

Hockley Heath Parish Council Environment Meeting

Minutes of the Environment Meeting held on 19 June 2026 in the Pavilion, Hockley Heath Recreation Ground, Old Warwick Road, Hockley Heath at 1.30pm.

Present:	Parish Councillors:	Cllr Batchelor (Chair), Cllr Palmer
	Ward Councillor:	Cllr Tomlinson
	Solihull Highways:	None
	Clerk:	C. Wood
	HH Gardening Club:	C. Clark, B. Gisborne
	HH Residents Association:	None.
	Neighbourhood Police:	Two officers
	Public Attendees:	Two members of the public

Min No.	Item	Action
399 399.1	Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies Apologies had been received from S. Byrne.	
400 400.1	Declarations of Interest None.	
401 401.1	Public Session Four different reports had been provided to FixMyStreet for overgrown vegetation (opposite One-Stop, near the dentist, fir trees between the Wharf and the Co-op, Blacksmiths Lane)	
401.2	Laurels and hedges which are owned by the Parish Council overgrown over a neighbouring property boundary adjacent to the car park entrance at the Recreation Ground (Cllrs Batchelor and Palmer, along with the Clerk to visit the site).	
401.3	Looking at a conservation area for Hockley Heath – to be considered at the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meetings.	
402 402.1	Minutes of the Environment Meeting held on 6 March 2026 and Matters Arising The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Batchelor.	
403 403.1	Highways and Traffic Large mud deposits have accumulated in the service road on Old Warwick Road.	Clerk to follow up with Highways
403.2	Gardening Club – arrangement to be made to remove the butterfly planter near the pedestrian crossing – Cllr Tomlinson to ask for it to be removed by Solihull Highways (to be removed November).	Cllr Tomlinson to follow up with Public Realm
403.3	Community Speedwatch needs to be arranged. Results will be fed back to the Parish Council.	
403.4	Request a 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village with Solihull Highways. Henley in Arden has a 20mph and is also a main diversion route via the A3400 when the M40 / M42 motorway is closed.	Clerk to raise at Solihull Highways Quarterly meeting.
404 404.1	Neighbourhood Policing Team Members of the rural police team confirmed that Hockley Heath is patrolled every day.	
404.2	The volunteer StreetWatch group is positive at reassuring people.	
404.3	A community Speedwatch operation is to be arranged.	

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405 405.1	Hockley Heath Pavilion Decorating of hall has taken place.	
405.2	Drop-in Café service – every other Tuesday from 10am to 12noon. Regular faces here, would like to see more residents. Good opportunity to meet new people or friends.	
405.3	A volunteer using the hall reported an incident in which tables fell from the storage cupboard. Minor injuries were sustained. Safety signage is already in place, and a baton has now been installed on the floor of the cupboard so that tables can be jugged securely against it, reducing the risk of tables falling in future.	
406 406.1	Hockley Heath Recreation Ground Dogs on lead signage is now being displayed in the Recreation Ground. Despite this, dogs are still being walked off lead. Signage to be installed inside the children's play area reiterating that dogs are not allowed.	
406.2	The Council had been advised that there was a gap in the hedge where dogs were getting into the toddler play area through the bushes at the side – the gap has now been blocked.	
406.3	Fencing behind the bowling club had deteriorated and has been replaced.	
406.4	Goal posts were uneven and have been rectified.	
406.5	Goal posts to be painted before the start of next season.	
407 407.1	Hockley Heath Gardening Club Summer planters are almost finished.	
407.2	Blacksmiths Corner – trees encroaching onto the highway and will be reported. Carol to send the What3Words location and photographs.	Clerk to report to Solihull Council
407.3	Planters on Highway near to Chinese Takeaway have been pushed off the pavement to allow enough room for vehicles to park.	Cllr Tomlinson reported to Public Realm.
407.4	Watering regime – feedback that the planters are very dry and thought to be watered once a week at most at present.	Clerk to follow up with Grounds Maintenance Contractor.
408 408.1	Application for Tree Preservation Orders Falling under Warwickshire district - co-ordinates of 14 trees / photographs to be taken. Application ongoing.	
408.2	Rear of the Barn TPO application has been approved. The following applications have been made:	
408.3	Near the Indurent proposed development.	
408.4	Near the Shell petrol station in the woodland area.	
409 409.1	Making Hockley Heath part of the B-Line Continuous natural pathways on 10 green areas in the village included in the 2019 environment plan which could be the start of the b-line. Areas need to be grassed meadow type areas, which are mowed only once a year.	

410	Correspondence	
410.1	Sadlerswell fly tipping – still chasing Stratford council regarding progressing enforcement action against those who fly tip.	
410.2	Report from resident re ASB in the park.	
410.3	Indurent planning application – an infrastructure meeting has been arranged by Solihull Council for Ward and Parish Councillors.	
411	Councillors Reports	
411.1	The draft Neighbourhood Plan (October 2019 environment section) identified School Road as an area where any future development would need to take account of the road's constrained layout and mixed usage. Now that the School Road development has received planning approval, the importance of addressing the shared use of the route by vehicles and children, particularly at peak school times, as well as the potential for increased light pollution affecting nearby residential properties and the local environment. These issues remain relevant and should be considered in any updated evidence base or policy wording as the Neighbourhood Plan is progressed.	Cllr Batchelor to provide information to the NP Steering Group members
411.2	The next Love Solihull litter pick is scheduled for Friday 4 September 2026, 10.30am to 12.00noon, with the usual refreshments afterwards.	
412	Agree Date of Next Meeting	
412.1	The proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 10 September 2026 at 2.30pm.	

Clare Wood
Clerk to Hockley Heath Parish Council

Signed: Cllr Batchelor
Dated: 19 June 2026