

# **RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2010**



### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

##### **Maintenance Work: Hampshire Highways: (non-Principal Special Maintenance)**

- Lilac Close, Ringwood – footway resurfacing (Q2)

##### **Maintenance Work: Hampshire Highways: (non-Principal Resurfacing)**

- Christchurch Road, Ringwood – carriageway resurfacing (Q2)

##### **Maintenance Work: Hampshire Highways: (Minor Capital Improvements)**

- Gorley Road – new footway (Q3)
- Cloughs Road – footway (Q4)

##### **Traffic Management Schemes 2010-2011 – (sub programme of the Capital Programme)**

- B3347 Ringwood (A31) to Sopley (DCC boundary) – review of speed limits on A & B class roads
- Christchurch Road – informal pedestrian facility to be investigated and made a Main Scheme for 2010/11
- Ringwood Town Centre – possible implementation of pedestrian signage as a Parish Partnership Scheme contribution of £10,000 from Town Council
- Hightown Road, Crow Lane, Ringwood – redirected from Village 30 programme – TM issues to be investigated

##### **Traffic Management Programme 2010-11 – Agency Programme (NFDC)**

- Hightown Road (E end) – uncontrolled pedestrian/cycle crossing and associated traffic calming : semi-permanent arrangement to allow future permanent scheme

- Hightown Road (E end), Parsonage Barn Lane/Kingsfield area and Frampton Close – Waiting restrictions in vicinity of Ringwood School, linked to improved crossing facilities – advertised June 2010
- High Street – review of waiting, loading restrictions and disabled persons parking places – advertised June 2010
- Southampton Road/The Close – amended parking restrictions and parking zones (part of the Enhancement Scheme) carried forward from 2009/10 to tie in with implementation of CTI, due to start 6 Sept 2010
- Kings Arms Lane – southbound one way Experimental Order to be made permanent subject to consideration of objections unless measure to automatically lapse. Additional illuminated signing required.

### **HCC DRAFT BUDGET**

- No final decisions till after the National Spending Review on 20 Oct 2010
- HCC income approx. 20% Revenue Support Grant (RSG) & 80% council tax
- 25% reduction in RSG expected and a freeze of council tax
- £15 million already saved in Corporate efficiencies.
- RSG announcement due Dec 2010/Jan 2011; Precept control unknown
- HCC has £6 million extra in reserves

### **HCC HIGHWAYS**

- £12.5 million being spent on Operation Restore (highways to their pre-winter condition).
- £10 million pa for the next 7 years on Operation Resilience (upgrading)

### **CONCESSIONARY FARES**

- County Councils to be responsible for the Scheme from 1 April 2011
- Many District Councils provide additional and varying benefits over and above the Statutory Minimum
- HCC must provide equal benefit to residents across Hampshire – “equitable and safe from challenge”
- Consultation current due to end by August 2010, decision by 1 December 2010 and activated by 1 April 2011

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S GRANTS**

- I have given £1,000 for the installation of a new ‘grind rail’ in the Skate Park at Carvers Recreation Ground
- In addition, I have given £475 to install a new Kissing Gate and area of hardstanding to access Footpath 41a near Forestlake Avenue

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