



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs Howard allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 20 parishioners in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 21st March 2016 at Clent Parish Hall

2016/4423 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Price, Cllr. Hess, Cllr. Sheppard, Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Smith

Apologies – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey, Cllr. Allen-Jones, Cllr. Collella and Cllr. Mrs Jenkins

Also Present – Ruth Mullett Clerk,

The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2016/4424 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda.

Other Disclosable Interest – Cllr. Sheppard – Maintenance of Clent Cricket Pitch, Member of Clent Club Social

Cllr. Sugden – Member of Clent Club Social

Cllr. Smith – Member of Clent Cricket Club and Member of Clent Club Social

Cllr. Mrs Howard – Member of Clent Club Social

Cllr. Sugden member of Clent History Society

Cllr. Hess – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Strathearn Development and planning application 14/0408 – Land R/O Algoa House, Western Road – Cllr. Hess has a Dispensation Granted on this item

Cllr, Mrs Howard Member of Comic Theatre Group

2016/4425 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2016/4426 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. The Youth Council are going to undertake a big recruitment drive to attract new members.
2. Queens 90th Birthday - Youth Council would like to organise some kind of street party theme which will involve the Clent Cricket Club and holding the event on Centenary Field. They also thought they would like to have a display at the skateboard ramp and maybe some stalls selling sweets etc.
3. 30 people turned up for the Youth Council “Clean for the Queen” event on Saturday 5th March. Everyone worked really hard and over 30 bin liners of litter were collected.



- The Youth Council are going to visit the House of Commons and Sajid Javid our MP on 20th July 2016.

2016/4427 **FINANCE**

- Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
- Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11258	Phil Dunkley	Lengthsman	554.55
11257	R Mullett	NHW Signs	57.84
11259	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	141.00
11256	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	432.54
11260	Came and Co	Insurance	31.79
11261	R Mullett	Litter Bags	6.00
11262	N Sugden	Chairman's Allowance	500.00
11263	BDC	Lease of Land	60.00
11264	Mant Leisure	New Play Equipment	19686.00

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Sheppard and Cllr. Price sign the cheques.

2016/4428 **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

2016/4429 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

- Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website.

- District Councillors –**

Cllr. Sherrey

Please accept my apologies for nonattendance as I am required to be at an Overview and Scrutiny Board Meeting. If this finishes early I will try to arrive before the end of the meeting.

- **.Budget** – This was approved at the last Council Meeting.
- **Government Revenue Support Grant** – As previously reported we disagree with assumptions made by the Government in the original settlement and we are still awaiting a meeting with Gregg Clark, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to discuss these.
- **Town Centre** – Planning permission has been given for an Aldi store opposite the new Council House. Planning permission has also been given for demolition of George House next to the old market site in preparation for further retail development. It is anticipated that this will still include a Waitrose Food Store.
- **Worcestershire Hospitals** – Matters are still moving forward but there is nothing further to report at this stage.

Cllr. Colella – No report given

Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.



County Cllr. Jenkins – No report given

3. **Queen's 90th Birthday** – All the local groups had been invited to attend our meeting and discussed ideas for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. Anne Harris, Church Warden confirmed that there will be a Special Service on Sunday 12th June, 10.30am of which everyone would be invited. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Worcestershire will be attending and representing the Queen and the Brownies will be parading. Refreshments will be available at the end of the service. Clent Cricket Club has agreed to open the outfield and will host a bbq. It was suggested we hold a family cricket match and/or rounder's match and residents bring their own picnics. The Gardening Club are looking at maybe a planted floral display on the island before Clent Nurseries. The Bell Ringers are also looking at arranging a tower open day.
4. **Public Access Defibrillator** – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree a budget of £2,500 for the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator. Anne Harris agreed to liaise with the Parish Hall Trustees to see if the defibrillator could be located on the Parish Hall.
5. **Website Update** – Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Price are working at completely rebuilding the website to make it friendlier and community based with loads more features. We are looking to launch the new website in May 2016.
6. **Newsletter** – this is in the process of being produced and will be distributed April.

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PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

16/0004 – The Old Vicarage, St Leonards Square – demolition of internal wall and removal of kitchenette to create a larger bathroom – **Granted**

15/1027 – 6 Camel Cottages, Holy Cross Green – two storey side extensions with garage underground floor and new flat roof added to existing conservatory – **Refused**

16/0031 – 53 Western Road, Hagley – proposed single storey rear extension and infilling of existing porch - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/0145 – Roselea, Bromsgrove Road – proposed alterations to existing detached cottage – **No objections**

16/0088 – Kings Meadow, Holy Cross – proposed detached bungalow and associated external works – **No objections**

16/0149 – The Old Squash Court, Thicknall Lane – erection of car port – **No objections**

Planning Appeals

APP/P1805/W/15/3135073 – Land adjacent to 159 Kidderminster Road South, Hagley – outline application for the erection of a single dwelling –

APP/P1805/W/15/3130390 – Land adjacent to 73 Meadowcroft, Hagley



– erection of a 2 bed detached former bungalow with parking
(resubmission of 13/0837) – **Appeal Dismissed**

- 2016/4431 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY
FIELD/PLAY AREAS**
The proposed mains sewer from Clent Club across Centenary Field was again discussed in detail. Cllr. Sheppard confirmed that Meadowside are not interested in coming on board. Cllr. Mrs Howard asked again for Cllr. Sheppard to liaise with all parties concerned and arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss and understand further before any decision could be taken. Clerk also confirmed that we would need confirmation from Bromsgrove District Council Planning Department that planning permission was not needed.
A quotation for Boules pitch was discussed but felt the price of £9,600.00 was too expensive. Clerk to obtain alternative quotes.
- 2016/4432 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**
Nothing to report
- 2016/4433 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**
Heritage Sign – this item was deferred
- 2016/4434 **PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN**
Cllr. Sheppard has some ideas and will be sending an email round.
- 2016/4435 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**
Nothing to report
- 2016/4436 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST
MEETING**
Nothing to report
- 2016/4437 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2016, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**
Keep proposed sewer on agenda
- 2016/4438 **CHEQUE SIGNING**
Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2016/4427

Signed
Chairman of the Council



QUESTIONS ASKED DURING PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Street light in Holy Cross in not working.
2. Has the parish council applied for any Divisional Funds from County Cllr. Rachel Jenkins?