

The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday September 18th 2012 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

Present:

Dickens Heath Parish Councillors; Alyson Glenn, Richard Holt (Chairman).

16 members of the public

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

Minute 62 (2012/13) Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Councillors Brandum and Cudmore. Since only 2 Parish Councillors are in attendance, the meeting is not quorate. It was agreed to continue with public participation, then all business to be deferred until the October meeting.

Minute 63 (2012/13) Public Participation

Griffin Lane Development

Residents have many concerns – the eyesore of unfinished properties should be completed first; access roads are congested and dangerous and more properties will make this worse; construction traffic will make it impossible. For those in Waterside Heights, the view will be ruined. The Chairman suggested that rather than to just say no to this scheme, it would be more beneficial to say maybe and get something out of it for the elderly and young people of the village.

Garden Squares – Unfinished Site

It was suggested that Solihull MBC could compulsorily purchase this site to provide car parking and a park.

Speed of Traffic

On Dickens Heath Road, the speed of traffic is dangerous – there will be accidents. A flashing sign is needed.

Car Parking

The ticketing of cars needs to be discussed with DH Management Co.

Signage

Better signs are needed to indicate where the car parking is located. This is a DH Management Co. responsibility, but perhaps the Parish Council could offer to make a contribution towards this.

There should be a sign on the canal to show where the shops are.

Non Maintenance of the Village

There are many pieces of unkempt land which no one seems to own or maintain. The walkway along the canal, near to the butterfly island, is overgrown. If the Consortium owns this, they should be maintaining it.

Gypsy/Traveller Site at The Uplands

Residents can still send objections into the Planning Dept at Solihull MBC. There will be a further opportunity to comment at the Examination in Public in June 2013.

Meeting End

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