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Tony Ludlow - your Liberal Democrat

County Council Candidate for the election on 4th June



WESTMINSTER HORROR STORIES

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Tony Ludlow writes:

I am as shocked as you by the horror stories from Westminster but please do not tar us with the same brush

1. Liberal Democrats have campaigned long and hard to change the system of MPs expenses
2. Some Conservative and Labour MPs have united to allow themselves exemption from the Freedom of Information Act but **Liberal Democrats opposed them in the commons and have campaigned to release the information that now exposes so much**
3. On 9 April 2009, Nick Clegg set out proposals for urgent reform of system so that **all expenses must enable MPs to do their job**
4. **I believe it is my duty to keep my claims to a minimum** and, since I have a free bus pass, I can and must use my bus pass to travel to County Council meetings. Using those principles, **I have made no claims for expenses for the last two years.**

Tony Ludlow

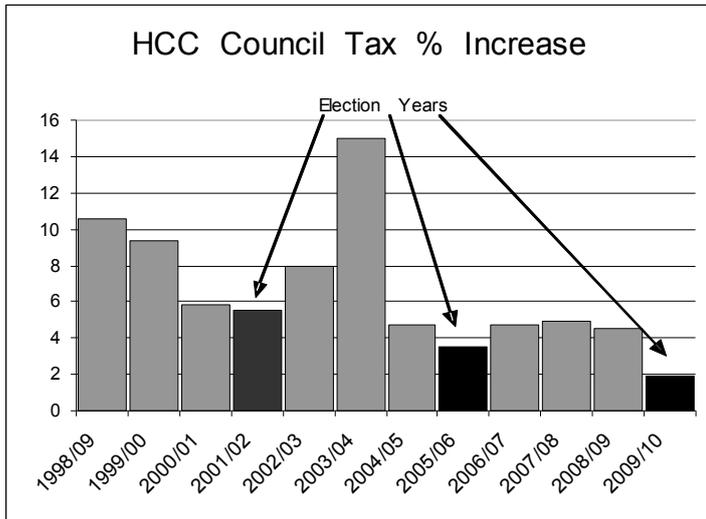
I have set out further details on my web site. Contact me and I, personally, will deliver a printed version to you at your home.

Liberal Democrats are the early birds!

- Vince Cable, Lib Dems deputy leader, warned of the impending financial crisis a long time before others caught up.
- We have consistently had a policy to make sure that those on middle to low income don't pay an unfair share of tax.
- We have supported investment in greener technologies.
- We were one of the first councils to create community forums and area committees
- We fought for Freedom of Information which is so important now
- We changed the way councils are run: listening to voters
- **Vote for the innovators**

Hampshire's Council Tax

What happens to HCC Council Tax when there is an election? They keep it down then put it up again after the election! Surprise!!



However, this year they should have done better. Since April 2006 the Tories have doubled HCC's reserves to £180m. This is extra tax collected from us with no immediate plans for its use! One of the earmarked reserves was set up in case there are large fluctuations in government grant. Lib Dems would use that money now on services - much needed highway repairs, more youth facilities, freezing school meal charges, improving libraries, bus services etc. **Lib Dems also say that, with reserves greater than 10% of annual expenditure, Hampshire Council Council should freeze its Council Tax, and not be taking more of our money. Unlike EHDC, HCC can afford it! (See www.tonyludlow.net)**

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Hampshire's Highways are a disgrace

The Conservatives deny our highways are in such a bad state. A year ago they turned down a Lib Dem proposal for a **£4 million** boost to road and footpath maintenance.

Yet just 6 months later they admitted there is a problem and so invented a gimmick called "Pot Hole Busters". This too was under-funded and the problem is inevitably getting worse.

This year, the Tories AGAIN turned down a Lib Dem proposal for a **£5 million** boost to the Highways budget, even though the freezing winter weather had opened up more cracks. Now the council are having to do emergency patch-up work once again.

Tony Ludlow says:

"Highway maintenance MUST be properly funded".

Did you know?

Hampshire's Conservative Council is content to take record amounts of Council Tax from older residents, yet it has the second lowest spending on Adult Social Services of all 34 County Councils in England and is 30th out of 34 Councils for total support for Older People. Makes you think!

* Source: Audit Commission. Spend/head 2004/5-2008/9