



Foley Park & Hoobrook – February 2021

## LOCAL NEWS AND UPDATE ON LOCALISM

**Kidderminster Town Council came into being in 2016 and since then your Conservative Group has worked hard to develop and grow your Town Council.**

Your Conservative Group is pleased to support the potential transfer of Brinton Park, White Wickets Park, Springfield Park and St George's Park to Kidderminster Town Council (KTC) to ensure these essential open spaces are protected for the enjoyment of all.

Cllr David Ross, Leader of the Conservative Group on KTC, has worked hard as part of the negotiating team, and successfully pushed any transitional funding from the District Council, to make sure that any precept changes needed will be as low as possible.

Cllrs Kevin Gale and Nicky Gale said, *"We know that everyone is living through very tough times at the moment so we are really pleased that protecting the parks for families to use and minimising precept changes are both being seen as important"*.

Community Team Member, Darren Chambers said, *"As a father with a young child, parks are essential and once the world opens up again will be important areas for friends and families to reconnect"*.



Cllr Kevin Gale, Cllr Nicky Gale and Darren Chambers at Brinton Park.

Your KTC Conservative Group will continue to painstakingly go through the transfer details to make sure residents get the best possible deal and subject to full legal and financial due diligence, and all information we have requested provided by WFDC promptly, we look forward to protecting these assets for the future.

## PARKING CHARGES MUST STOP!

**PARKING CHARGES** must be cut to help businesses recover. UK Councils have raked in almost £900 million profit from fees and this vast sum was generated during the early part of the Covid pandemic and first lockdown!

Your local Conservatives have repeatedly urged Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) to help local businesses by bringing back the one hour of free car parking across all WFDC-owned car parks in the Town Centre and getting rid of the extension of car parking charges to 9pm.

But, WFDC is still not listening! With local businesses struggling through a third lockdown ... when is WFDC going to take action to help them?



## WE STAND FOR ...

- ◇ Holding the Progressive Alliance-led Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) to account to protect the interests of Kidderminster residents.
- ◇ Stopping the Progressive Alliance-led WFDC from dumping services onto Kidderminster Town Council at a cost to you as Kidderminster residents.
- ◇ Working to make sure Kidderminster residents do not have to pay twice for the same service.
- ◇ Working closely with Town Council officers to secure funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to protect the future of your much-loved and historic Town Hall.

**Working Hard for Foley Park & Hoobrook All Year Round**

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## POST BOXES FOR SILVERWOODS

Your Conservative team for Foley Park & Hoobrook has been contacted by local residents on Silverwoods Way asking for post boxes to be installed.

Cllr Kevin Gale has contacted Royal Mail to pursue this issue and will keep you informed in future editions of this newsletter.



Cllr Kevin Gale out and about talking to residents on Silverwoods.

## GAMSON CLOSE

After being contacted by a concerned resident, Cllr Kevin Gale and Community team member Darren Chambers have reported a vandalised street sign that needs urgent replacement to Wyre Forest District Council. The team will continue to chase this issue until a new sign is installed.



Team member Darren Chambers working with Cllr Gale in the ward.

## DISCUSSING WARD ISSUES WITH JOHN CAMPION, PCC



Cllrs Kevin and Nicky Gale and Community Team Member Darren Chambers recently took the opportunity to virtually 'meet' with Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion, to discuss a range of policing issues, including the 300 more police officers we now have in West Mercia (compared to 2016) and the 91 more being recruited this year.

Cllr Nicky Gale said, "I am delighted that we as a team have had this chance to talk to John and be assured that his focus as Commissioner is still to keep people safe and ensure they feel safe".

Cllr Kevin Gale said, "I would like to thank John for the opportunity to talk in detail about community matters important to the residents we speak to daily."

## News ... News ... News ... News ... News ...

### SUPPORTING STEPWAY...

As Kidderminster Coordinator for Stepway, Cllr Kevin Gale was delighted to accept funds from Disability Action (Wyre Forest) on their behalf.

Cllr Rose Bishop is seen here handing over a cheque for £250.

Stepway is a group that looks to promote inclusion and helps our veterans who have fallen on hard times.



### GOOD NEWS FOR THE AREA...

The proposed defibrillator on Walter Nash Road has been approved. Just waiting for contractors to install, after Covid-19 restrictions are eased.

### SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

Cllrs Kevin and Nicky Gale, and Darren Chambers are all delighted to hear that Kidderminster Town Council will be planning celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

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Cllr Nicky Gale hard at work preparing Christmas hampers to deliver to residential homes in the