

Hockley Heath Parish Council Environment Meeting

Minutes of the Environment Meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2026 in the Pavilion, Hockley Heath Recreation Ground, Old Warwick Road, Hockley Heath at 2.30pm.

Present:	Parish Councillors:	Cllr Batchelor (Chair)
	Ward Councillor:	None
	Solihull Highways:	None
	Clerk:	C. Wood
	HH Gardening Club:	C. Clark, B. Gisborne, A Hall
	HH Residents Association:	None
	Public Attendees:	None

Min No.	Item	Action
413 413.1	Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr Tomlinson and Cllr Palmer.	
414 414.1	Declarations of Interest None.	
415 415.1	Public Session No members of the public were present.	
416 416.1 416.2	Minutes of the Environment Meeting held on 19 June 2026 and Matters Arising The minutes were approved and signed by Cllr Batchelor. Conifers overhanging corner of Blacksmiths Lane / Stratford Road – works by Public Realm had been carried out on the conifers from the ground. However, ideally, they should be cut further up.	Clerk to follow up
417 417.1 417.2 417.3 417.4 417.5	Highways and Traffic The Committee were updated on the last quarterly Highways online meeting held on 22 July 2026: - Real time speed data available via a data sharing agreement with the police which picks up data from sat navs / GPS data from phones and cars. - School Road – speed limit being exceeded on School Road (approaching Hockley Heath) so Highways advised that they would look at physical intervention signage when approaching the school / Hockley Heath. - When motorways are closed and traffic is diverted through Hockley Heath, National Highways notifies Solihull Council in the usual way. However, National Highways is not required to inform Solihull Highways in advance that the motorway will be closed or that diversion traffic will be routed through the village. The only circumstance in which Solihull Highways would prevent the diversion is if the Stratford Road itself were closed. Lamp post reported to be damaged near the Miller & Carter entrance / exit on Aylesbury Road.	Clerk to report
418 418.1	Hockley Heath Pavilion No items were raised.	

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419 419.1	Hockley Heath Recreation Ground Goal posts have been painted.	
419.2	Love Solihull Community Litter Pick took place on Friday 4 th September. 7 people litter picked and there were 8 bags of rubbish collected in total, with some metal and polystyrene.	
419.3	One member raised the possibility of “extending” the size of the Recreation Ground by potentially buying more land from landowners adjacent to the park.	
420 420.1	Hockley Heath Gardening Club Watering overall much better this year. The reservoir planters have worked well in the park.	
420.2	Water butt out of use due to vandalism of the tap and potentially fitting a metal lockable box around any replacement tap to protect it from future vandalism.	Clerk to progress
420.3	The HH planter on the corner of Stratford Road / Aylesbury Road is rotting and falling apart. Gardening Club members asked if a frame could be built around it, backfilled with gravel, to maintain its longevity.	Clerk to progress
420.4	The large planters adjacent to the side of the Pavilion hall in the Recreation Ground car park are falling apart. Clerk to discuss with Council regarding maintenance work or removal.	Clerk to progress
420.5	Butterfly planter on the Stratford Road (opposite the dental practice) is rusting, and Cllr Tomlinson has requested its removal by Public Realm in November 2026 on behalf of the Gardening Club. A replacement planter has been suggested.	Clerk to follow up with Public Realm
420.6	Winter planting will soon commence.	
420.7	The Chair of HH Gardening Club and the Clerk to the Council to meet in May 2027 prior to the planter watering commencing for 2027 to identify the planters on the Stratford Road to be watered by the Council’s ground maintenance contractors.	CC / Clerk
421 421.1	Tree Planting and Maintenance / Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Sustainable drainage and the way drainage is addressed through planning applications and developer responsibility going forwards.	
421.2	Discussion generally about trees, planting and polluted water run-off.	
422 422.1	Correspondence Sadlerswell fly tipping – still chasing Stratford council regarding progressing enforcement action against those who fly tip.	
423 423.1	Councillors Reports No reports were raised.	
424 424.1	Agree Date of Next Meeting The proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 17 December 2026 at 2.30pm.	

Clare Wood
Clerk to Hockley Heath Parish Council
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