
Annual Report 2025-26

Cllr Vicky Taylor
Chair, DHPC



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April 2026



Agenda

01 Key deliverables

02 Challenges

03 Thank you

04 Closing

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Key deliverables



- Continuation of the Youth club, two sessions on a Monday evening one sports focused, one art focused. Fully subscribed with a waiting list.
- Easter Bunny event
- VE day Tea Party celebration
- VE day Lighting of the Lamp
- Flowers within the village
- Party on the Green – Summer fund Raising
- IT compliant
- Remembrance Sunday
- Christmas lights turning on and carols from Dickens Heath Primary School
- Christmas Lights competition



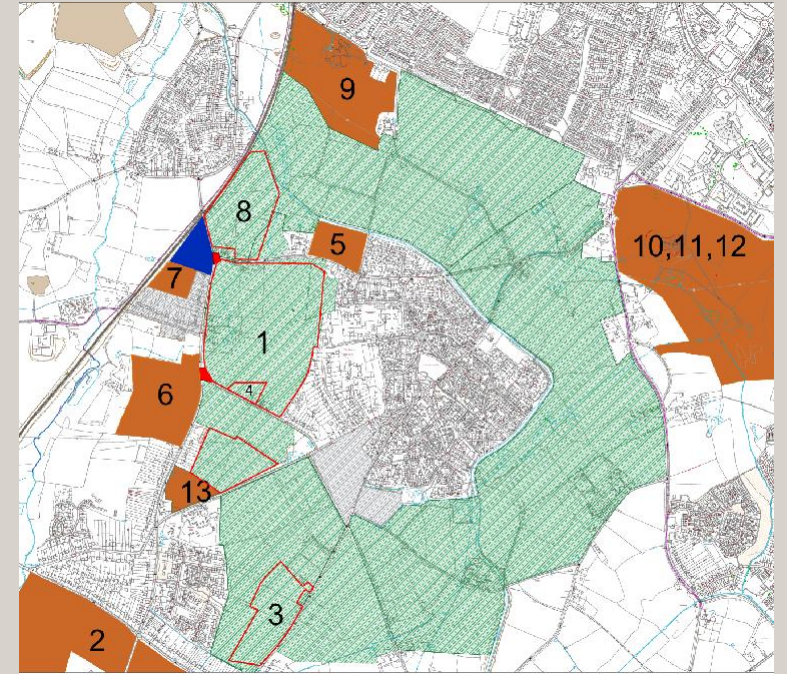
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01 DHPC Planning Advisory Group

- Subject Matter Expertise – pushing for consistency in line with NPPF
- Challenging sustainability and infrastructure
- Holding developers to account and positively influencing development proposals
- Working with SMBC on the local plan and the concept of a Strategic gap

Special thanks to PAG Members and Jean Walters



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01 Unsung heroes

- Street Watch
- Litter pick volunteers
- Gardening angels
- Village Hall and the groups
- Library and the groups
- Allotments



02 Challenges

- Main Street and parking
- Unadopted roads and shared spaces
- Planning applications - Local Plan
- Trees and shrub management



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03 Thank you

- The Parish Councillors are volunteers who support the whole community in their spare time.
- Hannah our clerk helps coordinate the work of the Parish Councillors along with supporting almost 5000 residents.
- Helen ensures our finances are in order.
- Simon works to make the village a place we're all proud to call home.
- We also thank the volunteers who support additional community groups.

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Dickens Heath Parish Council Office & Meeting Space

Library (1st Floor), Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull, B39 3JD

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If you would like to meet a Parish Councillor or the Clerk in person, please make an appointment in advance by email or phone.

Your Parish Council has responsibility for the provision of:

The Village Green, including:

- Playground
- Benches
- Goalposts
- Bins and dog poo bins
- Tree planting
- Events held on the Village Green
- Floral and Christmas decorations
- Watering of plants
- Enhanced litter picking
- Welcome Gates
- Noticeboard outside Motors
- Defibrillator Access Points

Your Parish Council works in partnership with:

- Streetworks & PCOs
- THE HUB: The Hub at Dickens Heath Community Primary School
- Eltons Coffee Mornings for retired residents (Tuesdays)
- 'In Bloom' & Gardening Competition
- Remembrance Sunday commemoration
- Village Green Christmas Tree provision
- Charitable events
- Local SMBC councillors, including acting as a 'relatives councillor' in response to planning applications and Solihull Local Plan & Development Proposals
- Local MP for Meriden

Your Parish Council acts as a liaison point with:

- Management agencies for shared spaces, private roadways and parking areas
- DMBC / Coventry - car parking
- SMBC regarding lighting, hedge-cutting, pavements, highways, willow trees, speed limits and maintenance
- Dickens Heath Primary School events
- Village Hall

04 Closing

...we will continue to listen, collaborate & deliver for every member of our community!

Any comments...