

March 2023

Your priorities are our priorities

Working hard across the ward all year round



Cllrs Tracey Onslow, Edward Stokes and Juliet Smith

Cllrs Tracey Onslow, Edward Stokes and Juliet Smith continue to work hard for all residents across the ward. We are always knocking on doors to find out what you are thinking and what you need help with. Here are just some of the things we have actioned for you over the last few weeks...

- ✓ **Adam Street:** Having spoken to residents about the issue of dog fouling Edward was pleased to see new signs placed to remind dog owners that it is their responsibility to pick up after their dog and fines can be applied if not.
- ✓ **Habberley Road:** Thank you to WCC for actioning our request to install double yellow lines at the entrance to the car park of Habberley playing fields. This has helped improve visibility when entering and exiting the car park.
- ✓ **Jelleyman Close:** Kidderminster Town Council has tidied the trees and surrounding area which also means improved visibility.
- ✓ **Woodfield Crescent:** We have asked for a street clean of Woodfield Crescent to clear up the litter and leaves.
- ✓ **Parkland Avenue :** We have asked WCC to return to the site where the hole was filled and make it more aesthetically pleasing.
- ✓ **Canal towpath:** We would like to thank WCC for their work on the towpath which has been widened and has improved the previously muddy surface.

Brinton Parked!

Cllr Tracey Onslow continues to be the lone voice in challenging the current **Labour/Green/Independent Group** who run WFDC on progress over the £2.4m improvements to Brinton Park. This Heritage Lottery funding was agreed 2 ½ years ago and so far nothing has happened!



Wyre Forest District Council's Budget

At 22nd February budget setting meeting of Full Council the **Labour and Green Councillors** who represent Blakebrook and Habberley South voted **AGAINST** the following proposals set out by the **Conservative Group** at WFDC.

Additional Environmental Protection Officers to tackle fly tipping, dog fouling and littering.

Lab/Green voted AGAINST!

Additional Civil Enforcement Officers to tackle your neighbourhood parking issues.

Lab/Green voted AGAINST!

Investing in play equipment in our parks for disabled children.

Lab/Green voted AGAINST!

Investing in arts, culture and leisure activities and an officer to support these events.

Lab/Green voted AGAINST!

WFDC Cllr Tracey Onslow implored the Labour and Green councillors to support our budget proposals which would have helped residents across Blakebrook and Habberley South but they voted **AGAINST!**

Restore **PRIDE** in our District by removing the **CHAOS** of the Labour, Green and Independent controlled council

Taking action on your concerns

Hill Street: WCC are looking into this matter and we are in dialogue about getting the steps reopened. **We would like to hear your views on this.**

Park Lane: An issue was raised about damage to the pavement caused by cars parking at the junction with Castle Road. We put forward a proposal to install bollards and we will be surveying adjacent houses to find out if local residents want this to happen.

Pineridge Drive: We have asked for the tree at the junction with Blakebrook to be tidied up.

Crestwood Avenue: Following our success in having the slalom gate installed in the alleyway between Crestwood and Truro Drive, a local resident has contacted us about drainage works. Maintenance of the alleyway is the responsibility of Wyre Forest Community Housing so we have referred this matter to them.

Chapel Street: We were asked about changing the priorities of the lanes as you exit Chapel Street onto Park Butts Ringway. Currently, the right hand lane is right turn only, while the left hand lane is left or straight over. The question was whether it would be better for the right hand lane to be straight over aswell. Highways responded to say that they would not support this suggestion because the current priorities are in line with the highway code recommendations and changing them at such a busy junction would cause more confusion and could lead to collisions.

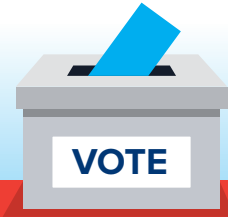
Update on Brinton Park Crossing



Cllr Tracey Onslow has now seen the proposal to install a zebra crossing on Sutton Road in the vicinity of the **Brinton park entrance**. We have been campaigning for this for 10 years and it has taken endless correspondence, reporting and evidence. Tracey and team are very pleased and excited to see progress on this issue which is so important to local residents.

Don't forget you will need ID to vote!

From May it will be a legal requirement to show photographic ID to vote. For a full list of accepted ID, which includes either your passport, driving licence, over 65s bus pass or to apply for a FREE Voter Authority Certificate visit: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or phone: **0800 328 0280**



Latest date for postal votes is **18th April 2023**

Kidderminster town centre

What has the current District Council Administration done to date? Edward, Tracey and Juliet feel that the **Labour/Independent/Green led Council** is not acting fast enough on the regeneration of the town centre.

The previous Conservative-led council was successful in securing **£20.5 million from the Conservative Government's Future High Street's Fund** and yet the former Glades site still lies empty, Worcester Street is still full of empty shops and the Crown House site is still a car park with no sign of re-development. If the Conservatives regain control of the Council in May we will act with much more urgency to resolve these important issues.



Cllr Edward Stokes wants quicker action on regeneration

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