

## Parish Council News – October 2019

### Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council's next meetings will be held on Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> and then Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, 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.

### Dickens Heath In Bloom 2019 Success

Along with Parish Councillors Nargis Rashid and Doreen Wright, I went along to the Heart of



England In Bloom 2019 Awards Ceremony. We were absolutely delighted when Dickens Heath was awarded Silver Gilt. This is a big step forward from the Bronze won last year in our first year of entering, and we really feel that Gold could be within our grasp in the future. Thanks must go to everyone involved in this year's In Bloom including teacher Jennifer Atkinson and all the children at Dickens Heath Community Primary School, Dickens Heath Allotments, Parish Council employee Simon for hours of watering, and to all the residents who entered their fabulous front gardens into our Garden Competition. We are

hoping that even more of our green fingered residents will get involved in 2020. Maybe there is a lovely road in Dickens Heath that would like to enter In Bloom 2020? We would love to hear from you.

### In Bloom Best Front Garden Competition Winners 2019



At the September Parish Council meeting, I was delighted to present the prizes for the Best Front Gardens of 2019 to David of Broom Lane, Priscilla of Rumbush Lane and Tony of Waddesdon House. Three stunning, yet very different, front gardens – well done all!

### Update on Village Green and Playground

The transfer of the Village Green from the Liquidator owners to Solihull MBC is progressing well - it should take place in the next few weeks, the solicitors are dealing with the final details. Once they own the land, SMBC will then advertise its disposal by way of a lease to the Parish Council – this is a legal requirement and the adverts will appear in local newspapers for 2 consecutive weeks. Solihull MBC will first have to consider any responses to the adverts, but are keen to then lease the Village Green and Playground to the Parish Council as soon as is practically possible. This has been a very long and drawn out process but it looks like success is in sight!

### Remembrance Sunday Service 2019

2019 has seen a few changes in our local churches, but we are delighted that Rev Theresa Jones will once again be leading our Remembrance Service. The service will be moving back to its previous location of outside the library and we hope to see lots of you there!

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