



## **Dickens Heath Parish Council**

**To All Members of the Council**

**Dated: Thursday 7th March 2024**

you are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council of Dickens Heath to be held in the Library on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 6.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

**Hannah Raithby**, Clerk to the Council

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Public Participation (30 minutes)**
- 3. To Receive Declarations of Interest/Written Requests for Dispensations for Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to Grant Any as Appropriate**
- 4. To Receive a Report from the Borough Councillors – if present**
- 5. To Receive an Update from Street Watch**
- 6. To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**
  - Agree alterations to November 2023 and January 2024 minutes.
- 7. Parish Council Decisions: (30 mins)**
  - In Bloom
  - Purchasing of the IT office suite software
  - Plantscape – alternative plan to replace hanging baskets
  - To discuss whether to keep Committees in their current form
  - To decide when to hold the Annual Parish Meeting (before May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)
  - Dickens Heath Strategy 2024-27
  - Site BL1 working group decisions
    - NPPF rules and the SMBC consultation
    - Flooding

- Biodiversity
- Utility services
- Public comments and engagement
- Feedback (or lack of) on comments submitted so far
- Highways
- Whitlocks End Station

**8. Finance and Risk Committee Update: (10 minutes)**

- Update
- Dickens Heath Future Financial Strategy – what shall the vision be going forward
- Training Plan and Dignity at work policy

**9. Communications and Events Committee Update: (10 minutes)**

- Update
- D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

**10. Councillors' Action Log and Clerk's Update: (10 mins)**

**11. To Consider Village Areas of Interest: (15 minutes)**

- Speed reduction proposals – speed visor etc as discussed with Paul Tovey at SMBC
- Traffic Islands, Trees & Planters
- Youth Club at Community Hub
- Library
- Fairways Contract
- Flooding Rumbush Lane/Packmores junction
- Could we look at having our own parking scheme in Tesco Car Park?
- Service charges in the village

**12. To Consider Planning Applications: (5 minutes)**

**13. Financial Matters: (10 minutes)**

- To Approve the Payments listed in March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 Agenda Appendix I: 17 Payments totalling £8,294.79 for March 2024
- To Receive a Report on the Finances of the Council

**14. To Consider Correspondence Received since the Previous Meeting (10 minutes)**

**15. Summary of Today's Actions**

**16. Items for Next Agenda**

**17. To Resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras I and II Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.**

## 18. Discuss responsibilities of Parish Councillors

### March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 Agenda Appendix I

		£
<b>March 2024 Payments</b>		
Fairways	VG Maintenance Mar 2024	526.50
Solihull MBC	Library Office Rent 2023/24	3,350.00
A Weber	Projector	220.00
H Raithby	Defibrillator Pads	132.98
Orton Media	Increase in Cost of 3 Pages in DH Dir	10.00
HSBC	Bank Charges Mar 2024	8.00
Salaries/Cllr Allowances	March 2024	2,927.34
HMRC	PAYE/NI Mar 2024	353.73
LGPS	Pension Contribution Mar 2024	615.10
NEST	Pension Contribution Mar 2024	68.90
H Raithby	Admin Expenses	82.24
<b>Total March 2024</b>		<b>8,294.79</b>

Appendix I Payments Approved as Correct

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