

# FOCUS

PICKERING EAST

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Just in case you haven't heard:

## WE ARE NOT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

### Slush Fund

On RDC the Tories play a different trick. Last year they put £50,000 into the budget to spend 'if needed'. Normally this kind of money should go through a reserve fund. If there is an urgent need councillors can decide, for example, to support flood victims. By putting the money into a 'slush fund' the Tory Chairs can agree to money being spent without even informing other councillors. This year they have put £105,000 into the slush fund.

### Housing on Malton Road

- Liberals are in favour of affordable housing for 'local need'.
- Liberals believe in providing accommodation for local people who can no longer live independently.
- Liberals support local shops.
- Liberals support Pickering people.

This proposed development appears to deliver none of these.

### Toys for Councillors

The Tories on Ryedale District Council have voted to spend £20,000 on new laptops for councillors. All the Liberal councillors voted against this waste. Will North Yorkshire County Council be next?

### Selling off the Silver

Ryedale Tories sold off Wentworth Street Car Park. It was a community facility that the people of Malton wanted to keep. Guess who called the protesters: "The Moaning Minnies of Malton". The legal cost is in the region of £200,000.

Ryedale Tories voted to sell Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club. The people of Norton and across Ryedale want to keep this invaluable community asset. Will they be called: "The Noisy Naysayers of Norton"?



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## Joy Andrews writes

I joined the Liberals because of their campaigning in Ryedale. The Liberals have been the voice of people against the Tories on Ryedale District Council. As a party they are radical, green and of course, liberal. There is no whip system. I will not be told how to vote. As a Liberal councillor I will be totally free to represent the views of people who live in the ward.

- Liberals are more independent than the Independents
  - the Independents on Ryedale Council usually 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 North Yorkshire's 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
  - the Tory Ryedale councillors wasted £200,000 on the Wentworth Street Car Park
  - the Tories are selling off the Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club for much less than it is 'worth'.
- Liberals are massive supporters of community politics, i.e. People before politics.

I am standing in Pickering East so that if elected I will increase the strength of the main opposition party on Ryedale Council.

vote **LIBERAL**

