

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
"GREATER BOURNEMOUTH"**

IT'S NOT TAKEN LONG FOR THE NEW "Greater Bournemouth" Council to start getting its hands on YOUR money. The "Shadow Authority" asked the Government for permission to "harmonise" Council Tax over a seven year period - and the Government has agreed to give them this power.



What it means is that instead of everyone in the same tax band in the new Authority paying the same from Day 1, for seven years people in Christchurch will pay more for the same services. Your Grange Ward Councillors will do everything they can to prevent what has been called this "Daylight Robbery."

Spring 2019

Reporting Back ...

**News from your local Councillors
David Jones, Janet Abbott and Denise Jones**



NEW TOWN COUNCIL FOR CHRISTCHURCH

Your local Councillors David Jones, Janet Abbott and Denise Jones have been fighting hard to make sure that Christchurch people will still have a local Council accountable to them - and that there will still be a Mayor of Christchurch who will take an active part in the Town. Town Councillors are able to help and support residents with problems, as well as being able to raise matters directly with officers of the

Unitary Council. And just to get the record straight - Town Councillors are not paid!

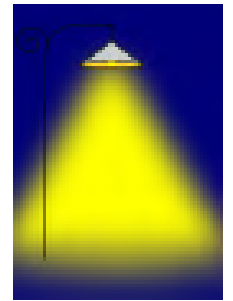
The new Christchurch Town Council will be elected on 2 May this year. Grange will have three Town Councillors - **show you care for the town by voting for Councillors who have shown they care for Christchurch**

**Your Grange Ward Councillors - LISTENING, CARING, ACTING -
AND NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIMES!!**



WHERE WERE LABOUR

...When the Lights went Out?



Last year workmen cut through the main power cable on Scotts Green. County Councillor David Jones and Borough Councillor Denise Jones attended immediately and negotiated with Virgin and with Southern Electric to get power restored as soon as possible. **LABOUR** ... well, they weren't there.

...When the ARC was being developed?

Nearly everyone on Somerford will remember the old Community Centre on Amethyst Road. **But for the work of your local Councillors that site would be a massive office block!** And five years ago, what is now the ARC was a half-derelict "Sovereign Response Centre". Thanks to the work of your local Councillors, and people such as Paul Hilliard and Chris Hopkins the ARC is now one of the finest Community Centres in Dorset. What did Labour do to help? **NOTHING.**

...When the Meteor Site and LIDL were being planned?

Almost everyone agrees that the Meteor site and LIDL have brought huge benefits to Grange Ward. The wide range of shops, the high-quality low-cost food - and perhaps most important, the hundreds of new jobs that have been created. Even the retailers at the Somerford Road shops have noticed a big increase in trade!

The developers, a company called Brookhouse, have thanked local Councillors **David and Denise Jones** and Somerford Community Partnership Chairman **Chris Hopkins** for their support - and when a few Councillors, claiming that they wanted to "protect the Town Centre", threw out the plan it was your local Councillors who fought and won the appeal.

What did Labour do o help - **NOTHING.**

...When we were fighting to save Christchurch?

This time, Labour didn't just do nothing. **They supported the takeover!!** On 20 September 2017, their website said **Christchurch Labour Party has discussed this ... and is in favour of the merger...**



YOU CAN'T TRUST LABOUR WITH CHRISTCHURCH.

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GRANGE COUNCILLORS - We listen; we care, we act.