



Report to Parishes February 2020



I do hope all parishes intend to apply for CIL funding for local projects, the assessment criteria are very clear, and we do have experience of fitting projects into guidelines. Applications must be in by the end of March. Please let us know what you are applying for, we do like to be able to support applications. See more at <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/apply-for-cil>

The Winchester Strategic Plan for the next 5 years has been agreed, and the budget to deliver those priorities was adopted on 26th February. Essentially, we are delivering against our manifesto, Greener, Housing, Healthier Lives, looking after the Local Economy, and better engagement with residents, all for an increase of £5.17 p.a. (Council tax band D).

More parochially we will see the recruitment of another 3 Civil Enforcement Officers, or parking officers to most of us; Electric vehicle charging points in Pay & Display car parks; a survey of trees on council owned land; many of us are aware of the risk to traffic from windblown green bags, and the green waste service is subsidised by those with no gardens – we are looking to move to a bin based service from Feb 2021 which will be chargeable, surprisingly those districts which charge for green waste have a higher green waste recycling rate than others, perhaps we are all passionate about getting our money's worth; there is £750 k for investment in the Carbon Neutrality action plan see <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-and-energy/carbon-neutrality-action-plan>

We pressed for a Tetrapaks recycling point in the Station car park but the providers insisted on a bigger catchment area for the pilot installation which will be in the Worthy Lane Car Park, Cattle Market to those of us with longer memories

The first meeting to progress the Access & Parking strategy for Alresford took place. There was unanimity that we needed to keep the 1 hour free on street parking; we still need to make the profit required by Hampshire County Council, diverse options exist. A Consultation will follow, at our insistence this will include all the town, and the villages.

It has been confirmed that the ChefFest at The Grange, Northington will not be held this year. The first Community meeting to discuss how traffic for up to 20,000 people can be brought on and off site without the local road network becoming impassable, is planned for March.

Our next **Councillor Surgery** is 0930-1045 Friday 6th March, at Alresford Community Centre, by kind permission of the Trustees.

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