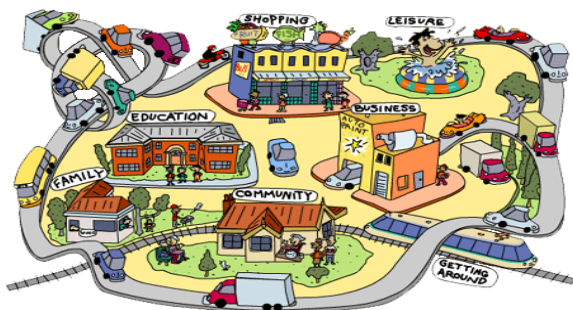


Neighbourhood Plan

Work is continuing on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Steering Committee members have commenced policy writing. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee holds a public meeting every two months so please pop along if you wish to comment on the development of the Neighbourhood Plan (dates are published on the Parish Council website). If you would like to volunteer to join the Committee, please contact the Parish Clerk.



Hockley Heath Village Clean-Up

Unfortunately, the clean-up event scheduled for Friday 24th April 2020 has been cancelled. It is hoped that the annual autumn Hockley Heath village clean-up event will take place; date to be announced nearer the time.

Precept for 2020-2021

The Parish Council, after careful consideration, agreed to increase the precept by 5% for 2020-2021. During the previous financial year (2019-2020), the precept received was £56,480 and a 5% increase will provide the Parish Council with the sum of £59,303.48 for the forthcoming financial year. The precept rise will result in an annual increase of £3.64 for a band D property, or 7p per week. The Parish Council agreed the increase based upon the forecast of anticipated expenditure during the next financial year. The 2020-2021 financial year will see the removal of the support grant received from Solihull MBC along with anticipated increased grounds maintenance costs, Pavilion improvements and a fund to improve the village environment. Please contact the Clerk to Hockley Heath Parish Council if you have any further questions. The accounts are discussed monthly in the Parish Council meeting so please pop along to a meeting to find out further information. Parish Council meetings are normally held at 7pm in the Pavilion on the 3rd Thursday of the month (April's meeting has been cancelled and the May 2020 meeting has not yet been scheduled due to the current Coronavirus crisis).



Hockley Heath Parish Council Newsletter – April 2020

Warm greetings from the Parish Council. Welcome to the first edition of the Hockley Heath Newsletter in 2020.

This edition includes:

- Coronavirus
- 2020-2021 Hockley Heath Precept
- SMBC's Draft Local Plan Update

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07591 954002 or email:

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twitter.com/hockleyheath_pc

Coronavirus

This is a very worrying time for all members of the community and our local businesses, with the likelihood that residents will need to self-isolate, potentially for several weeks. Please try and follow trusted news sources, advice can be sought online at www.nhs.uk or www.gov.uk. Please refer to a separate leaflet from the Parish Council dedicated to support available during the Coronavirus crisis.

Due to the current circumstances, the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 16th April 2020 has been cancelled, along with the April 2020 Environment Committee meeting and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee meetings. All Parish Meetings remain cancelled until further notice.

BMX/Mountain Bike Track

Within the woodland area of the recreation ground, a BMX track exists for use by any members of the public. The entrance to the track is via the car park area, adjacent to the Pavilion and the Bowl's Club. Please ensure you adhere to the information on the sign by the entrance to the track.

Dog Walkers in the Recreation Ground

The recreation ground is a wonderful space for residents of all of ages to enjoy, and dogs are welcome in the park too (although not permitted in the children's play areas). Residents are reminded that dogs, under normal conditions, should only be allowed off their lead when under the full control of the dog walker. A number of residents have expressed concerns due to dogs scaring other dogs and jumping up at adults and children. To ensure the park is an enjoyable place for all to visit, please do not allow your dog off its lead if it jumps up at others and will not return immediately when called. ***Dogs will be permitted off leads once social distancing measures are relaxed.***

Post Office

The Post Office in Hockley Heath is scheduled to close this year. Both the Parish Council and Meriden MP Saqib Bhatti have written to One Stop to discuss the possibility of relocating the Post Office into the store. Unfortunately, the Co-operative store confirmed that it would not be possible to incorporate a Post Office. The Parish Council sends Mrs Tut and her family best wishes for the future and would like to thank her for her role within the Community.

War Memorial

Cleaning of the War Memorial has been scheduled to take place in the autumn, prior to the Remembrance Sunday parade. Thank you to the Residents' Association who will be contributing to the cleaning costs.

SMBC's Draft Local Plan

The last publication of the Draft Local Plan detailed a potential site on School Road deemed suitable for housing. SMBC has collated all responses from residents and interested parties and will consider these when producing the next version of the Draft Local Plan. A revised timetable for publication of the next Draft Local Plan has been issued as follows:

Publication of submission draft – summer 2020

Submission to Secretary of State – autumn 2020

Examination of the Plan – winter 2020/2021
Adoption of the Local Plan Review - spring/summer 2021

The next consultation on the Draft Local Plan Review is therefore due this summer, assuming the Coronavirus crisis has not delayed its publication.