

Let down by Conservative Councillors

Residents feel betrayed by their Conservative Councillors. Despite pledging 'to ensure that Branksome's heathland ... is not threatened by buildings and developments' during the by-election in 2008 the new Councillor saw her colleagues on Poole's Planning Committee vote through proposals to build on the remaining land at Talbot Village.

Liberal Democrat warnings that this was likely were dismissed as 'false rumours' and 'untrue'. At planning committee all the Conservatives voted for the development.

None of the Liberal Democrat members of the planning committee voted in favour.

Last chance to Save Talbot Heath

The Secretary of State has set a date of July 2011 for a Public Enquiry (at an estimated cost to the Council of £100,000). The decision of the enquiry is binding.

This will be the very last chance to fight this proposal, to make sure the wishes of the 700 people who signed the petition are heard and to show that this application is against planning policy.

Branksome West Councillor Philip Eades says "The Conservative Council has an appalling record of protecting open and green spaces; everyone remembers the portakabins which sat on Whitecliff for years, the Solar Pyramid fiasco and their wish for a football stadium on public open space at Branksome Rec. Now they are happy to concrete over some of the last local green space between Bournemouth and Poole."



Above: Our 2008 by-election warning was dismissed as 'false' and 'untrue'.

Below extract from 2008 Conservative leaflet

"Conservative policies ... will not countenance any new planning applications which seek to breach the 400 metre exclusion zone which the Conservative administration put in place to protect precious heathland."

There is one last chance to stop this from happening – join our campaign to get this decision overturned at the Public Enquiry by changing the make-up of the Council.



It's really close here in Branksome East

PLAY BATTLE CONTINUES



Local Campaigners, including several Liberal Democrat Councillors, were successful in getting at least some of the money for Playbuilder back to Poole. Unfortunately Poole's Conservative Cabinet have so far refused to confirm whether they will use the money for its intended purpose, to complete the 11 remaining schemes from the 22 improvements started in 2009, including one which will have made extra provision for children with disabilities and help them play alongside the more able bodied.

As the funding was won back by "People Power" and NOT the Council, we believe it would be immoral not to use it for its intended purpose - Playbuilder.

BETTER NEWS FOR WALLISDOWN PLAY SITE

There is better news regarding the delayed scheme to replace the lost play area off Talbot Drive. After several months of discussion between Poole Council and the site owners



Bournemouth Council and Bournemouth University, work should commence shortly on a new play area. This play facility is funded from developer contributions and NOT by the Council- despite attempts to make it appear otherwise.

DID YOU KNOW that the last time Poole put any of its own money into the provision of play facilities was in 2002 when the Lib Dems were running the Council.

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THEY STILL SEEK HIM THERE

Mystery still surrounds the whereabouts of your Conservative councillor from Pokesdown. He hasn't attended any Area Committee meetings for eighteen months and indeed has attended less than 10 Council meetings over the entire year. He still continues to claim his full Council allowance of over £700 per month. At the last local elections in 2007 he declared that his home address was in Talbot Village. This was for some time listed on the Borough's website as his home address but suspiciously was removed - he never registered to vote from this address and indeed has never lived there. It is coincidentally the same address as that of the Chairman of Talbot Village Residents Association.

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