



**MEDWAY LIB DEM GROUP**

## **Lib Dem victory on sports fees.**

This Thursday the Lib Dems proposed an amendment to the budget to reverse the increase in fees for sports pitches. A revised version of the amendment, which took out the request to remove a portfolio holder, was accepted at the Budget meeting of the council.

Cllr Geoff Juby, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group, comments:

“I am pleased that the conservatives have seen sense and accepted our proposal to keep the fees for football, cricket and bowling pitches as they are. The increases proposed by the council were ridiculous and would have seen some charges increased by a third. This many only be a small change to the budget but at least we have made a positive contribution to the budget. Any major changes at this late stage would have been voted down.”

Cllr Diana Smith adds:

“I welcome this decision, as it will mean that people of Medway will not have to pay out for increased fees that would have brought in little money for the council. Instead resident and local sports groups will now be able to enjoy the sports pitches without having to worry about the fees increasing and where the extra money will come form.