

WORDSLEY 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, Wordsley Conservative Cllrs pledged a 2nd successive freeze if they held control.

Cllr Geoff Southall 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 Southall 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



Conservatives have delivered a 2nd consecutive Council Tax freeze for the first time ever.

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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – BELLS LANE

Wordsley Cllrs have held meetings to decide on measures to tackle job behaviour around King George V Park in Wordsley. Local Ward Members Geoff Southall, John Jones and Glenis Simms have called for a Park Keeper to be introduced during the summer months when the majority of the troubles occur.

Cllr Geoff Southall said “Myself and ward colleagues would like to see a part time keeper introduced who would work during the evenings of the summer months. In addition the Council have agreed that the smaller entrances to the park are kept open to allow Police quicker access to the site if trouble is reported.

Police have so far failed to support calls for a Dispersal Order around the park due to not being convinced that reported

incidents are numerous enough to warrant such action.

Cllr John Jones added “The Police need more people to report wrong doing and incidents of anti social behaviour. They can only support our calls for a Dispersal Order if they have the relevant data supporting the need for one. Therefore residents need to report anti social behaviour to the Police on **0345 113 5000** / www.DudleyPolice.org.uk as and when it occurs in and around Bells Lane, the park itself and the shops at Wordsley Green.”

Cllrs Geoff Southall, John Jones and Glenis Simms “We need residents to report antisocial behaviour so Police can support a Dispersal Order”



PROMISES DELIVERED ON ROADS – MORE RESURFACING PROMISED

2011 saw a huge investment in Dudley’s Highways repairs and resurfacing programme of which Wordsley had a substantial share. Many roads which had been left needing much needed resurfacing finally got treated. These included Sunnymede Road, Ashdene Gardens, Ashdown Drive, Belle Vue, Church Road, Elmwood Road and Renfrew Close plus many others.

Cllr Glenis Simms said “Myself and Ward colleagues Geoff and John have requested that attention is particularly given to the High Acres area where roads such as Andover Crescent, Belgrave Court, Freeland Grove, Grange Lane, Sandhurst Road, Silva Avenue and Tiverton Close are added to the list for this year.”

Cllr John Jones added “We have also requested that Honeytree Close and Nanaimo Way are also completed following urgent utility works.”



Cllr Geoff Southall & John Jones “We delivered on our promise to resurface roads in our ward. We realise more needs to be done and it will be.”

SANDRINGHAM PLACE

Cllr Geoff Southall has requested that DMBC prepare a report for the next Brierley Hill Area Committee on the future of the empty shops at Sandringham Place. Other areas where there are former shopping malls/blocks empty have reached the stage where they may have agreements on potential redevelopment.

Geoff said “Ideally, I would like all of the shops to be leased and be thriving businesses. However, that is probably unlikely so the need for redevelopment and investment is paramount to rid Wordsley of this eyesore. By requesting that the Council report back to the Area Committee we are setting a timetable for delivering a result for the residents of Ashwood Park.”



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

YOUR COMMUNITY – PUTTING SOMETHING BACK.

Stourbridge Canoe Club which is based at Kinver Street, Wordsley have successfully applied for a grant from the Woodland Trust.

To assist them Cllrs Geoff Southall and Glenis Sims joined Chris Kelly MP to spend an afternoon helping plant some of the trees the trust has provided to allow some cover to their canal side premises.

Community Groups such as the Stourbridge Canoe Club put so much into building our local communities that they deserve support from all to keep them going.”



EMAIL CONTACT & ADVICE SURGERIES INFO

Wordsley Councillors hold regular advice surgeries and these are held at, Wordsley Community Centre on the 2nd Friday of each month at 6.30-7.30pm and at Dingle Community Centre on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10-11am.

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