

Ringwood Town Council Meeting 28th April 2010
– a Report from District Councillor Chris Treleven

1) Southampton Road Enhancement.

The opportunity has arisen to enhance the agreed Southampton Rd improvement scheme by including a much improved crossing from the Furlong Car Park/taxi rank to the top of this section of the Road, to make this entrance to our Southampton Rd shops more “invitational”. The Car Park drainage system into Meeting House Lane would also be improved.

Local Members are in favour of this additional enhancement as a “one-off” opportunity, and are supporting the NFDC Transportation section in trying to scrape together any unspent funds this year to finance it.

2) Traffic Management Agency measures.

Notes from the April 20th informal Members meeting will be circulated to all Councillors shortly, but one point needs explaining regarding a pedestrian crossing for Christchurch Rd. I have actually been arguing for some time that there should be two: one near to the Greyfriars junction, and a second near the Police Station where the pavement on the west side becomes non-existent. Depending on County/District Agency funding, at least one of these should be in this year’s programme.

3) “Fly –posting” advertising banners.

As Councillors will have noticed over many years, all sorts of large advertising banners are frequently posted on fences lining our roads and car parks. As far as NFDC owned property is concerned, a limited discretion of this strictly inadmissible practice is allowed for short term placements advertising non-commercial community events. Otherwise these banners/posters are removed.

However, knowing of the Town Council Planning Committee’s strong opposition to policies protecting the Conservation Area and Listed Buildings, I wonder if NFDC is being too fussy about this unauthorised fly-posting.

4). Parking payment by mobile phone

A new initiative this year in common with neighbouring Councils. Gradually growing in popularity in our District in spite of our original pessimism.