

FOCUS

Liberal Democrats

On Chickerell Village

Early April 2024

CHICKERELL IS LOVELY ...BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH LOOKING TO FIND ISSUES



Photo courtesy of Google Earth

Wander around our friendly village and you will soon find problems that should have been sorted by Dorset Council. **Gill Taylor and Simon Clifford** have raised issues like the poor condition of East Street. Talking to residents were heard complaints about the road and the pavements in the area. **Gill** has taken this to Dorset Council – and success!

Expect to see resurfacing repairs in mid-May (expected 16th to 21st).

"It does mean the road will be closed between 9am and 4pm for a few days but the short-term inconvenience is worth it for the long term benefit," she said. "The Lib Dems are well known for being hardworking within our communities, we listen to problems families face and take action."

Gill's campaign was backed by **Simon**: "Gill has worked hard to bring this improvement to the area. There is a further improvement coming to the junction of Chickerell Road and the link road and again she has ensure that work is carried out overnight to reduce the impact on people living nearby."

Gill and **Simon** have stepped up their campaign on buses – or lack of them – and also safety issues where they are sited. In particular people worry that poor car parking – such as the photo here – mean that shoppers using the Post Office and people queuing for the bus are placed at increased risk.

"I've raised this with Dorset Council and called for urgent action. I await a response..." said Gill.

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GETTING CHICKERELL'S VOICE HEARD

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Why not?

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Do you think that is fair?

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Do you think they're worth it?

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LIB DEMS CUSHIONING THE BLOW



Fed up with the long wait for buses in Chickerell? So were we! So we launched a fun campaign to highlight the issue and placed our yellow cushions in a bus stop for passengers to get comfortable!

Our message said: **"Want more buses? Vote Lib Dem!"**

The Dorset Echo then ran the story – along with the bus stop put up by Dorset Council that doesn't even have a bus...you couldn't make it up!

"In many places, you are in for a long wait for a bus thanks to the Conservatives," said Simon.

"In Chickerell we still have the bus stops and bus shelters – but sadly too few buses and not in the rights areas."

We have taken the bus fight to First Bus and Dorset Council. First Bus told us they would not put back some routes to Weymouth due to difficulties with roads and parking. We were shocked. We took the comments to the Conservative Cabinet member for transport asking where is the community bus scheme he promised? No reply. We are still waiting.

The Lib Dems are committed to improving these bus routes and services. If elected, we will review the bus contracts and bus services, and prioritise areas that have seen reduced services, or buses cut completely.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Gill has been championing housing for local people for a long time and has now secured some Dorset Council funding to help with this. Gill commented 'It is crazy that the Conservatives at Dorset Council say they are committed to affordable housing and yet they provide little funding for it. I put forward an amendment at Full Council which put £4M a year into a pot for this. This may not seem much when talking about housing but if it is used well it will go a long way and hopefully when the Conservatives are out of office in May we can add to it.'

WEYMOUTH CAR PARKING CHARGES

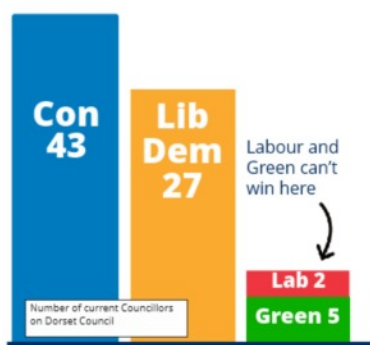
We demanded an immediate review and that's what we will do if we are elected. Now the Conservatives realise the parking hike was a huge mistake and in their political leaflets are blaming it on the Lib Dems! You couldn't make it up! They voted in favour despite tourists, residents, and businesses, all backed by the Lib Dems, being against it.

Here's the truth - If you want parking charges reviewed and reduced in Weymouth, vote Lib Dem in May!

OUR FIVE PLEDGES FOR CHICKERELL

1. **Keep Chickerell special.** Retain the identity and uniqueness of Chickerell. Speak up strongly for Chickerell at Dorset Council and represent your views and needs.
2. **Create more small parks and open spaces for the community to use:** We will do this through developers' contributions and transfer from Dorset Council.
3. **Battery storage in the right place only:** Not close to existing housing or where local people have strong objections
4. **Buses:** You said you wanted the number 6 service returned for Lanehouse Rocks Road. We are in discussions with Dorset Council officers to see how this can be achieved.
5. **We will fight for more dentists and better access to doctors:** Case study - one resident who did not have transport told us that it had taken 4hrs to get to Wyke and back again. This is not good enough.

ONLY THE LIB DEMS CAN BEAT THE CONSERVATIVES IN CHICKERELL



On May 2nd there is a clear choice for Dorset residents.

Conservatives taking you for granted

Or

A Lib Dem Council that puts local residents first

Every vote for Labour will just help the Conservatives

On 2nd May

Simon **CLIFFORD**  

Gill **TAYLOR**  

In Chickerell Ward you have two votes for Dorset Council. Use your votes for both Lib Dem candidates to stop the Conservatives.

PS You will also be voting in the Town elections. In the East of the ward please vote for both Gill and Simon.

Contact your local Chickerell Lib Dem Team:

Please get in touch if you have a point or issue you would like to discuss.

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