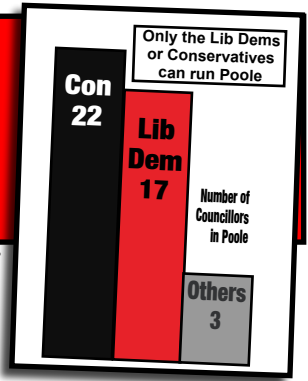


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THE TEAM THAT WORKS FOR YOU...



Cllr Philip Eades has been your Lib Dem local councillor since May 2003. He is an accountant by profession but has also run two local pubs in Poole. He has lived in the local area for 26 years and has two children, Dan, 12 and Victoria, 10 who both attend a local middle school. Phil was also the Lib Dem candidate for

Poole in last year's General Election when the vote increased from 11,500 to 14,991.

Phil worked with the local Branksome Rec Action Group organisation to see off the plans of Poole Town Football Club to build a stadium on public open space at Branksome Rec. He spoke at all Council meetings against the plans including at the public meeting at the Lighthouse and the planning meeting in the Port of Poole, had over 15 letters published in the Daily Echo and attended nearly all BRAG meetings acting as a consultant to local residents advising on methods of protest and opposition.

Phil comments "It has been a privilege and honour to represent the people of Branksome West for the past eight years, a role I have attempted to fulfil with honesty and integrity. I should be delighted to carry on for a further four years with the permission of local people."

VULNERABLE MADE TO PAY

Extra £1.5 million for adult social care rejected by Poole Tories

During the council budget debate Liberal Democrats identified an extra £1.5 million for adult social care, together with £500,000 for young people that could be made available from the Council's coffers but the Conservatives rejected the proposal along with £96,000 for additional community support and £96,000 for additional bus routes.



Marion Le Poidevin and her husband live in Library Road. She was responsible for the survey which first gave local residents a chance to show their opposition to the plans for a stadium on Branksome Rec. She was a member of Branksome Rec. Action Group (BRAG) working with residents to fight the proposals and had several letters in the Daily Echo. She is a member of the Residents' Association and ran a sideshow at the Fun Day last summer. She has organised several Litter Picks on the Rec.

In the wider community Marion is one of the team of cooks at a Luncheon Club for older people at her Church and a helper with Girl Guiding. She does occasional work as a teacher of English at a language school in Bournemouth.

Marion lost by 15 votes in 2003 and 11 votes in 2007 to the Conservative councillor who later supported and promoted the proposal to build the Stadium on the Rec.

Marion comments "It would be an honour to represent the people of my local area. I have worked hard with hundreds of local residents and BRAG to fight the proposal to build at Branksome Rec. I have also been able to take up issues on behalf of residents. If elected I promise to work hard to ensure local residents have their voices heard in the Civic Centre and to work to get the best for this area."

Cllr Philip Eades says "It is very important at this difficult time to give extra support to our most vulnerable residents. Many of them have been faced with massive increases in care charges. "We also need more facilities for our young people so why are the Tories stashing away a further £2 million into already excessive reserves where it will sit doing nothing?"

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Council Tax "no brainer"

Residents will be pleased to learn that this year's council tax will not be increased.

This has been made possible through funding from the Coalition Government. Any Council freezing council tax at 2010 levels will receive a grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase. Poole Council benefits by more than £1.7 million. "The Council Tax freeze is not a special achievement of the Conservatives in Poole – **every council in the country has made the same decision**", said Marion Le Poidevin.

Remember the Poole Lib Dems proposed a 0% increase last year but this was rejected by the Conservatives – it wasn't an election year!



NEWS UPDATE

Income Tax- 2,470 additional Poole residents will be lifted out of income tax altogether while a further 62,000 will pay £200 less from April this year as a result of Lib Dem policies.

Pensions- Over the next few years the basic pension is set to rise from £97.65 to £140. As well as this, future pension increases will be by the highest out of earnings, prices or 2.5% thanks to the Lib Dems!

The Pupil Premium- The Pupil Premium, a Flagship Liberal Democrat policy, could bring an extra £800,000 to Poole Schools

Grit Bins- A second severe winter resulted in treacherous conditions on many local roads. Lib Dems have asked the council to carry out a full audit of grit bin locations and to increase the number on residential streets so that residents can help themselves.

Green Gyms all set- The Rec will soon see the introduction of a fitness trail and Green Gyms after passing local consultation and having funding allocated.

Green Bins- Cllr Philip Eades continues to lead the protest against the Tory plan to charge all householders for the Green Bin service from next April.

LOCAL ELECTION MAY 5th

Remember you are voting for TWO local councillors on May 5th. Please use your 2 votes to re-elect Cllr Philip Eades and elect Marion Le Poidevin to ensure you have two hardworking councillors for the next four years – **thank you!**



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