



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Mrs Howard allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 6 parishioners in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 19th March 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4744 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sheppard, Cllr. Price, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Beaumont
Apologies – Cllr. Mrs Howard, Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Sugden and Cllr. Allen-Jones

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

2018/4745 **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

2018/4746 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2018/4747 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council trip to visit Hindlip Police Headquarters in Worcestershire on Monday 26th February was a huge success and all youth councillors thoroughly enjoyed it. The next litterpick has also been organised for 21st April. All Youth Councillors have agreed to help deliver leaflets advertising the litter pick. They are also looking at ways to reduce speeding a Clent School.

2018/4748 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. To confirm receipt of £975.00 from Karen May, County Councillor Divisional Fund for a new oak noticeboard outside Clent Parish Hall.

| Cheque | Payee | Detail | Sum |
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| 11421 | C Howard | Chairman's Allowance | 500.00 |
| 11422 | BDC | Lease of land | 60.00 |



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| 11423 | HMRC | Payroll Taxes Due | 356.29 |
| 11425 | R Mullett | Contractors | 35.72 |
| 11426 | Clent Parish Hall | Hire of hall | 121.50 |
| 11427 | Viking Direct | Stationery | 32.20 |
| 11428 | Smartwater | VAT | 614.70 |
| 11429 | I Wheeler | Lengthsman | 11429 |
| 11430 | Steve Bubb | Dog poo gloves | 1000.00 |

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

2018/4749

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. 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 World War One event into the parish magazine.

2018/4750

TRAINING

Nothing to report.

2018/4751

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. Sherrey was asked if she could arrange a litter pick on the A491. Also the report the gully on Chapel Lane.

Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.

County Cllr. May –

Open for Business

Construction is about to start at the new Worcestershire Parkway Station. The area for the 500 space car park is now cleared and groundworks are complete, paving the way for construction to begin. The foundations are being laid now for construction of the main station building. The steel frame building will begin to take shape over the coming months as well as the footbridge over the railway line from Woodbury Lane. To support easy access to the station, a new roundabout is to be built and the road widened near the station site on the B4084. Work will continue until the end of September and temporary traffic lights will be in place.

Children and Families

To support the move to an Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) for our Children's Social Care Services, a full business case will be presented to Council Cabinet on 29th March. Following cabinet and subject to ministerial approval, work will then commence in April



2018 to plan the move to the new ADM, with the target of implementing the new model by 1st April 2019.

Health and Wellbeing

The new interim Director for Adult Services, Avril Wilson has been appointed into the position and joined the council on 19th February. She has previously worked as both a Director of Adult Services and a Director of Children's Services and brings a wealth of experience to the leadership team. Avril lead on the roll out of the three conversations model in her previous role of Executive Director of West Sussex County Council.

The Environment

Work continues on two major flood alleviation projects around the County. At New Road, Worcester, Severn Trent are completing the diversion of a water main which is currently in the way of a planned new drainage culvert, and progress is being made on the installation of new drainage kerbage.

At Upton upon Severn, phase 1 of the road raising scheme is in full swing by the entrance to Upton Marina. The road and footway will be widening, straightened and raised, and a new right-turn lane provided into the Marina entrance. Traffic management will be reduced in spring and summer during the Upton and Three Counties shows and festivals.

Meanwhile on Worcester Southern Link Road, works are continuing in the vicinity of Battenhall Bridge, ready for the major widening when the railway line closes for five days in May.

Council News Update

Council leaders across Worcestershire have agreed to relocate more Syrian refugees across the county. Worcestershire Leaders have agreed to host up to 50 Syrian refugees in Worcestershire. The aim is to resettle refugee families in different areas of the County. 50 refugees were resettled across Redditch, Wyre Forest and Worcester in 2016/17. This new commitment will bring the total number of refugees resettled under the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in Worcestershire up to 100. It follows a decision by the leaders of Worcestershire County, Bromsgrove District, Malvern Hills District, Redditch Borough, Worcester City, Wychavon District and Wyre Forest District Councils at a recent meeting.

Finally, and sadly, you are probably already aware that our interim Chief Executive, Steve Stewart passed away last week. Steve joined the Council in May of last year and has made a big contention during his time with us. Steve had a career lasting more than 40 years in local government and was the Chief Executive at three different councils, York, Northumberland and here at Worcestershire. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

Smartwater – the Smartwater roll-out is 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. Clerk will also produce a rota for the day and ask for volunteers on the residents Facebook page.

3. **Twinning** – there has been another successful meeting held and this item is ongoing but still in very early stages. Sarah Pearson, Chairman of the Committee has drawn up a document on why we should twin and has sent to a village in Normandy.
4. **Allotments** – this item was deferred.
5. **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. Clent Club are also very keen to be involved along with the Parish Council.

2018/4752

PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

17/01466 – 10 Church Avenue, Holy Cross – demolition of outbuildings and erection of single storey domestic extension - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

18/00256 – Springfield, Bromsgrove Road – erection of 2 storey and single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing kitchen, porch and snug extensions and creation of new vehicle access and vehicle hardstanding – **Neutral – Parish Council commented that any extension should be sympathetic to the existing architecture of the building**

Planning Appeals

Nothing to report

2018/4753

GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS

Update on toilets – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed he had finished stripping out the toilets. Most of the wood is on site but the weather has delayed starting. He is still awaiting a quotation for the cess pit.

Boules Sign – should be installed this week.

2018/4754

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Smith is still trying to contact the old Lengthsman to ask for the return of the strimmer.

Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Bates did a tour of the village to agree suggested locations for white gates. Suggested locations are:-

- 2 behind Clent sign on Bromsgrove Road approaching from the Lyttleton
- 2 gates on Bromsgrove Road approaching from the dual carriageway A491
- 1 gate on the Belbroughton Road approaching from Belbroughton on the right-hand side before the bus stop.



It was also asked whether the County Councillor could look into extending the 30mph speed limit further from Clent into Hagley and also extend up St Kenelms Pass towards Clent Church.

2018/4755 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

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

2018/4756 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

Nothing to report

2018/4757 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

Nothing to report

2018/4758 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

2018/4759 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4748

Signed
Chairman of the Council