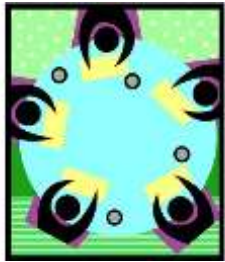


The role of a Parish Councillor – are you up to the challenge?



Are you:

- Over 18?
- A British / commonwealth citizen?

Have you:

- Been resident for the last 12 months within the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary?
- Occupied land / premises for 12 months within the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary?
- Had a principal place of work either within the parish or within 3 miles of the boundary?

If you can answer yes to the above questions, it may be that you could put yourself forward for this chance to get involved in your community. The post of Councillors is for 4 years during which you will attend council meetings and undertake training. **Most importantly you can help to shape the future of your village.**

Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details: hhpc2009@hotmail.com

What Future for the Hockley Heath Pavilion?

The Pavilion at the Recreation Ground is one of the key topics for discussion at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting on 12th May 2011. Questions will be raised about its future and its role in providing villagers with a meeting place adjacent to playing fields. Costs for repairing the Pavilion and providing security for the grounds will be considered and your views are needed. If you have any comments to make about the building and the recreation ground – how should it be maintained? Should it be knocked down? Should the recreation ground be landscaped? Please drop us an email to hhpc2009@hotmail.com or come to the next meeting.



Hockley Heath Village Plan

In the coming months, Hockley Heath Residents Association (HHRA) is looking to consult the village to gauge local opinion about how residents would like to see their village develop. HHRA, working with the

Parish Council will be engaging with local groups and sending out a questionnaire to villagers asking a variety of questions such as: do we need additional housing; do we need a local doctor; do we need a pharmacy; should we develop a village centre? All of these questions need answering in order to help us tackle planning applications.



Remember the **Nags Head**? Thanks to the lobbying of the HHRA and Parish Council, the application was turned down. This has given the village essential time to get a village plan together which will link into Solihull Local Development Framework. This way, developers will have to bear in mind the views of the community aspirations when seeking planning permission.

The brewery are now planning on developing the pub rather than sell for development.

To get more involved in the village get in touch with the HHRA – contact details are on the community web site: www.hockleyheath.org.uk

Why not become a Parish Councillor?

When you go to the polling booths on the 5th May to vote for SMBC Councillors, you will also have the opportunity to vote for your own local parish councillors for your local Parish Council?

Hockley Heath Parish Council is the tier of local authority closest to its community as it elects representatives from within that community.

The local decisions of the parish council are made by locally elected councillors. If there are not enough local candidates to stand then the decision making process is deferred to Solihull MBC.

Hockley Heath Parish Council is supported by a part time Parish Clerk who is there to advise, answer questions and manage the administration of the Council.

Hockley Heath Parish Council raises money for its work through the annual Precept which is collected by SMBC along with your council tax.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, or just want to know more about the Parish Council, see inside for more details or contact the Parish Clerk:

Hilary Goodreid
07703 647 883
hhpc2009@hotmail.com

Census 2011

On Sunday March 27th, you should have completed the census either using the paper copy which came through your door, or on-line.

If you have any questions or are struggling to complete the census, please visit the website www.census.gov.uk.



Changes to the Mobile Library Services

Solihull and Warwickshire have joined together to establish an improved mobile library service. This will be stopping at the Nags Head Car Park at 10.45am – 11.15am on these Fridays in 2011:

April 1st, May 13th, June 3rd and 24th, July 15th, August 5th and 26th, September 16th, October 7th and 28th, November 18th and December 9th.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter March 2011

Welcome to the first Hockley Heath Newsletter which will give you an insight into the Parish Council activities and information on current topics and events.

This edition will focus on:

- Becoming a Parish Councillor
- Completing the Census
- Village Pavilion
- The Village Plan
- What is the Parish Council?