

Parish Council News – February 2021

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council will be continuing with meetings using Zoom for the foreseeable future. The next meetings will be held on Tuesday February 9th and March 9th 2021 at 7.15pm. The public are very welcome to attend - but please remember that once public participation is over, any input from members of the public is at the discretion of the Chair. Please contact the Clerk for meeting access details.

Update on Procurement of Replacement Playground

We had hoped to begin the New Year ready to consult with the school children on which play equipment they would prefer to see in the replacement playground. A draft pack of play equipment choices is ready – but unfortunately Covid and lockdown has once again meant an inevitable delay. We will move forward as soon as we can once the schools reopen.

Village Christmas Tree

Although Christmas does now seem a distant memory, the Christmas tree on the Village Green did sadly fall victim to vandalism on 3 occasions. The Parish Council would like to extend a huge thank you to those who refused to be defeated by the vandal and kept mending and reinstalling further lights – thank you to Parish Councillors Trevor Eames and Alan Scholes, to many wonderful members of our community, and to Woods Farm for donating a third and very substantial set of lights which ensured that the tree remained twinkling over Christmas.

Dickens Heath Medical Centre/SHP

The Parish Council have been approached by residents with concerns about Dickens Heath Medical Centre and that it may close – that it appears to be unoccupied at this time, that residents are receiving prescriptions from Grove Rd Surgery, and any face to face appointments are taking place at Monkspath. Members of the Parish Council are currently following this up with Solihull MBC, who have been in touch with SHP.

Annual Parish Meeting – Meeting for Residents

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for residents, and this year we are planning to hold it via Zoom on the evening of Tuesday March 9th. We have invited Martyn Sargeant of Solihull MBC to give an update about the Covid 19 and Community Champions situation and progress in Solihull at that time. Martyn may also be in a position to give residents an update on SHP and local health provision. The weekly Community Champions updates are always very interesting, and this evening will also allow for questions from residents.

Road Adoptions

Some of the roads in Dickens Heath still remain as unadopted by Solihull MBC and owned by developers. We are pleased to report that a stretch of Rumbush Lane from Waterside, including the island at Gorcott Lane, and up to the T junction, has now been adopted and will be maintained by Solihull MBC. The Parish Council hope to work with SMBC and to make some improvements to the Gorcott Lane island.

Dickens Heath Heroes

And last but not least, the Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to some of our Dickens Heath Heroes who have been making a difference to the village by litter picking. To the couple who live near the Village Green and litter pick most days, and to the young man who is volunteering as a litter picker for his Duke of Edinburgh award – you are very much appreciated.

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