

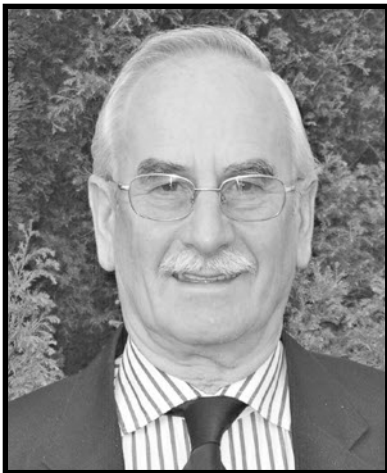
Wareham - No. 207 FOCUS



From Councillors Eric Osmond, Keith Critchley and David Budd

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM RE-ELECTED

The May local elections saw Eric Osmond re-elected to represent Wareham on Purbeck District Council. Eric re-joins fellow Wareham District Councillors David Budd and Keith Critchley. The eight Lib Dem Town Councillors standing for election to Wareham Town Council were all re-elected.



**Cllr Eric Osmond
3 Causeway Close
Wareham**

Dear Resident,

I am delighted to have been re-elected to Purbeck District Council to serve you again for the next four years and thank all those who voted for me on 5th May. Whoever you voted for at the election I will gladly represent you all to the very best of my ability.

On behalf of my colleagues and I, thank you also for electing us all back onto Wareham Town Council for a further four year term.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Osmond

The result in Wareham

Purbeck District Council – Wareham Ward

Eric Osmond (Lib Dem)	1,124	(50.5%)
Mike Wiggins (Conservative)	816	(36.6%)
Mike Hobson (UKIP)	288	(12.9%)
Liberal Democrat Hold	Majority 308	

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David Budd (Liberal Democrat)	1,191
Eric Osmond (Liberal Democrat)	1,101
Sue Elmes (Liberal Democrat)	981
Anne Selby (Independent)	961
Mike Wiggins (Conservative)	906
Keith Critchley (Liberal Democrat)	894
Carol Turner (Independent)	849
Doreen Cleaton (Liberal Democrat)	831
Daniel Critchley (Liberal Democrat)	795
Nicola Wiggins (Conservative)	768
Dina Adkins (Liberal Democrat)	744
Malcolm Russell (Conservative)	732
June Spooner (Conservative)	716
Keith Green (Liberal Democrat)	707
Linda Kenyon (Independent)	705
Dean Hutton (Conservative)	690
Philip Christopher (Independent)	658 *
Shelley Cranshaw (Independent)	599 *

* = Not Elected

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL REMAINS LIBERAL DEMOCRAT LED

Despite the Conservative having 11 seats to the Liberal Democrats 10, the two Independent members cast their votes at the Council's Annual Meeting to re-elect Lib Dems to the lead roles on the Council. There is a by-election currently pending in the Lib Dem held Lytchett Matravers Ward.

The support of the Independents can be taken as a vote of confidence in the way the Lib Dems have run the Council for the last two years.

Wareham Councillors have been re-elected to their previous posts as follows:

- Eric Osmond Chairman of the Council
- David Budd Leader of the Council
- Keith Critchley Deputy Leader of the Council.

STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT FOR LIB DEMS

The Lib Dems polled 52% to the Conservatives 41% in the four Purbeck District Council Wards, including Wareham, with elections in the Mid Dorset and North Poole Constituency of Liberal Democrat MP Annette Brooke.

Wareham Lib Dems - Working all year round

ARE THE TORIES SERIOUS ABOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

In their last leaflet of the council election the Conservatives said they wished "to achieve more affordable homes", but when asked at the May meeting of the Council to support allocating a Purbeck District Council owned site wholly for affordable housing they back-tracked in favour of just three affordable homes, when seven could have been provided. Clearly a higher sale price was more attractive to the Tories than housing local families.

Not all was lost as a Liberal Democrat amendment to allocate the net proceeds from the sale to finance affordable housing projects was accepted.



Rail crossing threat still present



Lib Dem Councillors say Keep the Crossing

The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR), whose responsibilities include rail safety, has welcomed the improvements to the footpath crossing of the railway adjacent the station but has called for a risk

assessment of the modified crossing in due course, reports Local County Councillor David Budd.

In a letter to the Chief Executive of the County Council they say "the best solution would be to provide an alternative means of crossing the railway". The Chief Executive has told the ORR that Network Rail is undertaking design work to determine if there is sufficient space at the crossing for a 'disability compliant' footbridge, if not the County Council has identified the road bridge as an alternative.

Local Councillor Keith Critchley, a regular user of the footpath crossing, says "the public don't want a bridge; they want to keep a ground level crossing of the railway which the town has enjoyed for over 150 years".

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✂ Are there any issues that you would like your local Lib Dem team to help you with?

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Your Name:

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Please can we have your email address to help us keep you up-to-date with any local issues and campaigns:

Email :

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