

## **Parish Council News – September 2015**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council's next meetings will be on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> followed by Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2015, in the Parish Rooms, Waterside, off Rumbush Lane – at 7pm. Please come and join us! The Parish Council are always actively looking for ways to improve and maintain our lovely village. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please come and share them with us, or alternatively get in touch with individual Councillors – details are on our website at [www.dickensheathpc.org.uk](http://www.dickensheathpc.org.uk) – we are always happy to hear from you.

### **Police Update at July 2015 Meeting**

PC Tariq Dost attended the July Parish Council Meeting to reassure residents that Dickens Heath is a very safe neighbourhood, and it is generally not a problem area for the police. Thefts from cars is the one exception to this, and even so the levels of car crime are not too high, with an average of 6 incidents per month in the previous 6 months. The Police are tackling this with leaflet drops re ensuring that vehicles are secured, and with undercover police visits between midnight and 4am.

### **Grants Awarded 2015/16**

The Parish Council have been considering requests for donations from their 2015/16 budget, and have awarded grants to Tanworth and Camp Hill Cricket Club (soon to be renamed Dickens Heath Sports Club), Dickens Heath Football Club, Festival on the Green 2015, and to the new Dickens Heath Scouts Group. These will benefit many residents of the village of varying ages.

### **Dickens Heath Management Co.**

Many of you will know that the Management Co. are currently in a bit of a difficult position. With the loss of Parkridge House, there are now fewer properties that are subject to the service charge, and therefore the costs of Main St, Waterside and the Village Green are falling on fewer properties. Many residents feel that the service charge is high, but there is a falling level of service – which is not a satisfactory situation. The Parish Council will be collating residents' concerns, and discussing these with representatives of the Management Co. at their next meeting.

### **Emergency Tree Preservation Order on Rumbush Lane**

The Parish Council has supported the emergency Tree Preservation Order which has been placed on the small wooded area next to the Bellway site on Rumbush Lane. It is hoped that this small green area can be preserved.

### **Parking at Whitlocks End Train Station**

The Parish Council has forwarded a letter of support to Centro for an extension to the parking at Whitlocks End – which is now at capacity. Councillor Maureen Holloway has now received a reply in which Centro confirm that they will be moving forward with this proposal. Although there are planning and design requirements still to be met, hopefully this will be good news for Dickens Heath.

### **Stephen Gussin**

Chairman, Dickens Heath PC

### **Contact Us:**

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