

Parish Council News – May 2013

Annual Parish Meeting – May 21st 2013 at 7pm in the Parish Rooms

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for residents to raise issues of interest or concern. This year, we are delighted that representatives of West Midlands Police will be attending to explain how **Speedwatch** works.

Are You Fed Up with Speeding Motorists?

The speed of some motorists around the village is of great concern to many residents. **Speedwatch** is a scheme where the police will train resident volunteers to use speed guns, and motorists caught speeding will then receive warning letters from the police. If you are concerned about speeding in the village, and would like to get involved – then please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting, or get in touch with our Clerk.

New Village Handyman

We are delighted to welcome Mike Small to the team this month. Mike will be working a few hours a month, out and about in Dickens Heath – helping to improve the environment. He will be litter picking (we'll be working in partnership with Solihull MBC, not doing the litter picking for them!), maintaining our planters, planting out bulbs etc. He will have a "Hi Viz" jacket with "Dickens Heath Parish Council" on so do stop him and have a chat. If you have issues that are irritating you and need attention call our Clerk and leave a message and we will see what we can do.

Tuesday Club and Yoga for Seniors

Tuesday coffee mornings in the Parish Rooms are now followed by yoga for seniors with yoga teacher Alicia. Two of these yoga sessions per month will be free of charge. Coffee from 10am and yoga at 11.30am. All retired residents welcome. We have also recently agreed to a request from the U3A for use of the Parish Rooms.

Youth Club for Dickens Heath

The Parish Council is in discussions with interested parties to see if we can establish a youth club in Dickens Heath and we are attempting to find space for a 11-16 activity area. The new table tennis club is looking for Juniors so come along on Mondays, see below.

Table Tennis Club in the Parish Rooms

Table tennis is now underway at the Parish Rooms, and sessions are as follows:

Juniors on Mondays between 5 and 6pm

Adults on Saturdays between 10am and noon

Adults on Sundays between 2 and 4pm

All welcome

Work Clubs for Solihull Residents

A member of the Employment & Skills Team at Solihull MBC recently spoke at a parish council meeting – they support residents into jobs, training and re-training. A local work club runs fortnightly at Shirley Library in Church Road, Shirley, B90 2AX – on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 10am to 12noon. For further information, please call 0121 704 8098 or visit ww.solihullforsuccess.com/work-clubs

Parking Restrictions

The parking proposals put forward by Solihull MBC, which include additional double yellow lines and a ban on parking on pavements and verges, have been out to consultation. Solihull MBC staff are, at the time of writing, still going through the consultation responses. We hope to hear what the results are very soon.

Garden Squares Phase 2 and Deterioration of Roads and Squareabouts

We have no further news on Garden Squares phase 2, but continue to press Solihull MBC to keep us updated.

And there are now some serious pot holes in village roads and squareabouts – we hope that these will soon be repaired, and we will continue to encourage Solihull MBC to deal with them.

Next Meeting Dates

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 21st May 2013, please come and join us!

Richard Holt, Chairman.

Contact Us:

If you would like to get in touch, please contact Parish Clerk – Helen Marczak on 07772 469271, by emailing dickensheathpc@hotmail.com, or at 1 Wharf House, Waterside, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1UE.