

# The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7pm, in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

### Present:

**Dickens Heath Parish Councillors;** Vaseem Arfan (from 7.40pm), Philip Brandum, Robert Cudmore, Alyson Glenn, Richard Holt (Chairman).

Borough Councillors: Linda Brown, Ken Hawkins  
6 members of the public

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

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### **1. Apologies for Absence**

SMBC Councillor Brian Burgess.

### **2. Minutes of the Previous Year's Meeting held on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor Brandum and seconded by Councillor Cudmore.

### **3. Report from the Parish Council Chairman – Richard Holt**

The Chairman welcomed everybody and gave a summary of the Parish Council's achievements and particular highlights of 2011/12. These included the establishment of the Parish Rooms which various groups are now using, the noticeboard in the village centre, the floral decorations on lamp posts, the marking of Remembrance Day in the village and the Carol Service which was cold but very enthusiastic. The Parish Council has recently arranged for the removal of the barrier at the entrance to the village and the delivery of 4 large planters around the village, and has made representations to Solihull MBC on proposed further sites for development. The Chairman also summarised the Parish Council plans for 2012/13 – red, white and blue floral decorations on lamp posts, and the enthusiastic planning of Jubilee celebrations. In the forthcoming year, the Parish Council would like to see a University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age group using the Parish Rooms and the provision of youth facilities for young people – because there is very little in the village for this age group.

### **4. Annual Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

These were provided for information.

### **5. District Borough Councillors Invited to Speak**

Councillor Ken Hawkins and Councillor Linda Brown were welcomed. Councillor Linda Brown introduced herself as the newly elected Borough Councillor for Blythe. She said that she is very keen to support the Parish Council, with action on the roads, litter picking and involving the elderly in the community.

### **6. Issues of Particular Local Importance**

A question was raised about 242 Dickens Heath Road, the burnt out property. The plastic sheeting around the property is very noisy and is an eyesore. They would like to know what is happening with this property.

There was a discussion about the lack of a church in Dickens Heath. This is because there wasn't deemed to be the demand for one. This issue has never been raised at a Parish Council Meeting by residents.

**Meeting ended 8pm**

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