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**City Councillor Sally Maddocks
& County Cllr Gina Dowding**

GLASSON CAR PARK SUCCESS

Local residents and businesses are relieved to have the new contactless payment system in Aquavista's car park in Glasson Dock.

Cllr Sally Maddocks said:

"Glasson is welcoming to visitors again, with installation of a new payment method which means drivers no longer need to download an app, but can pay contactless by card."

"This is the result of 18 months of partnership work by the 3 tiers of councils, Aquavista and the pressure brought by local business, residents and visitors."



Cllr Sally Maddocks with David Lewis (Aquavista), Mary Smyth and Dave McGrath (Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council), at Glasson Car Park.

NEW PLANS FOR GALGATE BY-PASS SLIP ROADS

The County Council has revised plans for the position of the new slip roads onto the M6 from the proposed new 'Galgate by-pass'. Cllr Sally Maddocks was made aware of the changes by a resident on Chapel Lane whose garden will be affected by the siting of the new slip roads. He was informed of the changes by the County Council's land acquisition team.

Sally said:

"I was shocked to learn of these significant changes via a resident. The County Council says the new draft plan will be out for public consultation in February. It is deemed necessary to avoid destroying ancient woodland. I have asked County to consider the impact on flooding and include it in the Environmental Impact assessment that is currently underway."

Sally is supporting residents object to the new planning application for Highland Brow. The previous application was turned down, and the new one is for slightly fewer homes.

GREEN COUNCILLORS WORK HARD ALL YEAR ROUND - NOT JUST AT ELECTION TIME!

SIGNS UP TO SLOW DOWN SPEEDS ON A588

Cllr Sally Maddocks worked with local residents to put up 'Slow Down, Save Lives' signs along the A588 - through Thurnham village and by Sandside in Cockerham. The signs were supplied by the Lancashire Road Safety



Partnership and Thurnham with Glasson Parish Council. Sally said:

"We hope that these signs, together with the speed cameras that are finally being installed after years of waiting, will really make a difference to road safety on the A588."

LOVE YOUR BUS- SINGLE JOURNEY FARE £2 TILL MARCH

The Government is encouraging more people to use buses by capping single bus fares at £2 for everyone, from January until the end of March this year. Green Cllr Abi Mills, Vice Chair of the Lancaster District Bus User Group, said:

"As all single trips now cost only £2, this is a great incentive to use the bus."

See lancsbus.blogspot.com for more information.

PLANNING ISSUES IN GLASSON AND DOLPHINHOLME

Sally has helped the owner of the Victoria Inn in Glasson with the planning application to restore the building. The Victoria Inn is considered a landmark building in the village, but it has become derelict in recent years. Sally is also working with residents in Dolphinholme about plans for new homes at the edge of the village.

PAUL JOINS ELLEL GREEN TEAM



Paul Tynan has joined the Green team in Ellel.

Paul, a former GP in Lancaster, is the representative on three local parish councils for monitoring and reporting problems with public rights of way to the County Council.

If you know of a problem please contact Paul - see box on the back page for details.

Green campaigner and former GP Paul Tynan
with Cllr Sally Maddocks

GREENS CALL FOR WATER TO BE PUT BACK IN PUBLIC HANDS

Privatised water: a 'scandal that needs to end'

Thousands of local residents had their water cut off just before Christmas, after icy weather damaged the water supply network. Lancaster's Green parliamentary candidate, Cllr Jack Lenox, said:

"Huge thanks to staff from the City Council and United Utilities who worked hard to support residents and businesses during the loss of supply."

"While this was caused mainly by the cold weather, it was not helped by chronic under-investment in the water supply network since privatisation in 1989. It's a scandal that needs to end."



Green Cllr Jack Lenox:
"Privatised water companies waste a lot of our money and water."

Eye-watering figures:

- 3 billion litres of water are wasted every day in England and Wales, due to leaks.
- The annual pay package for the boss of United Utilities is reported to be £3.2 million.
- Privatised water companies paid £57 billion in dividends to share-holders over 30 years.

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRESSURES

High inflation forces difficult decisions

Lancaster City Council is facing very significant financial pressure, mainly because Government funding has not increased in line with big hikes in energy, fuel and wage costs. The funding increase from Government for the next year amounts to less than 1.5% of the budget, whereas general inflation is more than 10%.

Green cabinet member Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox said:

"Cabinet members are working together to identify savings which have the 'least worst' impact on services. The Council cannot rely on increasing income to fill the gap."

Some services will inevitably have to be reduced, but we are prioritising maintaining things like street cleaning, parks and green spaces, support for the poorest and most vulnerable people, and delivery of new - especially affordable - housing."

Greens have successfully pushed the Council to invest in energy-saving and generating its own renewable energy. Without this, the Council's budget gap would be much worse."



Green Cllr Tim Hamilton-Cox speaking at a Council meeting

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM YOUR GREEN COUNCILLORS

GLASSON MEMORIAL HALL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

In October, Gina and Sally supported the Glasson Dock Memorial Hall in a 'Roaring Twenties'-themed centenary celebration event. Gina said: *"Our village halls play a vital role in rural communities - as much today as when they were first founded. Thank you to all the tremendous volunteers who keep them going."*



Green Cllrs Gina and Sally with Will Armer from the Parish Council, at the Glasson Memorial Hall Centenary event

WEEDS CLEARED

Responding to Galgate residents' requests, Sally helped to get weeds cleared from alleys and outside their homes by working with the City and County Councils.

SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY ROLE FOR SALLY

Sally has been selected as the City Council's representative on the Lancashire Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.



SALLY'S SURGERIES

Sally holds councillor surgeries on the last Friday of every month at The Fleece Inn at Bay Horse/Dolphinholme at 6pm. The next ones are January 27th and February 24th. Alternatively you can contact either Sally or Gina by email or phone.

NEW BIN AT COCKERHAM SANDS

Following the suggestion by a local resident, Cllr Sally Maddocks has got a bin installed at Cockerham Sands for the use of dog walkers and visitors.

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