



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Mrs Howard allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 8 parishioners in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4723 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Mrs Howard, Cllr. Sheppard, Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Sugden

Apologies – Cllr. Price, Cllr. Beaumont, Cllr. Mrs May and Cllr. Allen-Jones

Also Present – Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Ruth Mullett Clerk,
The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2018/4724 **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, Mrs Howard Member of Comic Theatre Group

2018/4725 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2017 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2018/4726 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

A Youth Council trip has been organised for Monday 26th February to visit the Police Headquarters at Hindlip in Worcestershire.

All Youth Councillors have been asked to try and think of any projects they would like to do for 2018.

2018/4727 **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 £48,750.00 for the year 2018/19. Any shortfall of expenditure over income will be taken from reserves.
3. Due to relocation Cllr. Sugden will soon leave the Parish Council. It was asked that we continue with the purchase of a hamper for Three Roses Home as they kindly cut and maintain the public footpath.



4. To ratify payments made in December 2017 and accounts for payment January 2018

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11395	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	356.49
11397	SLCC	Subscriptions	83.34
11398	P Dunkley	Lengthsman	20.39
11399	Viking Direct	Stationery	47.98
11400	Viking Direct	Stationery	61.51
11401	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	164.25
11402	M Hunt	Digger Centenary Field	225.00
11403	The French Hen	Refreshments	20.80
11404	Viking Direct	Stationery	35.72
11405	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	356.29
11407	Mant Leisure	Table Tennis	4807.20
11408	N Sugden	Three Roses Home Hamper	81.05
11409	BDC	Lease of Land	60.00
11410	Magazine Account	Parish Magazine	265.00
11411	GJH Electrical	Christmas Lights	139.20

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

2018/4728

TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

1. Clerk confirmed the replacement Notice Board for outside the Church Hall has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.
2. Clerk has arranged a resident's trip to visit the Houses of Parliament for Monday 30th April 2018.
3. Cllr. Smith has met with Jason, the local resident who has agreed to renovation the BT phone box opposite the church. A budget of £500 was agreed for the commencement of this work. Jason has kindly agreed to do the labour free of charge.
4. Concern has been raised as to what is the position with the Bell and Cross and it was agreed for the Clerk to try and contact the lease holders.
5. It was agreed for the Smartwater update to be placed in the Parish Magazine.

2018/4729

TRAINING

Nothing to report.

2018/4730

TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website. Updates are also being circulated on the Clent Residents Facebook Page if appropriate.
2. **District Councillors** –
Cllr. Sherrey – Cllr. Mrs Sherrey confirmed that the money has been ring-fenced for the telephone box at Adams Hill and will be



converted into a de-fibrillator and painted blue by the Police. Cllr. Sherrey was also asked if she could chase the replacement of the Summerfield Road sign and two replacement road signs at Pool Furlong.

Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.

County Cllr. May – *The 318 Bus is to continue with Central Buses taking over the service. The initial timetable showed no service to Clent but this is incorrect. The service to Clent will continue as it is now.*

Open for Business - *Worcestershire County Council has signed a new contract with co-funding partner BT Group, which extends the Superfast Worcestershire programme into a third phase, to reach some of the county's more remote communities. As a result of further investment, the programme has announced a £6.2 million expansion which is expected to expand the superfast broadband roll-out to a further 5,300 Worcestershire homes and businesses.*

When work is complete, more than 96 per cent of Worcestershire homes and businesses will be able to access superfast broadband (speeds over 24Mbps). Work on the new phase will begin early this year and upgrades are due to be completed in 2019. It builds on the two earlier stages of the programme.

Network delivery partner Openreach will be using a mixture of technologies, including Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology capable of delivering ultrafast download speeds of up to 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps) and upload speeds of up to 220Mbps. The roll-out will focus on increasing speeds to local businesses, in line with Worcestershire County Council's commitment to being 'Open for Business'. Around 90% of structures completed in the third phase will be FTTP.

Health and Wellbeing - *The Council has been actively supporting the **16 Days of Action, White Ribbon campaign** to tackle domestic violence.*

*This year the campaign sought to raise awareness of the **Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS)**. This is also known as Clare's Law. Clare Wood was murdered in February 2009 by a man she met on an internet dating site who had a history of violence. Clare's Law aims to prevent domestic abuse by offering men and women a process through which they can ask the police about the background of their new partner. Social media activity to promote the campaign in Worcestershire was seen by more than 78,000 people. You can find out more about support available and Clare's Law on our [website](#).*

The Environment - *A scheme to reduce flooding and to keep traffic moving in and out of Worcester city during times of flooding*



will start on January 8th The scheme will help to keep New Road in Worcester open for longer during times of flooding and help to ensure that flood water recedes much quicker than it currently does. A majority of the funding for this project is coming from the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership. The scheme will see nearly 200 metres of New Road and its footpaths and cycle paths raised by up to a maximum of nearly 400mm (16 inches). Drainage along the road is also to be improved as part of the scheme and the whole of New Road will be resurfaced. A small number of trees will be removed to allow for the construction work but most of the existing avenue will remain. Thirteen trees are to be planted within Cripplegate Park in Worcester to compensate for those being lost.

Children and Families - *The Council employs around 350 Social Workers in Worcestershire. Working with children, families and vulnerable adults, social workers make a difference to people's lives every single day, often in difficult circumstances.*

*This month the Council is dedicating a whole week to celebrate the achievements of Social Work teams and the work that they do. Worcestershire County Council's **Celebrating Social Workers Week** will begin on Monday 15 January. During the week there will be workshops everyday run by guest speakers to help improve skills and build stronger connections across Children and Adult departments. There will also be a Celebration Event when a series of awards will be presented. The Social Work Academy will be launched during the week. The Academy will help social workers to develop their careers and showcase best practice. It will be a hub for social work training in the county.*

Council News - *Paul Robinson is to be Worcestershire County Council's new Chief Executive. Councillors unanimously approved the appointment at an extraordinary meeting of the council last month. Mr Robinson is currently the Chief Executive of Derby City Council. He has held senior positions at a number of local authorities. He joined Derby City Council in 2008 and became the council's Chief Executive in 2015. Mr Robinson will take up his new post in Worcestershire in the spring.*

3. **Smartwater** – it was agreed for the Smartwater roll-out to be held on 28th April 2018 at Clent Parish Hall between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Clerk to produce a newsletter for all parishioners highlighting the event.
4. **Twining** – the next meeting has been arranged for 22nd January 2018.
5. **Allotments** – Cllr. Howard confirmed she would make enquires with Bromsgrove on the situation.



- 2018/4731 **PLANNING MATTERS**
District Council Decisions
17/01354 – 32 Kings Meadow, Clent – erection of new dwelling – **Refused**
17/00388 – Flat Hill Tavern, 31 Adams Hill, Clent – engineering works to form new and replacement retaining walls to prevent further landslide and using new retaining wall to form a small domestic garage and bin store area – **Approved**
17/00998 – Highfield Cottage, Walton Pool – demolition of single storey garage and removal of 2 no dormer windows. First floor infill to form new on-suite. Single storey front extension, Partial timber cladding of existing double garage and fenestration changes - **Approval**
Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments
Nothing to report
Planning Appeals
None
- 2018/4732 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**
Update on toilets – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed that the Cricket Club were to set up a working party to clad the roof.
Table Tennis Table – The table tennis table has now been successfully installed.
Boules Sign – it was agreed to order the Boules sign as per the quotation received.
- 2018/4733 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**
Cllr. Sheppard together with Clerk met with the new Lengthsman Ian Wheeler and gave him a tour of the bounds of the parish. Cllr. Sheppard together with Clerk will monitor the Lengthsman work on a weekly basis. He is currently contracted to work five hours per week plus any extra maintenance works as instructed by Clerk.
- 2018/4734 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**
Cllr. Sheppard confirmed that the cable for the sign has now been installed and we are awaiting a column from County Council.
- 2018/4735 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**
Nothing to report
- 2018/4736 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**
Nothing to report
- 2018/4737 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2018, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**
Litter pick



19th May – Royal Wedding Celebration

2018/4727 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2017/4711

Signed
Chairman of the Council