

KINGSWINFORD NORTH & WALL HEATH MATTERS

COUNCIL TAX – NO INCREASE FOR 2ND YEAR

Conservative controlled Dudley Council will not increase Council Tax for a 2nd successive year. Last year saw the first ever Council Tax freeze for Dudley residents. During the local elections in May, Kingswinford & Wall Heath Conservative Cllrs pledged a 2nd successive freeze if they held control.

Cllr Denise Harley welcomes the Council Tax freeze and added “Since taking control in 2003, Conservatives have always attempted to keep Council Tax increases as low as was practical. We believe that increases should be only what are required. Under Labour, Council Tax doubled during their time in office.”

Cllr Harley added “Labour do not believe in Low Council Tax as their record shows, furthermore the current Labour Group on Dudley Council would not have copied our low increases over the last 8 years. Labour are on record as stating at a recent Council meeting that “they would not



Conservatives have kept their promise of a 2nd Council Tax freeze to Wall Heath residents such as David Atkinson.

have copied our low increases”. This would have raised more tax from **YOU** just to inflate reserves for their wasteful spending.”

WALL HEATH QUARRY – “PROSECUTE QUARRY OPERATORS” – WALL HEATH CLLRS

Dudley Council has sent F G Davis a warning letter after repeatedly leaving Enville Road in an appalling state. This is the first step towards possible legal action against the most unwelcome neighbour anyone could wish for in Wall Heath. Following requests from Ward Cllrs residents have been contacting us and reporting the breaches in operating conditions. These include mud deposits and starting work earlier than the contracted time.

Cllr Denise Harley has requested that Dudley Council take a hard line against F G Davis and do not allow them to get away with leaving the highway in such a mess as they have done for years.

Denise added “F G Davis just don’t care what mess they leave behind and enough is enough. If this company cannot behave as good neighbours then the Council should look to prosecute. They are consistently allowing bad practice and it simply adds to the argument we are making that they should not be allowed any extension to the Enville Road site or be given permission to open a new quarry on the Mile Flat.”

**Chris Kelly MP
and Wall Heath
Cllrs Harley,
Woodall &
Billingham
with leading
objectors
Tim Williams
and Keith
Boddison**



PROMISES DELIVERED ON ROADS – MORE RESURFACING PROMISED

2011 saw a huge investment in Dudley's highways repair and resurfacing programme of which Kingswinford North & Wall Heath had a substantial share. Many roads which had been left needing much needed resurfacing finally got treated. These included Foundry Street, Cottage Street, Swindon Road, Keyes Drive, Penzer Street, and more recently Summerhill, plus many others.

Cllr Paul Woodall said "Myself and Ward colleagues Denise and Cheryl have requested that Maidensbridge Drive, Maywood Close, Medina Way and Newbridge Road are added to the list for this year."

Cllr Cheryl Billingham added "We have also requested a study of the surface of roads that are on both Blandford Mere and Charterfields Estates. Many of these smaller roads are in dire need of repair."



"We delivered on our promise to resurface roads in our ward. We realise more needs to be done and it will be."

EMAIL CONTACT & ADVICE SURGERIES INFO

Cllr Denise Harley, Paul Woodall & Cheryl Billingham hold regular advice surgeries every month. They will be held during 2012 at Kingswinford Community Centre on the last Friday & Saturday of the month. Friday surgeries will start at 6pm and on Saturday at 11am. Please use contact details for more information.

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KILBURN DRIVE

Kilburn Drive, which has been the source of much strife and trouble for residents for many years is finally getting closed off after years of being talked about.

Cllr Denise Harley said "The previous Lib Dem Cllrs who have now defected to Labour claimed for years they were going to close off the right of way at Kilburn Drive. The process has finally been concluded after Conservative Cllrs requested the correct action. The Cabinet Member responsible signed the decision sheet to approve a gating order for Kilburn Drive last month."



"Conservative Cllrs have the influence needed to get the right result for our residents."

YOUR COMMUNITY – PUTTING SOMETHING BACK.

Cllr Cheryl Billingham has joined the Governing body of The Summerhill Secondary School whilst Cllr Denise Harley has joined Maidensbridge Primary.

Both Cllrs believe it's important to be on Governing bodies for our local schools.



Cllr Denise Harley "Joining a school governing body allows Cllrs to put something back into their Community."