



# FOCUS

## On Lytchett and Morden

# THANK YOU



**The local by-election on July 7th saw the Lib Dems narrowly miss out on regaining the vacant District Council seat in Lytchett Matravers and Morden.**

### A strong Liberal Democrat Team

John Taylor said "I am now well and truly part of the Liberal Democrat team, and as such I will continue to serve you as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council is busy protecting and serving our village. For example we are registering the recreation field with Fields in Trust which will protect it from development for many years

to come and give us access to grants to refurbish the recreation ground. I will be supporting these projects as they make their way through the council committees and help bring them to a successful conclusion.

### Personal Thank You

"I would like to say thank you for the warm reception the villagers of Lytchett Matravers and Morden gave me on the doorstep from both Liberal Democrats and Conservatives alike. I learned so much from listening to the concerns and needs of all our villages, I now know far more

about what matters to you and I intend to use this knowledge to the advantage of the villages in future" John added.

### The result in Lytchett & Morden

**John Taylor (Lib Dem)**

**599 (47%)**

**Peter Webb (Conservative)**

**669 (53%)**

*Turnout 41.8%*

## Lytchett Library Saved for Second Time

Your Lib Dem team were delighted by the news that Lytchett Library was to be saved for the second time at the full County Council meeting held on 21st July.

Sadly 9 community libraries will have their funding withdrawn despite the efforts of your local Lib Dems. Annette Brooke MP and County Councillors Fred Drane and Alex Breton spoke out against the proposals at the meeting arguing against the cuts to the service.



Cllr Fred Drane and John Taylor discussing the proposals with residents at Lytchett Library

District Cllr Martyn Colvey who was also in attendance commented "whilst I am really happy that our local Library has been saved it was sad to see that most of the Conservatives were unwilling to look at other options for savings."

Annette Brooke MP added "with the great need to improve our children's literacy skills it is a nonsense to close libraries when Dorset clearly could make management savings and efficiencies in book purchasing."

# Conservatives DOUBLE costs

The failure of Conservatives on Purbeck District Council to support a proposal by Purbeck Liberal Democrat Leader David Budd to change to electing all 24 Councillors once every four years will double the cost of District Council elections.

Whilst the vote was won 12 – 10, the legally required two-thirds majority was not achieved, Conservatives voting against claiming the financial crisis facing the country and the Council made it the wrong time.

The Local Boundary Commission for England has now started a review of the District Council's electoral arrangements which include the presumption that all Wards will have three Councillors and all Wards will have elections three years out of four, as opposed to just over half as at present.

This will double the costs of holding elections, costing Council Taxpayers in the order of an additional £37,000 a year, equivalent to an average £1.86 on your Council Tax. So much for the Tories' claim to "never forget it's your money we are spending".



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## Advice Surgeries

Cllr Fred Drane and Annette Brooke MP hold regular surgeries in Lytchett. Fred holds a Surgery in Lytchett Matravers Library on the first Friday of each month between 4pm-6pm - just pop in and have a chat. Alternatively use the contact information below to arrange a suitable appointment.

## Making Huntick Road Safer

Your Dorset County Councillor Fred Drane has been pushing Dorset County Council over the last 3 Years to make Huntick Road safe for walkers and cyclists.

He has been helped by District Councillor Martyn Colvey and is working with Parish Councillor John Taylor on this important matter.

The Council have informed Fred that the road is reasonably safe despite the Committee at which Free Bus Travel for children was discussed being shown photos and walking from Lytchett Matravers to Lytchett Minster School with a local family.

Fred will be coming around with a petition requesting safety measures be implemented on Huntick Road for residents to sign. If you want us to visit your home please let Fred know- the team will try to visit every home in Lytchett Matravers.



Traffic on the walk from Lytchett Matravers to Lytchett Minster School

## Let us know ...

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