

Parish Council News – September 2012

The Parish Council meets at 7.30pm, on the third Tuesday of every month, in the Parish Rooms, Waterside, off Rumbush Lane. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th September 2012 and then Tuesday 16th October 2012, please come and join us!

Thank You

Vaseem Arfan has resigned as a Parish Councillor. We would like to thank him for his 3 years of enthusiasm and commitment with Dickens Heath Parish Council, and several years before that with the former Hockley Heath Parish Council, and wish him all the best for the future.

Election of Parish Councillor

When a Parish Councillor resigns mid term, the electorate have the right to request an election. Solihull MBC have informed us that they have received such requests from the required 10 electors and therefore there will be an election on Thursday September 20th 2012. **All of the costs of this election will be borne by the Parish Council so please use your vote.**

Residents Concerns about the Village

In July we held our second village meeting, with Borough Councillors and Officers, a representative of Dickens Heath Management Co. and residents of the village. Residents are very concerned about the appearance of the village and the increasingly obvious lack of maintenance. – which is happening because most of the highways have not yet been adopted by Solihull MBC, so are not their responsibility, nor is Parkridge carrying out any maintenance because it is in administration. The Parish Council has offered to fund some interim tidying up of the traffic islands but is not allowed to because they are private land. We have therefore requested that Solihull MBC step in and take measures to ensure that the village is finished off as soon as possible so that the highways can be adopted and maintained by the Borough Council. This current situation cannot go on. If we do not receive satisfactory reassurance from Solihull SMBC by this month, then the Parish Council and many residents are in favour of taking further action.

Village Litter Pick

On a more positive note, one of our Parish Councillors joined Borough Councillor Linda Brown on her litter pick along Buckridge Lane. They collected 18 bags of rubbish as well as one of recyclables plus some garden waste. Many thanks go to Linda and her helpers.

Richard Holt, Chairman

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