



PARKING CHARGES FROZEN

The cost of parking in Guildford Town car parks has been frozen by the Conservatives to help local residents and businesses.



COUNCIL TAX KEPT LOW AGAIN

Conservative Guildford Borough Council have agreed a low Council Tax increase of just £2 a year for the average household.



CONSERVATIVES SAY NO TO FARM DEVELOPMENT

Conservatives in Onslow have taken a stance against plans by the University of Surrey to develop the Blackwell Farm site west of Guildford.

Proposals were first put forward by the university in 2013 for a “garden neighbourhood” on the 345 acres it owns at the Blackwell Farm site but have met with strong criticism from local residents.

Conservative campaigners **Adrian Chandler, Philip Hooper and Chris Varveris** fully support the views of those who believe that the site is not suitable for development and that other areas should be looked at to meet Guildford’s housing need.



Adrian, Philip and Chris say that the University must finish previously-approved schemes before asking for more.

“The fact is that the University has not yet completed the development of sites where it has previously gained planning approval,” said Adrian.

“Other schemes have not yet been completed, with some benefits offered as part of them still to come forward. Under the circumstances, I think it is clear

that the University, while a very important part of Guildford’s infrastructure, should concentrate on completing other schemes rather than asking for more.”

RESIDENTS’ SHOCK AS LIB DEM QUILTS EARLY

Residents in Onslow have expressed surprise that a Lib Dem councillor has resigned ahead of May’s elections and moved away from the area, leaving Onslow ward with only two councillors.

Steve Freeman, who has now moved to Camberley, decided to quit the council rather than wait until May to stand down.

Adrian Chandler, Conservative councillor for Onslow, paid tribute to the work that Mr Freeman had done for residents. He said: “I’ve worked well with Steve over the past few years and he has been a good representative for Onslow. I’m sorry to see him go and would like to thank him for the work he has done.

“I suppose it might have been better if he had been able to wait until May but I understand that his circumstances changed.”

Other residents were not so happy. One from Irwin Road said: “Most councillors put all over their leaflets how committed they are to an area and how much they want to represent you.

“It’s disappointing when someone resigns like this as it leaves residents under-represented at the Council and our voice less likely to be heard.

“I understand the Lib Dems wanted the time to introduce their new candidate but so what?”

CAR PARKING ISSUES SOLVED

■ Onslow councillor **Adrian Chandler** and campaigner **Philip Hooper** have listened to the issues you have raised with them, including parking in the village and towards town.

The Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) extension into Onslow Village to prevent commuter parking has now happened but Adrian thinks a few more adjustments are needed, especially along Wilderness Road.



He said: “Some residents have pointed out that some of the unrestricted parking bays allow cars to be parked permanently, which causes difficulty for busses, especially in front of the shops and the bus stop.

“Philip, Chris and I will be pushing officers to review these so that residents can finally be free of much of the inconvenience this causes.”

HOLIDAY INN ROUNDABOUT

■ Following a request from residents, **Adrian Chandler** asked **Surrey County Council** to install “Keep Clear” signs at the **Holiday Inn roundabout**, which has now been done.

Sometimes traffic wishing to turn right towards the Cathedral is blocked at rush hour. Adrian asked Surrey County Council to place the signs in order to keep the turning clear.

PHILANTHROPY BOOSTS SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

■ Guildford Philanthropy is a group backed by Guildford Borough Council that aims to create and build a community fund to help turn ideas into successful social enterprises.

It aims to bring together experienced and successful business people, residents and communities to develop local enterprise schemes. These projects can deliver training opportunities, new skills and work experience to residents who may have missed out.

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BID TO IMPROVE THE PLAYGROUND AT THE ONSLOW REC

The playground at Onslow Recreation Ground has fallen behind and the Conservatives plan to fix this.

Following requests from local residents, Adrian has been working to pursue funding for the work and is delighted that the bid for funds has now gone into the budget for next year.

He is being enthusiastically supported in the bid by fellow councillor Philip Hooper and local campaigner Chris Varveris, who are both keen supporters of local play facilities.

All three campaigners are keen to hear from local parents and users of the playground with any suggestions as to how it can be improved. This feedback will be passed on to council officers working on the bid.

Adrian said: "Onslow residents shouldn't have to put up with facilities that are not up to the standard of elsewhere and I look forward to working with residents to ensure we have a playground of which we can all be proud."



Adrian, Philip and Chris are all keen to ensure that Onslow parents and children enjoy the same standard of play facilities as other areas of Guildford



GRANT TO STOP ASHENDEN FLOODS

£60,000 has been set aside to contribute towards improved flood defences for Ashenden.

The area suffered from floods in 2013/4 and Conservative councillors Adrian Chandler and Philip Hooper have helped secure funds to stop any future problems.

Adrian said: "This is excellent news and demonstrates the steps your Conservative

council has taken to address the flooding we all suffered a year ago."

Philip added: "We've been aware for a considerable time that Ashenden is a vulnerable area to flooding and welcome addressing this as a priority.

"I look forward to seeing this money used to give residents more peace of mind and to prevent the distress and inconvenience that floods can have on people's lives."