

# The Parish Council of Dickens Heath

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Waterside

**Present:**

**Dickens Heath Parish Councillors;** Philip Brandum, Robert Cudmore, Alyson Glenn.

6 members of the public

Clerk: Ms Helen Marczak

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**Minute 109 (2013/14) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Holt and Councillor O’Nyons, Councillor Brandum (Vice Chairman) to chair the meeting.

**Minute 110 (2013/14) Public Participation**

T Junction on Rumbush Lane

Concern about this junction was raised again, that the SLOW sign on the road was being parked over, and that motorists are cutting the corner when turning. The Clerk to check that the parking restrictions and double yellow lines are still planned for implementation in January 2014.

Cleobury Lane Planning Application

Catesby Property Group have submitted amendments to their planning application. Residents are still concerned about the risk of flooding associated with this application.

Flooding at Waterside

The culvert has now been cleared by the Canals Trust, Taylor Wimpey should now be able to put in the new grill.

Garden Squares phase 2

The Clerk to enquire about any further news.

Whitlocks End Train Station

The Clerk to find out whether there is any progress on the planned pedestrian crossing point.

Unfinished pavement at Aquatude near Waterside

There is a strip of unfinished land between Aquatude and the entrance to the Waterside underground car park. This is now quite muddy and slippery. The Clerk to find out whether this is Redrow’s responsibility, or whether the Parish Council can put gravel on it as a temporary solution.

**Minute 111 (2013/14) Gardening Club**

The Parish Council now has permission to plant 3 trees on the bare patch of grass at Buckridge Lane.

**Minute 112 (2013/14) Declarations of Interest/Written Requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None.

**Minute 113 (2013/14) Minutes of previous meeting held on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**

It was proposed by Councillor Glenn and seconded by Councillor Brandum, **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2013 be approved as a true and accurate record.

**Minute 114 (2013/14) Actions from the Minutes of the previous meeting**Broom Lane

The hedge is due to be cut back in January 2014.

Brockhurst Lane Footpath Alterations

A disappointing response has been received from Ashley Prior at SMBC. Councillor Brandum to draft and circulate a further response to Jim Harte.

Parking Proposals

The Clerk to check that these are still due to be implemented on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Village Fete Proposal

The Parish Council are happy to work with Tanworth Cricket Club to organise a village fete, on the village green, on a date of their choice.

**Minute 115 (2013/14) Planning Applications**

There was one additional planning application – 2013/2024 - 5 Buckridge Lane - garage extension.

No comments on either planning application.

**Minute 116 (2013/14) Financial Matters**

Proposed by Councillor Glenn, seconded by Councillor Cudmore, **Resolved** that the payments in Appendix I of the December 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 agenda be approved.

**Minute 117 (2013/14) Proposals for Further Development**

The Solihull Local Plan has now been adopted by Solihull MBC, therefore it is hoped that they will abide by their plan and delay the applications for Braggs Farm Lane and Cleobury Lane.

**Minute 118 (2013/14) Parish Rooms**Safety of Doors

There has been a complaint from Wiggle Waggle about the heavy automatic doors – that a child was knocked over as the door closed. The Parish Council decided that as this was a serious health and safety complaint, all children's groups should be suspended while this issue was investigated. The Parish Council resolved that, in the meantime, the children's Christmas parties could go ahead – but only if the door is controlled by a responsible adult as children arrive and leave. It has been arranged for an engineer to see whether the door mechanism can be altered so that the doors shut more slowly.

**Minute 119 (2013/14) Ongoing References**Litter

A resident is regularly complaining to various senior staff at SMBC about litter in the village. The Parish Council don't feel that litter is a particular problem at the moment. Our village handyman regularly litter picks, and residents have not mentioned litter at a parish council meeting for a long time. The Clerk to feed this back to the SMBC officers.

**Minute 120 (2013/14) Correspondence**Penland Farm Action Group

This group, in West Sussex, are fighting a Catesby planning application. They wonder if there is any merit in joining forces with us. The Parish Council didn't feel there were enough similarities between the 2 schemes to make this worthwhile.

WALC Data Protection Course

It was agreed that the Clerk could attend.

Resident Complaint

A resident has copied the Parish Council into a complaint that school coaches consistently block driveways. It was agreed that this was a matter for the school.

**Minute 121 (2013/14) Items for Next Agenda**

Discussion of the War Memorial and Youth Facility deferred to January's meeting.

**Private Section**

**Minute 122 (2013/14) Youth Facility**

This was discussed.

**Meeting ended 8.50 pm**

**Next Meeting : Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2014: 7.30pm**