

## **Parish Council News – June 2021**

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Legislation allowing parish council meetings to be held virtually has now come to an end, and so the Parish Council will return to meetings in the Library as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The next meetings will be held on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7.15pm. Members of the public are welcome.

### **New Chair for the Parish Council**

After 5 years as Chair, Councillor Maureen Holloway decided to step down at the Parish Council's Annual Meeting in May, with Councillor Trevor Eames elected as the new Chair. The Parish Council would like to thank Councillor Holloway for her hard work and dedication to the community, she will continue as Vice Chair.

### **Update on Playground and Village Green**

We are pleased to report that the school children have completed their consultation on which play equipment they would prefer to see in the replacement playground, and have provided us with views on their first and second choices for various pieces of equipment. We are now putting together the necessary specification and tender documentation. The Parish Council have also been looking at improvements to the facilities on the Village Green – new and larger bins, new benches and probably a couple of picnic tables.

### **Trees on Verge of Meadow Pleck Lane**

Almost a year ago, 7 trees were removed by SMBC from the verges on Meadow Pleck Lane, SMBC has confirmed that they will be replaced during their Autumn/Winter programme.

### **Electrical Charging Points**

An electrical charging point has been installed outside Cornwood House, in the middle of the pavement, with seemingly no consultation. It is likely that we will see more of these installed in the near future, their installation is deemed to be 'unregulated' and therefore SMBC are not required to carry out any consultations. Both the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Richard Holt are following up on this, and we hope that future installations are in the most suitable locations.

### **Illegal Parking in Dickens Heath**

And some interesting statistics to finish on:

Between January and April 2021, Parking Enforcement Officers visited Dickens Heath 379 times, spent 53 hours and 13 minutes in the village, and issued 23 tickets.

### **Trevor Eames**

Chair, Dickens Heath Parish Council.

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