

Parish Council News – January 2017

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council's next meetings are on Tuesday January 17th and February 21st at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. Please come and join us, with an opportunity to ask questions at the start of the meeting.

Happy New Year

We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and we are looking forward to a very busy 2017.

Solihull MBC Local Plan Survey

A very important consultation is taking place right now and is running throughout January. SMBC, in their Local Plan, are proposing to build a further 1,300 homes in Dickens Heath parish – on 2 sites. If you want to have your say on these proposals -you can respond to the SMBC public consultation directly (deadline of January 30th 2017), and you can contribute to the Parish Council's response by completing our online survey at www.dhsurvey.com (the deadline for this is January 17th 2017). Further information can be found on our website (www.dickensheathpc.org.uk), on our Facebook page and on a flyer which is being delivered to all households. This is the future of your village, it is your opportunity to have your say.

Youth/Community Facility at Dickens Heath Primary School

The Parish Council have been in discussions with Solihull MBC regarding a proposed community/youth facility at Dickens Heath Primary School. This would be funded by monies made available by developers over the years of building in Dickens Heath – and they must be used for the benefit of the community/youth of the village. A SMBC consultation resulted in 112 responses, with a majority supporting the concept. However, the Parish Council has expressed concern that not all residents were aware of the consultation and may have missed their opportunity to comment. If you have a view, either for or against the proposed community/youth facility at the school premises in Three Acres Lane, please can you inform the Parish Council by email at dickensheathpc@hotmail.com and give your postcode and property number so that we are sure of your eligibility to comment.

A potential site for a youth and community facility may be available at Dickens Heath Sports Club on Rumbush Lane, but that is still in the early stages of discussion as there are issues with access to the site. The Parish Council would like residents to be able to consider all of the options – particularly in view of the number of years that have already been spent looking for a suitable site. This is a very important issue for the village, so please let us know whether or not you are in favour of the site at the school.

Car Parking in the Village Centre

The scheme to provide temporary parking spaces in the Garden Squares underground car park for the businesses to use has made a steady start. Many of the businesses are using these spaces and village centre parking has been a lot easier. There are some teething problems which the Dickens Heath Management Co. and Parish Council are monitoring to ensure that maximum use is made of the underground spaces to free up spaces in the surface car parks.

Dog Fouling

And finally, a plea to all residents to take care of our village. Dog fouling is an ongoing problem, with particular complaints recently that it is very bad in Aldershaws. If anyone has any information about the perpetrators – then this can be reported to SMBC via their website.

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