

Future of the Pavilion

At the October Parish Council meeting, the future of the Pavilion building was considered. The current building is underused by regular users and one off bookings. The Parish Council are currently considering the future of the building, either by increasing bookings or by developing an alternative building on the site or demolishing all together.

The Parish Council need your opinions and would love to hear your views. Please either call or email the Parish Clerk or complete the village plan questionnaire which is shortly to be dropping through your doors.

May be you want a purpose built sports facility? May be it should be demolished and increase the amount of play space? Whatever your views for the site, please let us know your opinion.

Tree Work at the Recreation Ground

In the New Year there will be extensive tree work taking place at the Recreation Ground. Please take care when using the park during this time.

Village Plan - update

This month's newsletter will be delivered to you at the same time as the Village Plan questionnaire.

We would urge you to complete and return the questionnaire as soon as possible in order that your views on the village are made known. The final Village Plan can be adopted by Solihull Council and used when making decisions about local planning applications.

The questionnaire asks about how you use facilities in the village and how you would like to see it developed. Don't forget to seek the views of your children and any elderly relatives living in the village as well!

As if you need another reason to complete and return the questionnaire - it is your chance to be entered into a prize draw! So get your thinking caps on and start writing.



Hockley Heath Parish Council

Newsletter - December 2011

Welcome to this winter edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

This edition will, among other things...

- Update you on Gypsy site, Aylesbury House and the Marina;
- Update you on the Village Plan;
- Notify you about changes to Parish Council meetings;

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email hhpc2009@hotmail.com

Update on the Marina

In November, Warwick District Council Planning Committee met to consider the application for a 208 berth marina. In line with officers' recommendations, this was rejected by 9 votes to 1 on the grounds of inappropriate development in the greenbelt. If the developer does not appeal, this is the end of this application. If they decide to appeal, we will keep you updated.



Update on Gypsy and Traveller section of the Solihull LDF

Hockley Heath Parish Council attended the SMBC conference about the Local Development Framework which was held on 22nd November. The Parish Council were advised that the draft LDF would be out for consultation in February 2012. The consultation on the section concerning new and expanding Gypsy and Traveller Sites, will

take place in spring 2012 and the Parish Council will be contacted nearer the time.

Update on Aylesbury House

The Parish Council have not been notified of any planning applications for change of use or building works at Aylesbury House. However at the October Council meeting, it was advised that the Right Start Foundation were keen to seek alternative uses for the premises should their preferred use as a drug clinic not be developed.

Parish Council Meeting and Councillor Surgeries

The Parish Council have agreed to start their monthly meetings at the earlier time of **7.30pm** on the third Thursday of every month, except August. The agendas for these meetings are posted on the web site: www.hockleyheath.org.uk. Should you wish to go on to the mailing list to receive the agenda and minutes direct, please contact the Parish Clerk.

In addition to the Parish Council meetings, the Clerk and at least one Councillor will be available for general discussion on the

Monday following the Council meetings from 11am to 12pm.

Both the Parish Council meetings and the Surgeries will be held in the King George Memorial Hall.

www.hockleyheath.org.uk

Did you know that Hockley Heath village has its own website? Times and dates of local clubs and events are all posted on the site. The Parish Council also have their own pages on the site which tell you of agendas for forthcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings and keep you up to date with major planning issues. You can also download the Small Grants Application Form if your group needs money for an event or purchase.

Facebook will soon be coming to the Parish Council web site. In order to help us get your opinion, the Parish Council is soon to launch its own Facebook page. Also surveys will be regularly posted so please use this and get your kids to comment too.

