

Your Home, Your Forum Meeting Notes

Forum:	Brierley Hill
Date and time:	26th October 2023 at 6.30pm
Venue:	The Wordsley School, Brierley Hill Road, Stourbridge DY8 5SP
Attendance:	<p>Councillors P Atkins, A Davies, J Foster, P Harley, E Lawrence, K Lewis, W Little, J Martin, P Miller, M Rogers, M Webb and K Westwood.</p> <p>Officers/ police: The police did not attend</p> <p>Tom Senior, Marissa Westwood, Siobhan Sadlier</p> <p>Members of the public: 5</p>

Agenda item	Notes
1. Welcome, introductions and apologies	<p>Tom Senior welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the house keeping arrangements.</p> <p>Tom Senior introduced Councillor M Rogers as the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor M Rogers introduced all the Councillors present at the meeting and noted the apologies from Councillors R Collins and L Johnson</p>
2. Updates from Ward Councillors	<p>Kingswinford South</p> <p>P Harley updated that the road works in his ward are progressing and that when complete they should ease traffic in the area.</p> <p>E Lawrence reiterated the point on the road works</p>

	<p>P Harley reported that there has been a bill in the House of Commons regarding planning matters and that it should remove the duty to cooperate and should allow the Council to deal with green belt and housing numbers as it sees fit</p> <p>Brierley Hill</p> <p>J Martin asked about delays to the works in the High Street and also enquired about the steel works memorial. P Harley replied that he would be chasing this.</p> <p>A Davies also replied that the works are on schedule.</p> <p>J Martin asked about the Christmas Tree in front of the police station in Brierley Hill. It is a planted Christmas Tree that should save money.</p> <p>A Davies replied that he had raised the matter with Jayne Pilkington and has been assured that it will not be removed. A member of the public also said that a new tree has been planted to replace it in due course.</p>
<p>3. Have your say</p>	<p>A member of the public asked about the 226 Bus.</p> <p>Councillor K Lewis replied that she had been to a meeting with the bus company to raise the issue and is waiting for a reply on the matter. Once a response was received, she will provide an update.</p> <p>A question was asked by a member of the public concerning Cumberland Close. There is an issue with speeding vehicles. He has worked with Councillor K Lewis on a Speedwatch programme that identified 38 drivers speeding in just a one hour period. Parking is also creating dangers. The noise of speeding vehicles is keeping residents awake.</p> <p>Councillor K Lewis replied that she is speaking with highways officers and looking at measures that can be taken and undertook to provide details when she has them.</p> <p>A member of the public asked what is happening with the playground at the Wordsley Hospital Site.</p>

	<p>Councillor M Rogers replied that a consultation has been done and works are being procured with a view to starting in around 12 weeks.</p> <p>Councillor P Atkins added that the procurement process is nearing its conclusion.</p> <p>A member of the public asked about the post office in Kingswinford.</p> <p>Councillor P Atkins said that a company have applied to run the post office and are going through the application process.</p> <p>There was a question from a member of the public concerning a play area in Wordsley attracting anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Councillors M Rogers and K Lewis said that it was not expected to be an issue.</p>
4. Police and communities together	The police did not attend
5. Forum funding	Councillor M Rogers gave a summary of the funding grants set out on the agenda
6. Date of next meeting	<p>Details can be accessed on the following link:-</p> <p>Your Home, Your Forum Brierley Hill</p>

Time meeting ended: 7.15 pm