

Sparsholt Parish Council 16th July 2020

- ❖ The WCC administration has confirmed **Garden Waste** charges are to be implemented. Your current free service will be replaced by a chargeable service. It will cost you £59 p.a. including a new wheelie bin. This will cost the Council £400k for the new bins and will commence on 1st February 2021.
- ❖ The Council is considering reopening the **River Park Leisure Centre** in September using the new operator Everyone Active.
Hopeful the new **Bar End Sport & Leisure Park** facility will be open in the Spring.
The Depot adjacent to the new site is being considered for development - ideas such as a hotel, convenience store and student housing are to be debated.
- ❖ The Council is experimenting with **closing lanes/roads in the centre of Winchester** to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists. North Walls, Hyde etc are current examples. Sadly though there are no corresponding park and ride plans to help those outside of the city to not bring their cars into the centre.
- ❖ **The Local Plan** subcommittee (councillors and officers) meets next week to discuss the development of the local plan, with a view to public consultation commencing in the Autumn.
- ❖ There is currently much disquiet about the performance of the **enforcement service** at the Council and whether there are sufficient resources to enable the cases raised to be managed adequately.
- ❖ **Local lockdown plans** have been prepared in case of localised Covid outbreaks. These have been developed alongside the Local Resilience Forum which is overseen by the County.

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