

Waterloo Housing Scheme

Despite strong representation against the proposal, SMBC have approved the development of 19 houses on the site off Stratford Road. At the time of writing, the details of the approval are not available but the Parish Council will continue to voice their objections and look to a possible appeal if this option is available to us. To see a webcast of the discussion please go to: http://solihull.public-tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/224604

Blythe Valley Business Park

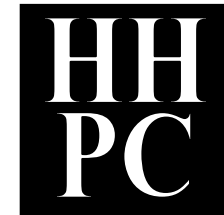
As you may be aware, IM Properties are looking to develop houses, a hotel, leisure facilities etc on land around Blythe Valley Business Park. The development would look to Cheswick Green as its nearest neighbour. HHPC has been involved over concerns around the proposed new vehicular exit from the site onto Kineton Lane. There is an access road already in place which is permanently closed and reserved for emergency use only. The developers are proposing to open this up allowing traffic to come from the site straight onto Kineton Lane and through Ilshaw Heath and Hockley Heath via the back roads. Over the summer parish

councillors, SMBC ward councillors developers and SMBC officers were involved in a meeting to explore alternative scenarios. We are not aware that amendments to this have been put in the plans as yet which is of concern to us and the local community. Development so close to Hockley Heath will have a considerable impact on local school places, access to health facilities and the general infrastructure. For more information, please go to SMBC website and look up the application **PL/2016/00863/MAOOT**.

Hockley Heath Residents Association (HHRA)

HHRA meet at the Baptist Church on Spring Lane, on the last Wednesday of every month. We aim to provide a voice for HH residents as well as arrange social activities. We are always looking for new ideas and even better, volunteers to help us deliver what the residents want. Please visit our Facebook page for more info or come to one of our meetings. We'd love to see you there!

Our next event is the Village Bonfire on Sunday 6th Nov at the Recreation Ground.



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – October 2016

Welcome to this edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter.

Among other things, we will be looking at:

- Neighbourhood Clean Up
- Neighbourhood Plan

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: hhpc2009@hotmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/hockleyheathpc or on twitter: twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

Hockley Heath Clean Up – your help is needed!

Solihull Council will be working with Hockley Heath Parish Council, local businesses and volunteers to take part in a 'deep clean' of our village. SMBC will come with all the materials / equipment necessary to complete the tasks but they will need volunteers to work alongside local businesses.

This clean-up is set to take place on **Wednesday 9th November 2016**. If you have an hour, couple of hours, half a day or a whole day to help, please contact Maria on 07974 795588 or email the parish council on hhpc2009@hotmail.com.



Introducing...

In our last newsletter, we notified you all of a job opening at the parish council. We are pleased to announce that Jenny McDougall has now joined the team as the new Assistant Clerk. Jenny is a local

Hockley Heath resident and is now taking on some of the finance procedures for the parish council as well as dealing with bookings and events at the pavilion. If you need to speak with Jenny about arranging a family gathering or holding a weekly class at the pavilion, please call her on 07591 954002 or email hhpcbookings@outlook.com.

Neighbourhood Plan

By the time this newsletter drops through your letter box, we hope to have had the approval from SMBC to go ahead and start work on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Hockley Heath. A NP is a tool that lets communities shape development in their area through producing a development plan of sorts. The difference between this and a parish plan / town plan, is that it will need to be voted on by the community and adopted by Solihull Council. It will become part of the SMBC Local Plan. As a result, developers will need to consider the wishes of the community when bringing forward proposals for the area. The work to develop a NP is done in several stages starting with a questionnaire to the community / developers / land owners / other key parties, to understand what they wish to see happen in the village.

From these findings a plan is developed and goes out to consultation to a wide range of interested parties. Ultimately a local referendum will be held to allow for a community vote on the plan, and if approved, it will be adopted by SMBC.

But all this takes time and a lot of hard work.

The plan needs to be community driven and we are looking for people who have a planning or related background to get involved. If you feel that this is for you, we will be holding a meeting on **Thursday 24th November at 7pm in the Pavilion, Hockley Heath** to look at the work involved and splitting up some of the tasks. Please let the parish clerk know if you are willing to get involved.

