

The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday March 17th 2015 at 9.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

Present:

Dickens Heath Parish Councillors; Philip Brandum (Chairman), Robert Cudmore, Alyson Glenn, Richard Holt.

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

Minute 172 (2014/15) Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Reasons

None.

Minute 173 (2014/15) Public Participation

None.

Minute 174 (2014/15) Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations

None.

Minute 175 (2014/15) Gardening/Landscaping Issues

None.

Minute 176 (2014/15) To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillors

None.

Minute 177 (2014/15) Minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday February 17th 2015

Proposed by Councillor Cudmore, seconded by Councillor Holt, it was **Resolved** that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Minute 178 (2014/15) Actions from the Minutes of the previous meeting

Deferred to next meeting.

Minute 179 (2014/15) Planning Applications

No comments on any of the planning applications, including additional one: 2015/50237 - 221 Dickens Heath Road - Tree works.

Minute 180 (2014/15) Financial Matters

Proposed by Councillor Glenn, seconded by Councillor Holt, **Resolved** that the payments in Appendix I of the March 17th 2015 Agenda be approved – 1 direct debit and 9 cheques totalling £2,910.20. This included an additional cheque of £1,200.76 to Solihull MBC for the Non Domestic Rates 2015/16.

It was agreed that Bill Robinson be appointed to carry out the internal audit.

Minute 181 (2014/15) Tidbury Green Lowbrook Farm Enquiry

The Chairman will attend the hearing.

Minute 182 (2014/15) SMBC Neighbourhood Rangers – Floral Decorations for Summer 2015

The SMBC Neighbourhood Rangers cannot match Plantscape’s price for floral decorations, but could be competitive in terms of the watering. However, it was agreed that both provision of the floral decorations and the watering should be provided by the same organisation.

Therefore it was agreed that the floral decorations and watering for Summer 2015 should be ordered from Plantscape.

Minute 183 (2014/15) Village Survey

Deferred.

Minute 184 (2014/15) Ongoing References

None.

Minute 185 (2014/15) Correspondence

Update on Transparency

Local councils with a turnover of less than £25,000 are required to publish all meeting papers on their website, as they are no longer subject to external audit. Dickens Heath PC is still subject to external audit and therefore it is not mandatory to publish all meeting papers – however, we are working towards doing so.

Reorganisation Order

A copy of the reorganisation order has been received which increases the size of the Parish Council to 7 seats.

Minute 186 (2014/15) Items for next agenda

Fire Risk Assessment.

Meeting ended 9.55 pm

Next Meeting : Tuesday April 21st 2015: 7.00pm The Parish Rooms