

More local news from Chris, Dave & Phil. . .



Above — we pressed the Council to replace the rusty 'No entry' signs in Allport Road by Rubens. We chased up removal of the old signs too.

Below — we pressed the Council to plant suitable replacement trees along Raeburn Avenue.



Plans for the electric car parking facility on the site of the Kelvinator office block have been approved.

The Octel story continues. . .

In the new draft local plan the site of the Octel Club and its grounds remains zoned for urban sport and recreation. In recent months the planners have continued to ask the developers for their proposals for the replacement sporting facilities. A number of ideas have been put forward. We have pressed for any monies negotiated to be spent round here.

Plymyard Playing Fields. . .

Chris, Dave and Phil have been checking up on the improvements needed to Plymyard Playing Fields. £147,000 was provided by Morris Homes for the improvement of the pitches at Plymyard. This work has had to be fitted in outside the football season. It is expected to be done this Summer.

Tree planting goes ahead. . .

In 2019 we regularly urged Wirral to apply for the Government grants for new tree planting and then match it with local cash.

The scheme has continued this year with the planting of ten trees on Raeburn Ave and forty trees along Heygarth Road. Replacement trees went in on the widest verge in Gorsefield Ave after we asked.

A long standing request we made for the planting in Dawpool Drive, replacing trees from what was once a tree lined road, has also been approved.

Planting will resume on Mill Park with more along Lowfields Avenue & Norley Avenue as supplies are received.

Chris, Dave & Phil Liberal Democrat Councillors for Eastham ward

Dave & Chris look at the bright new rooms at the youth hub



Phil Gilchrist writes 'Our Council has many financial problems'.

We've got rid of the old Cabinet when just nine or ten councillors had power.. We know a lot more about the problems left unsolved by Labour's last Cabinet. Councillors of all parties now sit on the committees that make the decisions.

All Councils must balance their books. The Government sent its inspectors in when we asked for more financial support. They want savings made, pointing to the number of libraries, sports centres, golf courses and leisure centres here.

We are now caught between a rock and a hard place, steering between their demands and the number of facilities that people have been used to for years.

Establishing a new pattern of libraries and other facilities needs three things — careful planning, time for consultation, and a fair process throughout.

We see these as the three key legs which running Wirral well now requires.

We voted against the budget deal agreed between Tory & Labour councillors. We did not secure the changes we had hoped for and thought reasonable.

As councillors we're working to protect & develop the services for the elderly. Only £5.4bn from the new £36bn health and social levy has been ringfenced for social care in England. Chris devotes much of his time helping to sort out problems faced by families with children with special needs. Our work goes on.

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Why not chat with Phil at the shops on Saturday mornings...

Plymyard Ave 10.00 — 10.15
Mill Park Drive 11.00 — 11.15
Allport Road 11.30 — 11.45