

**Action Notes of the Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley Community Forum**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 at 6.30pm**  
**at the St Mary's Church Hall, The Village, Kingswinford, DY6 8AY**

**Present:**

Councillors C Billingham, Blood, P Brothwood, P Harley, D Hemingsley, P Miller, N Neale, G Simms and D Tyler

**Officers:**

A Webb (Acting Lead Officer) (Head of Sport and Physical Activity) and  
L Jury (Democratic Services Officer)

Together with 3 members of the public

1 **Welcome and Introductions**

The Lead Officer welcomed those present. Members expressed their thanks to former Councillors and Ward members, Councillors L Boleyn and J Jones for their hard work and commitment to the Borough during their time as Members.

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2 **Election of Chair**

Councillor P Miller was elected Chair of the Forum for the municipal year.

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3 **Election of Vice-Chair**

Councillor C Billingham was elected Vice-Chair of the Forum for the municipal year.

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4 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted on behalf of Jeremy Butler and Iain Newman.

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5 **Listening to you: Questions and Comments from Local Residents**

Subject

Action

Comment raised regarding the standard of grass cutting in Wall Heath and Kingswinford.	Concillor N Neale has made a formal complaint to DUE and was awaiting a reply.
Concern raised in relation to the increase in fees for car parking and the effect this was likely to have on local retailers.	Councillor P Harley requested that the Cabinet Member for Transport carry out a strategic review of car parking fees throughout the Borough.
Request for an update on the consultation carried out in relation to the closure of the Walk In Centre at Holly Hall.	Members advised that this was still under review.
Comment raised relating to Councillors who have lost seats in recent elections being no longer visible in the community.	Members commented on possible reasons for this.
Request for resurfacing of Bells Lane and repair work to a pot hole on Lawnswood Avenue.	Members requested a copy of the programme of forthcoming Highway repairs.
Request for an update on the future use of shops at Sandringham Place, Wordsley.	Councillor Hemingsley advised that the owner of the shops was currently negotiating rent issues with prospective tenants.
Comment raised relating to the ongoing demise of Wordsley Festival.	Councilor D Hemingsley and Councillor G Simms to invite Mr Davies to attend the next meeting of the Friends of Wordsley Park to discuss the concerns raised by residents.
Concern raised regarding the increasing traffic congestion on A491 from Kingswinford to Stourbridge and whether changes in traffic signal sequencing would ease congestion.	Members advised residents about the control of traffic signals and the complexity of altering the sequencing of signals.

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7      **Working with you: Topics Raised: Topics raised by Local Councillors**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
Councillor P Brothwood referred to the lack of cycle lanes from Stourbridge to Dudley and particularly along the A491.	Lead Officer to raise this issue with Traffic Engineers.

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8      **Community Forum Funding**

Application

Recommendation

Samaritans Brierley Hill  
Branch.

Approved a £445.20 contribution.

Life Centre Debt Advice

Refused as does not meet the local criteria.

Dudley Christian Fellowship

Deferred as incomplete application and pending  
the new guidelines to be issued regarding  
Borough-wide grant applications.

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9      **Dates, Time and Venues of Future Meetings**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 commencing at 6.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall,  
The Village, Kingswinford DY6 8AY.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.