

GREEN VIEW

MOORDOWN



Kate Salmon
Local campaigner



Simon Bull & Chris Rigby
Bournemouth's Green Councillors

11 MONTHS TO FIX MOORDOWN REC ARSON: COUNCIL WON'T SAY WHY

- **Kate Salmon questions Council parks chief, after heartbreaking arson finally fixed**
- **Conservative boss gives evasive non-answer... but Kate takes matter further**
- **Green councillor hears: There are playground insurance problems across conurbation**

Hard-working local campaigner **Kate Salmon** submitted a public question to BCP's Conservative parks chief: "Please explain **why it's taken almost a year** to **replace the brand new piece of play equipment at Moordown Rec**, that was **vandalised** a matter of **weeks** after it was installed."

The **curt reply** Kate was given in a Council meeting **didn't explain anything**.

Kate, a former council worker, has **taken the matter further**. She has taken up her citizen's right to ask for BCP Council's recorded information about this repair and **insurance cover for the playground**. Kate says: "I'll let **Moordown residents know** any meaningful information I uncover."

Green Councillor Chris Rigby sits on a councillor panel which recently held a hearing on playground upkeep across BCP. He heard that the Council's set of **playground insurance policies are messy and uneven**. Some types of repair can be claimed on insurance at only certain BCP playgrounds.

Councillors also **doubted if playground maintenance budgets are adequate**. Council **finances are devastated** after 12 years of Conservative cuts.



Moordown Rec: No answers offered re delays in replacing the burnt-out spinning bowl [pictured before and after], but Kate Salmon is persisting

LOCAL RESIDENTS FED UP WITH DOG FOULING

Kate highlights Council service – but calls for enhanced action



Some dog owners aren't clearing up, local residents are telling Kate

Numerous Moordown residents answering Kate Salmon's local survey are raising **dog mess** as a frequent blight on our local streets.

Kate says: "BCP Council **takes reports** and states it **sometimes responds** [tiny.cc/BCPdogmess or [Kate can help report](#)]. I'd like to hear experiences from anyone who's reported cases."

Teignbridge (Devon) is one council running a **Public Space Protection Order for dogs**, to increase penalties. Kate is asking BCP Council if they'll consider similar here, and **more enforcement**.

CHARMINSTER ROAD CROSSING CAMPAIGN: KATE HANDS IN PETITION WITH 101 SIGNATURES



Kate Salmon says: "Thank you to everyone who signed, for safer walks to local schools. We might now have to wait a long time for a Council decision."

MOORDOWN'S CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING WHILE ILL WITH COVID

“Immoral” actions lead to “a row”, “chaotic scenes”, “entire meeting coming to halt”



Moordown's Conservative councillors cause “chaotic scenes”: Reported by the Echo, BBC, ITV, even London's Metro; named by Private Eye

The two Conservative councillors for our area attended a crowded Council meeting in April while knowingly and visibly ill with Covid-19.

BBC Dorset reported: “The BBC understands the two councillors had informed the authority's democratic services team that they had Covid. They were then **phoned during an adjournment** and **turned up at the meeting**, at which point **a row started** behind closed doors.”

The *Bournemouth Daily Echo* added: “**Chaotic scenes** broke out in the chamber, which culminated in the **entire meeting coming to a halt.**”

Green Councillor Chris Rigby was quoted by the *Echo*: while the two unwell councillors' attendance wasn't illegal, it was “**immoral** and **puts everyone's health at risk**”. *Private Eye* magazine named them as **Moordown's duo**.

Private Eye explained **why** other Conservative councillors summoned their two ill colleagues: they were **lacking** their **usual slim majority**. Thus they were **set to lose their attempt** to **dilute powers of opposition councillors** to **scrutinise BCP's Conservative Cabinet**. • **More:** tiny.cc/CVrow

GREEN CALLS FOR ENERGY TRANSITION REJECTED BY LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

- **New renewable energy cheaper than burning fossil fuels, promotes energy security**
- **Yet BCP's Conservatives refuse to back fossil fuel phaseout, or local offshore wind**

BCP's **Green councillors proposed endorsement** of the call for a **global Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**. 2,500+ scientists, academics and researchers have already endorsed, plus **39 local authorities** including Los Angeles and Sydney. Yet BCP's ruling group of **Conservative councillors voted it down**.

Green Councillor Chris Rigby said: “This doesn't mean cutting off the gas supply tomorrow, but **working towards removing fossil fuels from all of our lives**. It's **what we need to do, to prevent the climate crisis.**”

Bizarrely, BCP's Conservative climate chief suggested concern for **household energy bills** was a reason to hesitate on green transition. He showed no awareness that **new renewables are now cheaper than burning fossil fuels**. With a **spiralling cost-of-living crisis** worsened by **Russia's war on Ukraine**, **switching away from fossil fuels** is an urgent matter of **energy security**.

Green Councillor Simon Bull was in the *Bournemouth Echo*, again **championing an offshore wind farm** in Dorset. Yet **BCP Conservatives remain flatly opposed**. Offshore wind has **84% UK public support**. • **More:** tiny.cc/bcpFF



Greens called for real local action on Climate Emergency and energy security



BCP's ruling Conservative councillors refused – just like Boris Johnson's oil-addicted Government

Cartoon: KC Green topatoco.com/collections/this-is-fine

CAN KATE HELP WITH LOCAL ISSUES?



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Kate Salmon's regular surgeries for local residents: Third Saturday of each month [except Aug], 10-11am, Moordown Community Centre café

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