



FOCUS

On Colehill & Stapehill

Council Tax up nearly 5%

At the recent East Dorset District Council meeting, Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader Don Wallace (supported by Janet Dover) proposed seven reductions to the 2006-2007 budget.

Unfortunately, all were voted down 21-9 by the Conservative group.

Thus, the Council Tax for Band D households in Colehill will be £1361.79 (excluding the Parish Council charge) Bands E to H will of course be considerably higher.

Massive increase since 2001

In 2001 when the Council was Liberal Democrat controlled, there was zero debt. The Council tax for a Band D property was £931.92

The latest figures for the Conservative Controlled Dorset County Council represent a massive increase in Council Tax to £1361.79 for a Band D property up (46%). As well as increasing Council Tax, East Dorset District Council is now in debt of 140 million pounds.

Despite having a larger government grant (£290 million) and increasing Council Tax by nearly half, the County Council's debts have soared under Conservative control.



Nationally the Liberal Democrats are the only party committed to scrapping the unfair Council Tax.

600 new dwellings in Colehill

This large scale building development has been mooted for the Green Belt land adjoining Burts Hill.

One major concern would be increased traffic along Middlehill Road, running through the centre of Colehill village. Workers from Burts Hill commuting to Bournemouth would understandably take the short cut (via Smugglers Lane to Middlehill Road) to avoid Wimborne's traffic.

Should the intention to build on Green Belt land be confirmed, Don, who sits on the District Planning Committee and County Councillor Janet Dover are prepared to oppose.



Don Wallace on Burts Hill, a possible site for future development

Development danger on Colehill School site

Campaigning, local Lib-Dem Councillor JANET DOVER has been contacted by many concerned residents about the redevelopment of the old Colehill First School site. Janet said " I will represent residents views when a Planning Application comes in. Residents have told me that this key site in the village must not be over developed and should be in keeping with the surrounding area"

JANET DOVER and DON WALLACE hold Councillors surgeries at Colehill Library on the first and third Saturday of every month between 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. Everyone welcome, no appointments necessary.



Janet Dover will represent residents views when the Colehill first school site is re-developed

Conservative waste at County Hall

Cuts hit elderly & vulnerable

Inefficiency and financial mismanagement by the Conservatives at County Hall mean that the elderly and vulnerable are going to suffer.

Since taking control the conservatives have:

- Cut talking books for the blind
- Reduced the number of adult fitness and education programmes
- Cut Programmes for vulnerable young people.
- Increased charges for day care, home care, transport and meals for the elderly
- Raised the eligibility criteria for elderly people are receiving vital services

Yet they have still managed to increase debt to a level of £140,000,000 Pounds.

A Liberal Democrat way forward

Liberal Democrats on the County Council have called for a number of urgent changes.

We have called for:

- A re-ordering of priorities to protect those most at risk
- Tighter control of financial management
- A re-ordering of the administration of the County County to ensure all talents are used to the fullest capacity ... not to perpetuate a system founded on 'my party right or wrong.'

Liberal Democrats refused to offer or give firm support to a budget which not only revealed sky high debts, but also cuts in services for the most vulnerable in our society

If you would like to know more about any of the issues raised in this Focus, contact:
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