Wells Centre, Spa Drive,
The Wells, Epsom KT18 7LR

Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 8.00pm
Holiday Inn, Langley Vale Road,
Epsom Downs, Epsom KT18 6EH

Thursday 24th March 2011 at 8.00pm
Pine Lodge, (old Manor hospital site)
Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PB

***** NEW VENUE *****

Come and bring your concerns and questions for your local Neighbourhood Police team and your local Councillors.

Horton Lane speedway – your help needed

The longstanding noise nuisance from "boy racers" using Horton Lane as a late-night racetrack affects residents on the Chase Estate as well as in Manor Park. In a recent discussion with the Police, Cllr Colin Taylor learnt that because the number of complaints has dropped off, the top brass are assuming that the problem has lessened and plans to catch the culprits are on ice.

So if you suffer from the noise, please report it, every single time you are disturbed. We realise that this is a chore, but your help is needed to get this issue nailed.

Write to Surrey Police, PO Box 101, Guildford GU1 9PE, phone 0845 125 2222, report it using the Surrey Police website www.surrey.police.uk or send an e-mail to customerservice@surrey.pnn.police.uk

WANT TO TELL US SOMETHING? SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE US TO HELP WITH?

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