



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 19th February 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4728 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

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

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

Also Present – Cllr. Mrs May and Ruth Mullett Clerk,

The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2018/4729 **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

2018/4730 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2017 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2018/4731 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council trip are due to visit Hindlip Police Headquarters in Worcestershire on Monday 26th February. They also agreed the new Youth Council Constitution which Clerk will amend and redistribute. The next litterpick has also been organised for 21st April.

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

2018/4732 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.

2. To confirm receipt of £3,949.94 Charity in Ease of Poor Rate and closure of account.

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11412	Ian Wheeler	Lengthsman	271.20



11413	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	356.29
11414	SLCC	Training	292.80
11416	JRB	Dog Gloves	149.10
11417	Viking Direct	Stationery	129.54
11418	Smartwater	Smartwater Roll-Out	3070.50
11419	NALC	Publications	19.99
11420	Betonia IT	Security	20.95

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

2018/4733 **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. County Cllr. May has agreed to fund our Noticeboard out of her Divisional Fund.
2. Cllr. Smith has met with Jason Smith who is willing to renovate the BT phone box opposite the Church free of charge. He is looking to start once the cold/wet weather breaks.
3. It was agreed to put the House of Commons Trip into the parish magazine.

2018/4734 **TRAINING**

Nothing to report.

2018/4735 **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 – No report given.

Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.

County Cllr. May –

Open for Business

The Worcestershire Skills Show returns on 7th March 2018 at the Chateau Impney, Droitwich between 9.00am and 7.00pm. Entry is free.

The show is Worcestershire's largest careers event, providing young people from 7 – 13 with the ability to interact with Worcestershire's largest employers from a variety of industries including Science, Technology, engineering, math's, hospitality, advertising, marketing professional services and public services.

Young people are given the opportunity to gain an understanding of the career pathways available to them and to find out about the skills and qualifications that employers are really looking for.

Children and Families

A new Social Work Academy has been launched by the Council. It is part of an on-going project to improve the confidence and skill levels of our social workers.



The Academy is a comprehensive information hub that all County Council social workers will have available to them. It will enable social workers at all levels of experience to easily access training and career development opportunities.

The launch of the Social Work Academy will hopefully help us attract the very best social workers to the County.

Health and Wellbeing

A new unit to support individuals to take the next steps of their recovery after they are discharged from hospital has opened in Worcestershire.

The Step Down Unit in Worcester, close to the hospital, is aimed at supporting people from across the county who are being discharged from an acute hospital but need a period of assessment to understand what their future care and support requirements are.

It is one of the council's top priorities to ensure that people live independently for as long as possible. During their stay at the Step down Unit each person will have an individual solution development for them.

Council News:

The Tour Series Cycle Race is to return to Redditch for its 7th year on 10th May 2018. Once again the town will host stages of both the men's and ladies tour. Last year's event attracted 15,000 spectators and generated 5 million Twitter impressions. It was broadcast to over 60 countries.

In other cycling news, the organisers of Velo Birmingham have withdrawn their request to hold an event in September 2018, along the same route as 2017. They have announced that they will stage the event in the spring 2019 along a different route. No approach has been made to the County Council in connection with this new route.

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. The parish has been leafleted but Clerk will produce another one nearly the date highlighting the event.
4. **Twinning** – there has been another successful meeting held and this item is ongoing but still in very early stages.
5. **Allotments** – Cllr. Howard confirmed she would make enquires with Bromsgrove on the situation.
6. **Royal Wedding Celebration, Picnic in the Park 19th May 2018** – It has been agreed to hold another Picnic in the Park incorporating the Royal Wedding Celebration. It was agreed for the event to start at noon to allow people to watch the Royal Wedding in the Clent Club followed by a picnic, rounder's match, boules etc.

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PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

Nothing to report



Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

17/01466 – 10 Church Avenue, Holy Cross – demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey domestic extension – **No objections**

Planning Appeals

APP/P1805/W17/3191833 – Four Stones Restaurant, Adams Hill – demolition of existing sunroom and erection of replacement glazed sunroom (retrospective)

2018/4737

GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS

Update on toilets – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed that the Cricket Club working party have stripped out the porta cabin and the timber has arrived for the roof and decking. He confirmed receipt of a £1,000 grant from Clent Hills Rotary and Clerk is to send a thank you letter on behalf of the parish council.

Boules Sign – it was agreed to order the Boules sign as per the quotation received with the approved amendments.

2018/4738

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

It was agreed for Cllr. Smith to contact the old Lengthsman to ask for the return of the strimmer.

Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Bates are to do a tour of the village to ascertain locations, if any, for white gates and report back to the next parish council meeting.

2018/4739

STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS

Cllr. Sheppard confirmed we are still awaiting a column from County Council.

2018/4740

OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Nothing to report

2018/4741

CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

Nothing to report

2018/4742

NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2018, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL

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CHEQUE SIGNING

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4732

Signed
Chairman of the Council