

The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday November 10th 2015 in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

Present:

Dickens Heath Parish Councillors; Robert Cudmore, Trevor Eames, Stephen Gussin (Chairman), Maureen Holloway, Diane Potter, Doreen Wright.
SMBC Councillor: Ken Hawkins

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

Minute 148 (2015/16) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Brandum.

Minute 149 (2015/16) Parliamentary Petition with regard to the HS2 Hybrid Bill and the Relocation of the Island Project School to Jerrings Hall Farm, Tanworth Lane

Some amendments to the HS2 Bill are going through the system and Dickens Heath is now affected, with a proposal to transfer the Island Project School to Jerrings Hall Farm. Jerrings Hall Farm is a large complex, and there are only 26 pupils with autism and aspergers at the school's current location Diddington Hall. The school have come up with this proposal as they feel that the noise of the HS2 construction works would seriously affect the pupils' learning. The school are already located in a Grade II listed building, and are also potentially looking at other premises as well.

The Parish Council Petition only wishes to ensure the preservation and standard of work on Jerrings Hall Farm, there is no objection to the school moving there. Councillor Eames feels that the Petition is a reasonable request and hopes that HS2 will agree to it, in which case the Petition will not be required to actually go forward to Parliament.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Eames for all of his work on this.

It was resolved that the Dickens Heath Parish Council Petition to Parliament headed "High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill (Additional Provisions)" be approved and be deposited, and that Richard Lloyd be authorised to act as a Roll B Agent for Dickens Heath Parish Council and to hand deliver the Petition to Parliament on their behalf.

Meeting ended 10.30 am