



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman allowed parishioners present to address the Council.

**Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Clent Parish Hall**

2019/4915 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

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

Apologies – Cllr. Sugden – his reason for apology was accepted by all councillors present

Clerk was not in attendance

The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2019/4916 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda. All councillors have standing declarations, namely:

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

Cllr. Sugden – neighbour planning application – land behind Summerfield Road

2019/4917 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2019/4918 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council would like astro turf around the goal points and it was suggested to ask the Lengthsman for a quote. It was also agreed to order new hoodies and notebooks. All youth councillors will attend the litter pick.

2019/4919 **FINANCE**



1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated to all councillors. Bank Statements scrutinised and initialled by the Chairman.
2. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to appoint a new Clerk and RFO. Cllr. Bates will take on the RFO role on a temporary basis.
3. Accounts for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Net Sum</b>
11534	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	2009.41
11537	Kidwells Solicitors	Legal Advice	220.00
11538	S Bubb	Play inspection/litter pick	1000.00
11539	K Smith	Chairman’s Allowance	500.00
11540	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of hall	47.50
11541	BDC	Lease of land	60.00
11542	BDC	Litter bins	1035.11
11544	E Sheppard	Maintenance	157.90
11545	E Sheppard	Maintenance	11545

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

2019/4920

**TO RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT**

1. It was agreed that the council would report on topical subjects of interest bearing in mind the time delay in publishing.
2. **Risk Assessment** – this will be circulated to all councillors.
3. **Elections Timetable** – this has been circulated to all councillors.
4. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April before the normal meeting.

2019/4921

**TRAINING**

All councillors were circulated a copy of Planning Do’s and Don’ts.

2019/4922

**TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

1. **District Councillors** –
  - Cllr. Sherrey** – Confirmed that the budget for 2019/20 had been agreed.
  - Cllr. Allan-Jones** – No report given.
  - County Cllr. May** – Agreed to chase County Council for Welcome to Clent Sign to be placed on the white gates off the A491 and replacement signs for Field House Lane and Pool Furlong. She is also going to look at tidying up the island by Clent Nurseries.
2. **Beacon** – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed he had removed the beacon from Clent Hills ready to be sited in Centenary Field. Clerk has also invoiced the Clent Hills for the removal.



3. **Litter pick** – Flyers have been printed and will be circulated to all residents. Cllr. Mrs May has agreed to go into school to present the winners of the poster competition with their book tokens. Copies of all the winners' posters will be placed on the notice boards.

2019/4923

**PLANNING MATTERS**

**District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report

**Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

Nothing to report

**Planning Appeals**

Nothing to report

2019/4924

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

1. **Toilets** – installation is progressing.
2. **Party in the Park** – It was agreed to hold this on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

2019/4925

**HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

1. **Bee connected** – It was agreed that Clent Parish Council would support this initiative. Cllr. Bates agreed to liaise with local bee keepers for further information.
2. **30mph speed limited** – Cllr. Mrs May in conjunction with Highways are monitoring the speed on Belbroughton Road.
3. **Installation of bus shelter** – this item was deferred

2019/4926

**HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS/LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

Lengthsman Jobs

1. Clear ditch/drain on Bromsgrove Road from the dual carriageway to the school – **work is in progress, still outstanding**
2. To provide a list of all grids/drains in the parish – **Work is in progress, still outstanding**
3. It was agreed to meet with the Lengthsman before signing this year's annual contract. It was noted that he was not submitting invoices and the Chairman agreed to ring him.

2019/4927

**STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

The flashing speed sign should be installed within the next month. It was also agreed to move the Smartwater sign higher up the column.

2019/4928

**OUTSIDE MEETINGS/COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE  
BODIES**

Four Councillors attended Election Training at BDC.



2019/4929 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

Nothing to report

2019/4930 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2019/4919

2019/4931 **THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM RELATES TO BUSINESS OF A CONFIDENTIAL/SENSITIVE NATURE DURING WHICH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING AS PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960)**

As discussed Council **RESOLVED** to agree a way forward.

Signed  
**Chairman of the Council**