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**BOROUGHBRIDGE DIVISION**

## **WE ARE NOT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**

We underline we are not the Liberal Democrats. The Liberals have a long history behind many social changes. Lloyd George introduced the state pension. Beveridge designed the NHS. Keynes showed that government spending was needed to stop a recession hurting the vulnerable.

ConDem policies are hurting the vulnerable, the poor, the young and now pensioners. This is not a Liberal approach—it is the destruction of our social fabric.

## **What A Waste**

The biggest mistake by NYCC in the last 4 years was the decision to build a massive incinerator.

- Finance—£1,400 million is too much.
- Environment—burning recyclables is wrong.
- People—less jobs and more traffic are both wrong.

Now the government has withdrawn its £65 million support—more money for us to find. The North Yorkshire Liberals led the opposition campaign.



## **Potholes**

For the last two years the number of complaints on the state of the roads 'potholes' has greatly increased. This is driven by three main factors:

1. The Tory County Council keeping the Council Tax down and accepting the government bribe. As a result there is less money in the budget.
2. Central Government (ConDem) cutting the funding to North Yorkshire.
3. Of course the appalling snow and ice over the last two or three years.

I will push and hassle the highways department. However we must remember the above before shooting the messenger.



## **Blank Cheque**

Next year North Yorkshire County Council's budget depends on taking money out of reserves. The Tories plan to have a further budget in June. They are asking you to vote for an unknown package.

The question is: "Do you trust the Tories?"

# **PETER PHILLIPS WRITES**

## **Why I left the Liberal Democrats**

I left the LibDems mainly through disillusionment of the so-called coalition. I find The Liberal Party a breath of fresh air. It is more understanding of local needs, allowing it's councillors to vote and act in the best interest of their communities.

I have lived and worked in the Boroughbridge division for over 40 years keeping the lights on, by maintaining the area's electricity network.

My wife Pauline and I have provided over 30 years youth provision for young people in the area.

I campaigned against the motorway services, planned for Kirby Hill.

## **Why I joined the Liberals**

Liberals are campaigning, radical and green. Very different from the Liberal Democrats I have left. There is no whip system. I am not told how to vote. As a Liberal I will be totally free to represent the views of people who live in the division.

- ♦ Liberals are more independent than the Independents — the Independents on Harrogate Council invariably vote with the Tories or at best abstain.
- ♦ Liberals are as green as the Greens — we had agreement from the Greens against the Allerton Park incinerator and in favour of increasing Harrogate's abysmal recycling levels.
- ♦ Liberals are more liberal than the Liberal Democrats — many of the actions of the Liberal Democrats in government are illiberal.
- ♦ Liberals are more careful with your money than the Conservatives.
- ♦ Liberals are massive supporters of community politics, i.e. people before politics.

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