



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Smith 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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Clent Parish Hall**

2018/4818 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Price, Cllr. Beaumont, Cllr. Mrs Howard, Cllr. Bates and Cllr. Sheppard  
 Apologies – Cllr. Allen-Jones  
 Also Present – Cllr. Mrs May, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Ruth Mullett Clerk,  
 The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2018/4819 **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  
 Cllr. Beaumont – Member of Clent Cricket Club and Member of Clent Club Social

2018/4820 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2018/4821 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. The Youth Council Chairman confirmed that the damaged allotment gate is to be replaced.
2. The Youth Council are willing to be involved in the World War One event and are thinking of ways in which they can participate.
3. Clerk is to work with the Youth Council and Cllr. Mrs May to try and find a date when they can visit County Hall.

2018/4822 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. To confirm receipt of £125.00 Wayleaves.
3. Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
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11474	S Tromans	Hedge cutting	740.00
11475	BDC	Lease of land	60.00
11476	N B Wood	Toilets	748.80
11477	I Wheeler	Lengthsman	263.75
11478	J Heritage	Toilets	1355.76
11479	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	364.69

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

2018/4823 **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Cllr. Price agreed to do an update for the parish magazine on Smartwater roll-out.
2. The BT telephone box is near to completion. He has gone slightly over budget but this additional spend was approved by all councillors. The exact figures will be supplied to the Clerk once the phone box is complete. It was also noted that all labour has been donated free of charge. He is now looking at ways in which we can get local businesses to sponsor the phone box. Cllr. Smith would like to pave around the phone box and will get quotations.

2018/4824 **TRAINING**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend the SLCC National Conference to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October to be paid three ways between Hunnington, Romsley and Clent Parish Council at a cost of £143.33.

2018/4825 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website.
2. **District Councillors** –
  - Cllr. Sherrey** – Confirmed she has reported the dumped tree in Field Lane to Bromsgrove District Council.
  - Cllr. Allan-Jones** – No report given.
  - County Cllr. May** –
    - Had reported the hedge in Woodman Lane to Highways who were looking into it.
    - Had reported the trees in Church Avenue to BDHT
    - Had ordered new road signs for Pool Furlong
    - Had sent Clerk details of the Probation Service
    - Had reported the blocked drains on Adams Hill
    - Horsall Lane residents are concerned with visibility and would like a mirror – Cllr. Mrs May will take forward
    - Confirmed that the VAS sign and lamp will be installed shortly



- Pavement by Rose Cottage, Horsall Lane is very uneven – Cllr. Mrs May to take a look in conjunction with Highways.
3. **Smartwater** – with the help of Cllr. Price and Cllr. Sheppard rollout of Smartwater to the whole of the parish is progressing. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter inviting residents to come between 6.30pm and 7.00pm before our Parish Council meeting starts to collect their Smartwater kit.
  4. **Twinning** – Sadly there has been no response from Moyaux so we are looking at another location. The working party will continue to meet and report back when a suitable location has been found.
  5. **World War 1 Event** – This event is progressing well. Cllr. Sugden suggested we planted an oak tree to commemorate the event. A resident kindly agreed to donate a large oak tree from his father's garden.
  6. **Litter pick** – It was agreed to hold the litter pick on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018. Clerk to organise a newsletter distribution for weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> September and to contact the Youth Council to see if they would help with the distribution.

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#### **PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report

##### **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

18/00596 – Oldnall Cottage, Bromsgrove Road – construction of dormer windows to rear slope of existing garage – **No objections**

##### **Planning Appeals**

Nothing to report

2018/4827

#### **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**

1. **Toilets** – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed the septic tank has now been installed. Work will then commence on getting the rest of the decking down. Cllr. Sheppard also confirmed he is to meet with the Cricket Club to go through the expenditure so they can pay out the grant to the Parish Council towards the toilets.

2018/4828

#### **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

1. It was agreed to ask the maintenance man to weed kill the kerbs around the parish.
2. Cllr. Mrs Sherrey confirmed that the Police do not distribute cones to local businesses. She confirmed the Police have been to visit Clent Nurseries and he is working with them to try and alleviate some of the parking issues.

2018/4829

#### **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

Cllr. Mrs May confirmed the new street light and flashing speed sign should be installed shortly.



2018/4830 **PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN**

It was agreed for the Chairman and Clerk to meet with the Lengthsman to have a catch up session with him and hand over the strimmer. The Working Party are to meet and discuss the Lengthsman's end of probationary service.

2018/4831 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

Cllr. Sheppard had meet with Worcestershire Wildlife and asked that his email response be minuted.

*Thank you for showing me around the cricket ground wild flower meadow today. It has developed quickly and I was really delighted to see so many wild flowers. Annuals such as yellow hay rattle were doing well. I also saw many perennials, including meadow vetchling, plantain, ox-eye daisy, yarrow, mallow, red campion, buttercup and knapweed. There are many different grasses, including sweet vernal grass which gives hay its characteristic smell. Encouragingly there were no agricultural weeds to be concerned about.*

*As you are aware, the site needs annual maintenance, in the form of a hay cut after the summers growth has died back. It is worth keeping the scrub such as blackthorn to the edge. This year it is ready to harvest early because of the heatwave. Any time from now onwards would be suitable. The action of cutting the hay encourages the wild flower seed to drop. The perennials will continue to spread in time. The yellow rattle parasitises the grasses and helps keep them from taking over and this will encourage more wild flowers to spread and colonise. We can arrange for you to supplement the site with additional wild flower seed from some of our nature reserves. In time even orchids may colonise the site. I have to say that for such a young wild flower meadow it looked really good and I am sure is appreciated by the community. I have no doubt that the meadow provides valuable habitat for increasing endangered insects such as bees and butterflies and homes for small mammals. In turn these provide feed for predators, notably many of our popular birds such as kestrels and jays.*

*If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Cllr. Sugden confirmed he would be serving on Worcestershire CALC Executive Committee for a further year.

2018/4832 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

Nothing to report



2018/4833 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

Cllr. Mrs Howard gave everyone an update on the new community social group, Chel's Social which has been started in Clent. Both Cllr. Mrs Howard and Clerk are supporting the event on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk confirmed she had also managed to secure some start-up funding for the group from Cllr. Mrs May's Divisional Fund of £500.00.

2018/4834 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4822

Signed  
**Chairman of the Council**