

## Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Press and public are cordially invited to attend

# AGENDA

## 1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

## 2. Declarations of interest

With reference to items on the agenda members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) and to update their register of interests as required.

## 3. Dispensations

To consider any requests to the Clerk for dispensations from Members who have declared an interest but wish to stay in the meeting during that time to aid discussion/speak/vote.

### 4. Democratic Half Hour/Questions from the Public

Electors are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The exact time of the democratic half-hour is at the discretion of the Chairman.

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### 5. Updates from District/County Councillors

To receive updates from the Bromsgrove District Councillors and Worcestershire County Councillor.

#### 6. Clent Youth Council

To receive an update from the Youth Council representative.

### **ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION**

#### 7. Minutes (\*)

To resolve to accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as true record of the proceedings.

### 8. Finance (\*)

To consider and agree the payment of the following:

- (a) N Farress Temporary Clerk Fees £263.00
- (b) To consider and approve the monthly budget monitoring report
- (c) To consider and approve the monthly bank reconciliation report

## 9. General maintenance & highway matters

To discuss any highway or parish maintenance matters and agree any action necessary.

#### 10. Grounds Maintenance & Play Areas

(a) To receive an update from Cllr Sheppard in relation to the boggy area in the playing fields caused by a ruptured pipe and agree any action required.(b) To discuss and agree the costs for the works required by the recent RoSPA report detailing the condition of the play equipment.

#### **11. Planning Applications**

To consider any planning applications submitted to Bromsgrove DC and make any comments in support or objection.

(a) **19/00725/FUL** - Construction of a three-bedroom detached dwelling - 1 Kings Meadow, Holy Cross, Stourbridge, Worcestershire

#### 12. Parish Magazine

To nominate a Councillor to write this month's contribution to the Parish Magazine.

#### 13. Litter Pick

To consider the costs of purchasing litter picking equipment. Cllrs Bates and Mrs Howard to provide a report.

#### 14. New Clerk/RFO (\*)

(a) Update from the Staffing Working Group on the recruitment of a new Clerk

(b) Transferring the role of Responsible Financial Officer

### **ITEMS/UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

#### 15. Chairman's Chain

To discuss the Chairman's Chain and when this should be worn. As requested by Cllr A Sherrey.

### 16. Councillors' reports and items for the next agenda

Councillors may use this opportunity to report matters for information and to raise items for future agendas.

### **17. Exclusion of Press and Public**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960s1(2) it will be proposed by the Chair to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting in order to discuss matters of a confidential nature.

### 18. Appointment of Clerk/RFO (\*)

(a) Discuss and agree recommendations from Staffing Working Group on hours/salary scale and benefits;

(b) Discuss and agree recommendations from Staffing Committee on short listed candidates to be interviewed.

(\*) Denotes that this item has an associated written report which may be attached with this Agenda, sent separately or made available at the meeting.

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