

# RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### **HAMPSHIRE ACTION TEAM (HAT) – March 2010**

#### **Traffic Management Schemes – (sub programme of the Capital Programme**

- Christchurch Road, Hightown Road, Crowe Lane – redirected from Village 30 programme

#### **Traffic Management Schemes – Area Programme (Reserve Schemes) 2009-10**

- Christchurch Road – informal pedestrian facility to be investigated

#### **Traffic Management Programme 2009-10 – Agency Programme (NFDC)**

- Hightown Road – uncontrolled pedestrian/cycle crossing & associated traffic calming – one day trial of proposal on 23 February 2010
- Southampton Road/The Close – amended parking restrictions and parking zones (part of the Enhancement Scheme) advertised; comments by 15 March.

### **HCC TAX & MEMBERS ALLOWANCES**

- HCC approved on 18 February 2010 a Council Tax increase for 2010-11 of 1.9% (the same as 2009-10). There are no cuts to services.
- In addition, HCC is planning 1.9% increase for the next 3 years until 2012-13. if there is a Conservative Government this year, HCC would qualify for Government assistance which would deliver NIL increase in those years.
- The Council has frozen members basic, special responsibility and mileage allowances for 2010-11.

### **HCC & WINTER WEATHER**

- Over £2m cost of salting and gritting roads since Christmas.
- £3.5m to be spent repairing potholes throughout the County.
- New salt bins are on offer to those Towns and Parishes that can manage them.

### **ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY, NEW FOREST**

- HCC has this year committed £8,625 the New Forest branch to set up three additional groups in Sway, Fordingbridge and Ringwood. They are to provide advice and support to people with dementia and their carers.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S GRANTS**

- I have given £1,000 for the installation of a new grind rail in the Carver's Skate Park to replace the previous broken rail.
- In addition, I have given £1,000 for a new footbridge over the Mill Stream on Bickerley Common, near Danny Cracknell Pocket Park and a link in the Avon Valley Path (picture attached).

**W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS**  
**Hampshire County Councillor**



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