

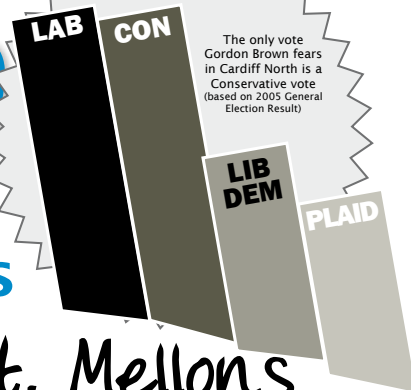
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## Cardiff North Conservatives

### Working for you in Old St. Mellons



## CARDIFF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

At the Council meeting on the 19th of December, Cllr. Dianne Rees, supported by Conservative councillors Craig Williams and Jane Rogers, won the support of all political parties in a debate which discussed the merits of the Draft Local Development Plan and approved it. The Plan states that Cardiff's future development needs can be contained within existing development boundaries thus protecting our green fields.

Your local councillors have been fully involved in the development of the Plan from early beginnings when a

### LABOUR ROBS TAXPAYERS TO FUND ELECTION ADVERTISING

Jonathan Evans PPC for Cardiff North has warned that the Labour Government has ordered a massive increase in taxpayer-funded advertising budgets as the General Election approaches.

'Since Labour came to office there has already been a four-fold increase in advertising promoting the Government, but in the past year of recession, Labour has increased spending still further by 40% to over £232 million. All of that money is coming from taxpayers. At a time when even Labour are accepting that budgets will need to be cut, the massive increase in Labour Government self-advertising at the taxpayer's expense is morally unacceptable.'

Jonathan said: 'We are also seeing newspaper adverts and leaflets promoting MPs continuing to be funded from the House of Commons Communications Allowance, which the Kelly report clearly said was taxpayer funded promotion of MPs and should be stopped. Some MPs just seem to think they can carry on regardless.'

For more information and to see an electronic copy of this newsletter, please visit

Jonathan Evans' web site:

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preferred strategy of housing development on brown field sites was developed. Cllr. Dianne Rees has scrutinised the Draft Plan in the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee which she chairs. The Council has approved its Local Development Plan which has now gone to the Welsh Assembly Government approved Planning Inspectorate Wales for examination.

The Pre-Hearing Meeting scheduled for the 28th January has been postponed due to the fact that an Exploratory Meeting has now been called by the Inspectors. The Exploratory Meeting which will be open to the public will take place on Thursday 25th February 2010 at Ferrier Hall, City Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3ND. We will be attending the meeting on your behalf and will keep you fully informed.

The Hearings into the Examination are scheduled to commence on the 16th March 2010 at County Hall.

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# LABOUR INSULTS LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

Jonathan Evans PPC for Cardiff North has condemned Labour's Justice Secretary Jack Straw

for insulting hard pressed local police officers. Straw recently claimed that police officers preferred to remain warm in police stations with paperwork, rather than getting out on the beat and tackling crime. Jonathan said : 'The truth is that Jack Straw and his Labour MPs have tied up the hands of the police with bureaucracy. They have ignored the professional judgment of police officers and denied them the freedom to do their jobs - violent crime has increased as officers are forced to spend more time on paperwork than on patrol. Labour's early release scheme has seen over 70,000 criminals released early, while prisons remain overcrowded, hampering efforts to rehabilitate prisoners. The bond between the police and the public must be rebuilt, and the first step will be cutting the red tape which prevents the police from doing their job properly'.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009

- Litter and Graffiti Action Group met twice for large clean ups. Graffiti Council Team called out regularly to tackle hot spots. Requested action regarding pot holes and road resurfacing throughout the Ward.
- Environmental improvements scheduled for 2010 including the improvement scheme around Old St. Mellons Parish Church which includes new gates and railings.
- Old Hill resurfaced, The Ton and Chapel Row is under consideration.
- Two new salt containers on Wern Fawr Lane, additional planters provided throughout the village with regular planting throughout the year. Extra displays planned for 2010.
- Secured all Section 106 monies available for Old St. Mellons, continually met with Senior Council Officers regarding this matter. Section 106 monies will now be spent during 2010/11. Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey.
- Consulted on LDP and we will be attending the Exploratory Meeting on 25th February 2010. Full updates to be given after the hearings in March 2010.
- Representation at every PACT meeting, held PACT Surgeries.
- Along with other volunteers we planted summer bedding plants and spring bulbs. Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the wind and rain whilst planting in October.
- Representation at every M4 Widening Meeting.
- Site Visit to Eastern Business Park. Met with senior Council Officers to address the parking problem associated with the Business Park. We are meeting Business Park management and senior Council Officers in January to address this issue which has proven extremely difficult to resolve.
- Met with senior Council Officer to arrange a speeding survey at Old Hill.

*We hope to achieve even more in the coming year and wish you all a prosperous 2010!*

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## News in brief..

# JONATHAN'S HEALTH REFORMS A STEP CLOSER

The Assembly has finally agreed to Jonathan Morgan's proposal for Wales to have powers to reform mental health services in Wales. Jonathan has been pioneering a proposed transfer of powers from London to Cardiff to allow the Assembly to provide better services for those with psychological conditions.

The proposal will now be considered by Parliament. Jonathan said: "I am delighted to be the first opposition AM to reach this stage with a proposed transfer of powers - the Assembly needs to do more for those with a mental illness, we need faster intervention services and advocacy to help people get the best help. We should lead the rest of the UK in this important reform."

## PACT MEETINGS

Following the November 2009 PACT meeting at which the issue of drug paraphernalia was brought up, a street briefing was held in December inviting people who had experienced seeing any of this to attend. At this meeting it was noted that no more "morphine style" sticks had been found in our village. Police have visited every chemist in St. Mellons, Rumney, Llanrumney and Trowbridge and pharmacists have been spoken to and asked to advise people using medication to dispose of it properly.

**Recent national surveys have highlighted Old St. Mellons as being one of the most desirable places to live within Cardiff and you can rest assured that your local Councillors will work hard to help maintain this standing on your behalf.**

## SECTION 106 UPDATE

We met with Council Officers in January to discuss the findings of the recent Section 106 Surveys. We received over 100 responses and plans are now well underway to ensure that all monies are spent on improvements to open and green spaces within the village. The most popular requests were improvements to the Ty'r Winch tennis courts, new children's play equipment in the park, a jogging track in the park, improvements to Beechtree Park which include drainage, seeding and levelling, planting of more trees and shrubs (not in the area on which people play football). We wish to advise you that there will be no public art or "Rockscape" within Beechtree Park.

## Can you help?

- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to join the Cardiff North Conservative Association

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