

FOCUS

DERWENT WARD

DECEMBER 2015



We are not the Liberal Democrats

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Wentworth Street Car Park

Eight years ago Ryedale District Council decided Malton needed yet another Supermarket. "What is needed is an up-market store." The Liberal councillors and two Independents opposed this decision.

In 2011 the 1st planning application came to the Planning Committee. It arrived at the same time as an application for a supermarket on the cattle market site. The Tories believed there was room for only one more supermarket and it should be the council one. The Planning Inspector said one supermarket, but on the cattle market site. Legal and planning costs to the people of Ryedale were about £250,000.

In 2014 the Planning Committee considered a 2nd application. It approved Wentworth Street car park again. In 2015 this went to the High Court. Again slung out; another £250,000 wasted.

In September 2015 the Tories voted to try again. This time the vote was close (12—11). A Liberal councillor for Derwent could bring this costly folly to an end.

BY-Election

Thursday 17th December

There are no Labour, Liberal Democrat or Green candidates.



MIKE POTTER, Liberal | X

Council Tax Con

The Tories on Ryedale District Council proudly claim they have not increased the RDC part of the council tax for 6 years. What they fail to say is that they now charge more for services e.g. Garden waste collection was free. It is now £36 for a 9 month service, equivalent to a 20% plus increase on the council tax in one hit! (For a single householder it is a 25% increase in one hit!)

Liberal councillors opposed this sleight of hand.

Thank You

Thanks to the people in the ward who have already helped in the campaign. If you would like to know more please contact the by-election agent, John Clark.

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FRACKING

Two years ago the Liberal councillors raised the subject of fracking on Ryedale District Council-nothing happened.

A year ago we proposed a motion calling for a ban on all fracking in Ryedale. The Tory councillors had no answers to our questions on health, environment, water and traffic. We lost the vote.

In September 2015 the Liberals called for a 5 year moratorium on fracking. By now more information had reached the Tories; some supported us. Our motion was passed.

Caution: Ryedale District Council is not the decision making council. It does however, show that the democratic voice of Ryedale is very concerned. Questions need to be answered before they proceed.

ANOTHER LIBERAL IDEA

Why use good agricultural land for HS2 and solar farms? For the cost of building HS2 (£70 billion +) the government could provide free solar panels for every house. This would mean some free electricity for every household. The land can be used to produce food.

FLOODING

The name of the ward clearly shows that flooding is a major issue. Mike Potter has had flood water past his house 5 times in the last 15 years. He has successfully campaigned for a 'Slow the Flow' system. His expertise on flooding is recognised not only in Ryedale but also nationally. His skills on this subject would be a benefit to the people of Derwent Ward as well as Ryedale District Council.

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