

MEEDS NORTH NEWS

Your Meeds North candidate for Town Council, Janet Smith, offers a positive, responsible alternative to the Conservative led Town Council

On 10 May vote **Janet SMITH** for Town Council

Burgess Hill needs a different direction

Burgess Hill Labour Party does not believe that the Town Council, whether Tory or Liberal Democrat controlled, have acted to resolve the concerns of Burgess Hill residents.

Janet Smith, Labour's candidate, says:

- Facilities such as the Cinema and Cyprus Hall should be retained and not demolished for a new Sainsbury's.
- The Cyprus Road car park toilets should be reopened.
- Many roads and pavements need urgent repair.
- The Town Council and its partners should work together to get the bridge over the railway between St Wilfrid's Road and Cants Lane open, rather than argue about whose fault it is that work has not been put in hand.
- There are many empty shops in the town centre—as a result of the Coalition's ill-judged policies—that urgently need to be reopened. Short term parking should be free.
- Properties such as the closed motor parts store in Lower Church Road need action to prevent them being eyesores.
- Measures should be put in place to deal with anti-social behaviour.



IF THE CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS CAN'T BE TRUSTED TO RUN THE COUNTRY FAIRLY . . .

- ◆ Taxes paid by each millionaire have decreased by £42,000 each year by reducing the 50p in the pound tax rate for those with salaries of over £150,000 per year to 45p in the pound.
- ◆ Meanwhile the Granny Tax has resulted in older people having their personal allowance frozen.
- ◆ Changes to tax credit will hit poor families with children hard.
- ◆ It is scandalous that the Council Tax on a £1million mansion can be the same as a relatively modest semi. We need to introduce more Council Tax bands so that the rich pay their fair share.
- ◆ The tax on bankers' bonuses, which was introduced by the last Labour Government to raise money to help unemployed young people, has been removed.
- ◆ The Health Service is suffering from the major reorganisation that has been pushed through Parliament - despite massive objections from the public and professionals - with the full backing of the Liberal Democrats. This unwarranted, expensive reorganisation, which is a thinly veiled privatisation, can only lead to a poorer service for the public - with GPs diverted from their primary function of treating the sick to decide on the price of treatment.
- ◆ VAT has been introduced on pies and pasties . . . But not on caviar!

... HOW CAN WE TRUST THE CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS TO RUN BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL FAIRLY?

Burgess Hill Labour Party says:

- ◆ The global crisis is affecting all European countries but the Coalition Government is cutting too far and too fast. The cuts are not even resulting in Government borrowing being reduced.
- ◆ A temporary reduction in VAT - back to 17.5% - should be introduced to put more money in the public's pockets and to kick-start the economy—to produce the growth that the nation so desperately needs.
- ◆ We should ensure that companies such as Tesco, who make £ billions in profit, are made to pay a living wage to all staff. It is wrong that the taxpayer has to subsidise their low wages and their profits through the welfare system.
- ◆ We must make a vigorous effort to close tax loopholes so that tax on income earned in the UK is always paid in the UK, which could raise a huge amount of money.
- ◆ We must tackle the shambles arising from the Conservatives' privatisation of the railways and the franchise system. We should cancel franchises which under-perform and run them as publicly owned Not For Profit companies with passengers on their Boards of Directors. The First Capital Connect franchise should be the first to be cancelled.
- ◆ We have enormous pride in our Armed Forces and for the great sacrifices they make for us, but the campaign in Afghanistan is going nowhere and we should withdraw our troops now, saving £4 billion.

Question: Who said recently:

The problem with the Government is that it is led by public schoolboys who do not know what it is like to be a mother shopping in a supermarket and have to put something back because they cannot afford it for their children's lunch box. What is worse, they do not seem to care.



Answer: Nadine Dorries
(the Conservative MP for Mid Bedfordshire)

Labour's 5 Pledges

- **TAKE PRIDE IN OUR TOWN**
More grass cutting, more street cleaning, crack down on anti-social behaviour, mend worn-out roads and pavements.
- **ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR BURGESS HILL**
The site on the corner of The Brow and Queen Elizabeth Avenue has been sold to developers—the money raised should come back to Burgess Hill. Our Councillor would press for a fair allocation of District Council funding for Burgess Hill.
- **BETTER TRANSPORT**
The Town Council should press for trains with room to get on, that get there on time, and for buses convenient enough to discourage people from driving to town.
- **FIGHTING UNNECESSARY LOCAL SPENDING CUTS**
whilst supporting realistic and responsible council budgets.
- **A COUNCILLOR WHO IS AVAILABLE TO TALK TO YOU,**
pressing for action on your concerns.

If you would like to be part of the debate on campaigning for a fairer society and would like to join the Labour Party, phone **01444 247797** or visit <http://labour.org.uk/join/Mid-Sussex> to join online.



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