

Parish Council News – February 2022

Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday March 8th and May 10th 2022 at 7pm in the Library - members of the public are welcome. Please check our website for any Covid restrictions that may be applicable at the time.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Concern has been raised about anti-social behaviour on the Village Green, in the village centre and underground car parks. This has included eggs being thrown at homes, cars and bikes being damaged, broken glass and items in the playground, and fire damage to new bins and benches. Dickens Heath Management Co. carry out a 24 hour CCTV monitoring role covering the central area, and patrols at night that include checking the car parks. They check that all gated car parks are secure (unless awaiting repair), move on any trespassers, and incidents are reported to the Police. Neither the Parish Council nor DHMC have any enforcement powers with regard to ASB, and rely on Police back-up when called. Residents are strongly urged to call the Police on 101 to record all ASB occurrences.

Tesco Car Park Landscaping and Inconsiderate Parking

The Parish Council have agreed with the previous owners of the Tesco Car Park for landscaping works to be carried out during February. There are ongoing parking issues in both car parks. The Tesco car park is owned by the Parish Council, the Mortons car park is owned by DHMC, with neither organisation currently having any enforcement powers.

Latest Update on Parking and ASB Issues

DHMC are currently controlled by Receivers, but a new elected board of resident directors will shortly be taking over this control of the central area. There are proposals, once the relevant consultations with leaseholders have taken place, for a managed scheme to cover both car parks plus other private parking in the central area, with all the necessary signage and marking to better regulate use of parking spaces.

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