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Lib Dem candidate in the forthcoming by-election, **Julia Kirkland**, told the council that they had to take action and take action NOW!

She had spoken to Court ward councillors David Buxton and David Morgan, who suggested she take photographs along to show other councillors at the meeting.



Julia Kirkland addressed a meeting of the Environment Committee on 21st January, armed with photos she had taken of The Sefton Arms, Hollymoor Lane shops, Horton Chapel, Horton Water Tower, the proposed new shops at the Horton Centre and the disused Court Rec pavilion

Lib Dem Councillors for Court Ward, David Morgan and David Buxton issued a joint statement :

"It was very brave of Julia to take on the Committee and we very much look forward to working alongside such a strong colleague! Despite submitting formal questions to the council, holding meetings and trying to move matters forward behind the scenes, some of these buildings have been "on hold" for nearly four years. We have even tried a front page spread in the local newspaper! It's just unacceptable. "

"The reasons for delay have ranged from demolition of the Sefton Arms and work should start on replacement for the pavilion in Court Rec. "

"It's hard to see a way forward on the other buildings but we will keep on trying. The least the council could do is clean up, secure and landscape the sites, so they are reasonably pleasant to look at until a use can be found."



UPDATE ON HORTON CHAPEL AND HORTON WATER TOWER

Despite a great deal of time and effort from your local councillors David Morgan and David Buxton, there has been little progress. The borough council is hopeful that the Community Development Trust (CDT) and monies made available to the council from development of the hospital sites, will be sufficient for the conversion (and maintenance) of Horton Chapel into a community centre. A report giving the options will be presented to the council at the end of February. On the water tower, there seems little hope that the owners will act in the short-term. Your councillors would like the tower cleaned, made secure and landscaped and will be pressing the owners to do this – but failing that, they hope to persuade the council to set aside the relatively small amount of money needed.

LIVINGSTONE PARK “ADOPTION” ISSUES

Largely due to the efforts of Elaine Britten, and now Julia Kirkland, the council have taken the initiative in holding discussions with Persimmon, but the future maintenance of landscaped areas is still unresolved. The council did threaten Rosebery Housing Association (also acting for Orbit Housing) with being in breach of planning conditions and a number of improvements were agreed but have not taken place. Adoption of roads, footpaths, lighting and drainage by the borough and county councils is still pending, partly due to the fact that other sites (e.g. Manor Park) which are much older, are also still trying to resolve those issues.

HORTON CENTRE

Building work continues but occupation of the shops may be delayed because of the current economic climate in which it is likely to prove extremely difficult to find companies and people wanting to rent them.

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE PORKIE PIES !

It's about now you will begin receiving literature from the other candidates and parties

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Labour normally accuse the Lib Dems or their candidate of something outrageous – completely at variance with actual actions, policy or statements.

The Conservatives will probably tell you they have introduced modern recycling to the borough – completely untrue since they have only two councillors out of 38 in total.

The Residents' Party or RA will remind you that other candidates and parties have to follow a national diktat – again this is nonsense since certainly in the case of the Lib Dems, our policy is made at local level, by local people, based on local opinion.



***Remember to vote for Julia Kirkland on 26th February.
You don't need your polling card to vote – just go along to your
Polling Station (for Livingstone Park residents
this is Southfield Park School) between 7am and 10pm.***

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