

## Parish Council News – December 2019

### Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council's next meetings will be held on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> and then Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 starting at 7.15pm, in our new venue of Dickens Heath Library 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Please come and join us, with an opportunity to ask questions at the start of the meeting.

### Remembrance Sunday Service 2019

Large numbers of Dickens Heath residents once again turned out to support the Remembrance Sunday



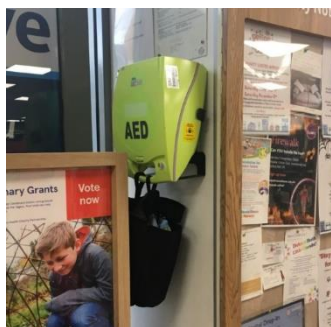
Service – held in front of the Library in bright sunshine.

Dickens Heath Scouts paraded up Old Dickens Heath Rd, The Last Post sounded from the Library belltower and the 2 minute silence was faultlessly observed. The Parish Council would like to thank Rev Theresa Jones, Rev Mark Fisher and members of our local churches, along with all at Dickens Heath Scouts, Adam and Krzys for the bugle playing, Central Fast Response for First Aid support and all at Dickens Heath Management Co



for support with barriers, signs and other essentials – it is very much appreciated.

### Defibrillator in Dickens Heath



Following a few requests from residents that a defibrillator should be available in Dickens Heath – the Parish Council spoke to the manager at Tesco to seek approval to site a defibrillator on their outside wall. We were surprised but delighted to hear that Tesco are rolling out a programme to install a defibrillator in all of their stores. We are pleased to report that the defibrillator is now in place just inside Tesco's front door – their policy is to site all defibrillators inside stores - which will allow it to be available for the extended hours that the store is open.

### Tree Planting Project in the Spring of 2020

The Parish Council are embarking on a tree-planting project. With increasing awareness of the impact of global warming on the environment, we have given some consideration to what we could do, as a local community, to try and make a difference. Clearly, anything we do will be a small contribution to a huge problem but we believe that this is a case where every little counts. We are planning to source a wide range of sapling trees from the Woodlands Trust and will be offering free trees to residents of Dickens Heath to plant in their gardens in the Spring of 2020. We will also be planting additional trees around the village including on the perimeter of the Village Green. Mike Small, our newest Parish Councillor, who is coordinating the project, has already gained the support of Dickens Heath Scouts and has approached the Head Teacher of the school. If you are interested in this project and would like to get involved please contact us at the Library, by emailing [dickensheathpc@hotmail.com](mailto:dickensheathpc@hotmail.com) or ringing 07772 469271 and Mike will be in touch.

### Update on Village Green and Playground

The transfer of the Village Green from the Liquidator owners to Solihull MBC is still progressing – we had thought that it would be complete by now, but the General Election has put the brakes on the

process as SMBC have gone into purdah. We are now hopeful that the transfer of the land and the subsequent lease to the Parish Council will complete early in the New Year.

**Carol Singing outside Tesco**

Look out for details about the carol singing in the village centre outside Tesco (or inside Tesco if the weather forces us inside as it did last year!) – we have set a provisional date of Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, please come and join us!

**And Finally**

We wish all of our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Maureen Holloway**

Chair, Dickens Heath Parish Council.

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