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**Polling Day
March 23rd**



To vote by post in the by-election on March 23rd, call us on 851251.

Parking Charge Rises Must ALL Go

Prater takes Parking Charges Challenge to Council

Shepway Council have bowed to Cheriton residents power and reduced proposed increases in parking charges.

Having collected 100's of parking petition signatures from residents, local Lib Dem Campaigner Tim Prater is pleased the Council has been forced to listen but wants the increases stopped totally.

Tim and the local Lib Dem team are fighting the proposed rises from the Conservative and People First controlled Council.

Tim Prater said:

"Forcing the Council to reduce the price increase is a step forward. But it is still more expensive to park in Folkestone than in Dover, Maidstone or

Ashford - further increases are just madness."

Tim attended the Council meeting this week to challenge the Council directly on their parking plans.

As well as presenting the hundreds of petitions already received, Tim asked the Council:

1. To explain why they think it's acceptable that it costs more per hour to park in Folkestone than in Ashford, Maidstone and Dover?
2. What assessment has been made of the impact on businesses of the introduction of charging to previously free car parks?



● Local Campaigner Tim Prater is working with the Leader of the Lib Dems at Shepway, Lynne Beaumont to fight the new parking charge rises.

3. Do they understand the anger felt by local residents about increased charges, extended charging hours and the imposition of charges on new car parks, and will they scrap these decisions?

People First Cllr Cuffley failed to answer the first point, confirmed NO real business assessment was made and dismissed local anger.

Tim Prater said: "I think local residents have every right to be angry. They see high charges being increased further, and want a stop.

To those who have already signed the petition - thank you - it's working! We will continue to collect signatures to help reverse all increases."

Stop Fining Folkestone!

"I / We call upon the Council to urgently review car parking prices across Shepway. Plans to increase charges, extend charging hours and impose charges on new car parks should be scrapped."

Name _____

Address _____

Return to Tim Prater, Cheriton Lib Dems, FREEPOST CU592, CT20 3BR

Local **ACTION** file

Councillor Peter Gane has been keeping residents in **Roman Way** up to date about an application to build on the ex-allotments by the railway line.

Many concerns have been raised to Peter about the new development, and he will continue to listen to local views and keep residents in touch.

Tim Prater and Councillor Gane are calling on the Council to take enforcement action against Cleanway.

Despite repeated complaints from local residents, rubbish collection trucks keep mounting the kerb in **Broadview**, causing heavy rutting to the central green.

Tim Prater has written to the manager of Wickes on **Firs Lane** to ask for the boundary fence between Wickes and **Star Lane** to be repaired following complaints by local residents.

Lorry Parking Action

Tim Prater and Peter Gane are continuing the Lib Dems long running campaign to get action on lorry parking on **Cheriton High Street near Tesco's**.



Local campaigner Peter Carroll has been chasing Kent County Council for action for years, and has confirmation that a scheme that would solve the problem is in the Council's plan - but budgets keep running out before anything gets done.

Tim Prater says: "There must be a way of dealing with this problem - and simply."

"As many local residents have said to me, with a mix of bollards, parking restrictions and signs, we could surely stop the majority of lorry parking here."

Cheriton by-election hots up

Cheriton residents will be going to the polls on **March 23rd** to pick a new **Town Councillor** for our area.



● Tim Prater

The election has been called because the previous Conservative Councillor did not turn up to a single Council meeting in six months.

The election looks set for a close finish between the Conservatives and popular local Lib Dem campaigner Tim Prater.

Tim has been working alongside Cheriton Councillor Peter Gane and Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesman Peter Carroll.

If you would like to vote by post on March 23rd, do call us on 851251 for a postal vote application form.



Local Lib Dem Tim Prater says

"I will do my best to help solve any local problems you have. Please do get in touch."

Got A Problem? Let Us Help!

To talk to your local Lib Dem team of Tim Prater, Cllr Peter Gane or Peter Carroll, please call 01303 851251 or email cheritoneam@shepwaylibdems.org.uk

Alternatively, fill in this form and send to Cheriton Lib Dems, FREEPOST CU592, CT20 3BR

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Email Address _____

Please use this space to describe the problem you would like help with: