

The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday June 19th 2012 at 7.30pm, in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

Present:

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

1 member of the public

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

Minute 23 (2012/13) Apologies for Absence

None.

Minute 24 (2012/13) Public Participation

On Thursday June 21st 2012, the Draft Local Plan representations are due to be considered at a Solihull MBC cabinet meeting. None of the Parish Council's comments, prepared with the help of planning professionals, have been included in the report to full council – the Cleobury Lane site is not even mentioned. The Parish Councillors feel that democracy has been completely ignored. It was agreed that a letter of complaint, drafted by Councillors Holt and Brandum, should be sent.

Minute 25 (2012/13) Jubilee Committee

Despite the weather, the Jubilee celebration was a wonderful event for the community. Much hard work had been put in by many residents. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to formally thank and congratulate the Jubilee committee.

Minute 26 (2012/13) Declarations of Interest

As and when.

Minute 27 (2012/13) To Decide Whether to Elect a Vice Chair

WALC has advised that co-opted members can be elected Vice Chair, and so it was agreed that Councillor Brandum should be elected to this position.

Minute 28 (2012/13) Minutes of Annual meeting of the Council held on Tuesday May 15th 2012

It was proposed by Councillor Cudmore and seconded by Councillor Brandum, **Resolved** that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Minute 29 (2012/13) Minutes of APM held on Tuesday May 15th 2012 – to Approve in Principle

It was proposed by Councillor Arfan and seconded by Councillor Cudmore, **Resolved** that the minutes be approved in principle as a true and accurate record.

Minute 30 (2012/13) Actions from the Minutes of the previous meeting

Maintenance of Village

Traffic islands and various pieces of land are not being maintained, lamp posts need painting, there are redundant signs. The Parish Council discussed how to find out who owns all of these, and how they can be made to carry out required maintenance. It was agreed that a walkabout the village with Matt Gardner, neighbourhood co-ordinator, was a good place to start this process. It was also agreed that Councillor Holt should draft a letter to the Solihull MBC legal department.

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Village Clock

The Clerk to ask Solihull MBC for regular updates.

Property License and Stone Carving

Councillor Holt agreed to speak to Nigel Felton, project manager, about the installation of the stone carving. Clerk to find out if it can be free standing.

Boxing Coach

WM Police have recommended a boxing coach for his work with young people in Shirley. The Clerk to find out more about what they might be able to provide in Dickens Heath.

Minute 31 (2012/13) Planning Applications

None

Minute 32 (2012/13) To Receive a Report on the Finances of the Council

Proposed by Councillor Arfan, seconded by Councillor Cudmore, **Resolved** that the payments in Appendix I of the June 19th 2012 Agenda be approved – 20 cheques and 1 direct debit totalling £9,530.98

Minute 33 (2012/13) Internal Auditor's Report

Deferred.

Minute 34 (2012/13) 1 Wharf House

There has been an approach from a photographer about using the Parish Rooms for photography sessions. This was agreed in the short term due to the Parish Rooms being underused.

Minute 35 (2012/13) Agreement with Solihull MBC for 3 Planters

Deferred.

Minute 36 (2012/13) Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Guideline information has been obtained with regard to installing some fitness equipment on the village green. The quote for 5 pieces of equipment plus installation is in the region of £10,000 plus VAT. The Clerk is to meet the funding officer at Sustain about the possibility of applying for a grant to contribute towards this. The DH Management Co. would have no objection in principle.

Minute 37 (2012/13) Flag Pole

Deferred.

Minute 38 (2012/13) Neighbourhood Plan

Deferred.

Minute 39 (2012/13) CorrespondenceConsultation on Speed Limits

No comments on the proposals. However the Parish Council would like to request SMBC look into a 20mph speed limit for Dickens Heath.

Minute 40 (2012/13) Items for next agenda

None.

Meeting ended 8.15 pm

Next Meeting : Tuesday July 17th 2012: 7.30pm The Parish Rooms

