



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Sugden allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 7 parishioners in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2017 at Clent Parish Hall

2017/4559 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr, Price, Cllr. Beaumont, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Sheppard

Apologies – Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Cllr. Allen-Jones

Also Present – Cllr. Mrs Jenkins, Ruth Mullett Clerk,

The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2017/4560 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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

Personal Interest – Cllr. Smith – Grant to Wendron Day Centre

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, Mrs Howard Member of Comic Theatre Group

2017/4561 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st November 2016 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2017/4562 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council had a new recruit this month, Lizzie Parry who was warmly welcomed by all. They are in the process of a large recruitment drive, focusing on Clent Primary School. They have also set up an Instagram page. Another litter pick is to be organised for April. They also considered signage for Centenary Field showing outdoor gym/skateboard ramp etc. Clerk to put on next agenda.

2017/4563 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. **PRECEPT** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would Precept upon the District Council the sum of £47,000 for the year 2017/18. Any shortfall of expenditure over income will be taken from reserves.
3. To ratify payments made on 19th December 2017



Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11287	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	343.54
11288	GJH Electrical	Christmas Lights	300.00
11289	BDC	Lease of Land	60.00
11290	Blount Hemmings	Legal Costs	2943.00
11291	R Mullett	Contractors Gifts	90.00
11292	N Sugden	Three Roses Hamper	75.35

4. Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11293	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	489.17
11295	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	163.50
11296	P Dunkley	Lengthsman	539.05
11297	Hagley Heating & Electrical	Defibrillator	317.27
11298	Viking Direct	Stationery	646.80

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Sugden and Cllr. Smith sign the cheques.

2017/4564

TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

1. It was agreed to produce the newsletter to go out in April Councillors were asked to let the Chairman have articles for the newsletter.
2. It was agreed for Cllr. Price and Cllr. Mrs Howard to do an update for the Parish Magazine on the new website launch.
3. Clerk met with Mrs Atkins to discuss a memorial bench for her parents and it was agreed she would fund a bench to be installed next to the outdoor gym.

2017/4565

TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website.
2. **District Councillors** –
Cllr. Mrs Sherrey – No report given
Cllr. Allan-Jones - No report given
County Cllr. Jenkins –

I met with Andy Baker regarding the LTP on 4th January. There is nothing directing affecting your village but might in your usage. Andy went through Hagley's two protects NEST 6 and NEST 8 on the Worcestershire LTP 2017-30. One on the work around the signal junctions and the other would be improvements to Hagley Railway Station. Working with the train operators for a more frequent service. There is no room for additional parking at Hagley and the thinking is to increase parking at Blakedown by using a field owned by the Council for 200-300 cars. This is not written in the strategy but under the item "improvements to car parking" WFST5 – Strategic Schemes for Wyre Forest.

Worcestershire County Council propose a 2.94% increase in the Council Tax for 2017/18, to include a ring fenced 2% for Adult Social



Care. This will be voted on at full council in February 2017 as part of the budget.

Divisional Fund – as you know I have a divisional fund which can be used for local projects or improvements. Please let me know as soon as possible what projects you would like me to consider for funding but no later than 31st January.

3. **Public Access Defibrillator** – The electrical work has now been completed and the defibrillator can now be registered with the Ambulance Service. Once registration is completed training will be arranged and this date can be put into the Newsletter.
4. **Website Launch** – Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Price are to do a piece explaining the website launch for the parish magazine.
5. **SMARTWATER** – Due to the significant crime in the village it has been suggested that we become a Smartwater Village. Mick Simpson, Project Manager for We Don't Buy Crime, Warwickshire Police will be attending our March Meeting to update the Parish Council further.
6. **Greenbelt Review** - a meeting was attended by Cllr. Sugden and surrounding parishes with Sajid Javid MP. The Group explained its concerns about developing Neighbourhood Plans now to only have to start again when each Parish knew how many more houses they would be expected to take. Sajid said that planning for the Country's housing needs was essential. Neighbourhood Plans (NHP) (including BDC's) would have to be reviewed once housing requirements were known but that this should not delay the current NHP's which were important if Parishes were to influence developments in their area. Need to start with what is known now but accept that it's likely to have to change.

The new development plan triggers a Green Belt review for 2,300 Bromsgrove houses above the 4300 already identified and part of the current development. At the time of doing the Green Belt review the officers will also identify more land to be safeguarded for Birmingham needs too. In response to a question about possible 'knock on' effects of other NHP such as traffic etc., Sajid said that the Independent Inspector would have an overview of all local NHPs and would take a regional as well as local view. Sajid said that it was possible for Parishes to produce combined plans. In response to the suggestion of a phased Green Belt release Sajid said that reclassifying Green Belt land for development would be exceptional and that Brown belt land should be considered first, but he accepted that Developers were not keen on using Brown Belt land when the clean-up costs were prohibitive.

The Group explained that getting residents to accept further development was particularly difficult especially when the current infrastructure did not meet the current needs. Sajid said that his Department was making funding available to help address these infrastructure issues. Details would be announced shortly.



SJ said his Neighbourhood Planning Bill 2016-17¹ was at its third reading and will address many of the points made today.

- 2017/4566 **PLANNING MATTERS**
District Council Decisions
16/0829 – Plot 1, Mount Lane – proposed house type change to Plot 1 to include loft conversion with dormer windows to front elevation and roof lights to rear elevation – **Approved**
16/0749 / 16/0931 – Field House Rest Home, Thicknall Lane – listed building consent relating to proposed bio mass boiler and housing container - **Approved**
Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments
16/1142 – 4 Walton Farm Cottages, Walton Pool – first floor side extension – **No objections**
Planning Appeals
APP/P1805/W/16/3156340 – Kings Meadow Garage Site – proposed detached bungalow and associated external works – **Dismissed**
- 2017/4567 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**
We are still awaiting a planning decision from Bromsgrove District Council on the installation of toilets and cess pit to the cricket and boules pitch. Western Power are to connect the meter box to the main power supply on 14th February. Cllr. Sheppard will then source the cheapest electricity supplier.
- 2017/4568 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**
Clerk to get a quotation for overhanging trees on Belbroughton Road. Clerk to see if we can get a bin installed at the entrance to the playing field on Holy Cross Green by the substation.
- 2017/4569 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**
We are still awaiting street signs for Pool Furlong, Welcome to Clent at the island by Clent nurseries. Clerk to chase Worcestershire County Council.
- 2017/4570 **PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN**
Nothing to report
- 2017/4571 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**
SLCC Regional Conference
- 2017/4572 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**
Nothing to report



- 2017/4573 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**
nothing to report
- 2017/4574 **CORRESPONDENCE**
Consideration from Historic England concerning Clent War Memorial
- 2017/4575 **CHEQUE SIGNING**
Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2017/4563
- 2017/4576 **TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
To discuss Clerk's annual 12 month appraisal and to move on spinal column as of April 2016 – unanimously **APPROVED**

Signed
Chairman of the Council

QUESTIONS ASKED DURING PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nothing to report