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Billingham North Ward

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YOUR BILLINGHAM NORTH LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS

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WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



BILLINGHAM TOWN CENTRE RE-DEVELOPMENT

Lynne and Colin can report that the Mars Pension Fund have sold their leasehold interest in Billingham Town Centre to the developer Halladale. We both welcome the developer on board to work in partnership with Stockton Council in creating a pleasing town centre that the people of Billingham can be proud of.

Halladale have a proven track record in town centre re-development and from pictures Colin has seen of other town centre re-development we don't expect to be disappointed.

Billingham residents have complained to us over the years that money has been poured into Stockton. The Labour controlled Stockton Council have not fought for funding for Billingham and Thornaby and this has had a detrimental effect. Thornaby Town Centre is now being re-developed and the residents of Billingham can hopefully look forward to a Town Centre they can be proud of.

There will be further consultations with Billingham residents early in the new year when Halladale's will produce several proposals. It will be up to all Billingham residents to look at the proposed plans and give their opinions.

This is only the first stage of the process and it is only when the plans have been agreed with all parties that further work will be done. We don't expect actual building work to begin for 18 months to 2 years.

STOCKTON COUNCIL

It is obvious from the Conservative newsletter that they haven't spoken with the Conservative group of councillors on Stockton Council. They complain about the Labour dominated council, **but**, it is the collusion of the Conservative and Labour councillors that have kept Labour in control of Stockton Council. This collusion started after the 2003 elections and it seems to have happened each year since then. So a vote for the Conservatives could be a vote to keep the Labour controlled Stockton Council.

THE MISSING COUNCILLOR

Lynne and Colin were slightly amazed by the Conservative newsletter accusing them of doing little in the ward. They have actually not only done their own ward work, but Lynne, as a Wolviston Parish councillor, has actually done most of the Northern Parishes Conservative councillor's work in Wolviston. He joined the army earlier this year and nobody can contact him but, he still receives his councillor allowance from Stockton Borough Council.

MARSH HOUSE AVENUE FOOTPATH

A resident of the Billingham North ward contacted Lynne and Colin after his son was involved in a road traffic accident on his way to the Campus School. We had meetings with Stockton Council officers and put forward all our views on the problem. The Council officers came up with a scheme to include our views for a footpath/cycleway on the west side of Marsh House avenue. This also included a bus layby and pedestrian island on Marsh House Avenue close to Wolviston Back Lane. This will make a safer crossing for pedestrians across Marsh House Avenue. We will keep you informed about progress with this scheme and when it will be implemented.

SNIPPETS

MARSH HOUSE AVENUE PETROL STATION DEVELOPMENT

You will have seen the work progressing on the site of the old petrol station. They are building a residential home in the style of the one near the Telstar pub. The entrance and exit remain on Marsh House Avenue which is one of the things Lynne and Colin argued for rather than onto the often congested Wallington Road.

NEASHAM AVENUE SHOPS

Work is progressing on a new car park on the corner of Tunstall Avenue and Neasham Avenue adjacent to the shops. This is part of a scheme supported by Lynne and Colin to try to solve the parking problem by the shops.

COWPEN TRADING ESTATE

Stockton Council officers are looking again at the possibility of link roads to the Cowpen Trading Estate. Colin and Lynne would support a scheme that stops heavy goods traffic using Marsh House avenue.

HURWORTH ROAD

The weight limit signs have been erected at the entrance to Hurworth Road. We are waiting for them to be illuminated so that the police can enforce the weight limit.

COCKFIELD AVENUE

Lynne has asked council officers to look at putting extra street signs in Cockfield Avenue and streets in the surrounding area as at present finding all the houses is rather confusing.

WARD SURGERIES

The next two dates for our ward surgeries are:-

High Grange Community Centre

Monday 5th February 2007, 6:30 to 7:30pm

And

North Billingham Methodist Church

Monday 5th March 2007, 6:30 to 7:30pm

You can contact Lynne and Colin at other times with their details shown below.

COMMUNITY SKIP DATES (2007)

18th January Wallington Road. 14th March Low Grange Avenue/Wolviston Back Lane

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