



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 15th November 2021**  
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

## Minutes

**Present:** Cllr Nick Sugden (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Sherrey, Cllr David Mudie, Cllr Ed Sheppard, Cllr Peter Bates, Cllr Margaret Sherrey and Cllr Drew Beaumont.

**In attendance:** Nick Farress (Clerk), 3 members of the public

### 5299 Apologies for absence

County Cllr Karen May.

### 5300 Declarations of interest

Cllr Sheppard declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Minute 5304 as he is the temporary parish Lengthsman. Cllr Sheppard did not vote on this item or sign the cheque payable to himself.

### 5301 Dispensations

There were none.

### Open session

*The meeting was adjourned for the open session and the following reports/updates were noted.*

Public comments/questions:

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Anti-social behaviour on and around Clent Hills. The Clerk would write to Cllr Karen May who had been in conversation with the National Trust about these issues to ask for an update. The Clerk would also invite a member of the WMP Safer Neighbourhood Team to a future meeting so that these concerns can be raised directly and the police can explain how they are planning to tackle the problem.

District Councillor Margaret Sherrey provided updates on the following:

- Flytipping

### 5302 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

### 5303 Correspondence

- (a) From St Leonard's Church asking for a grant towards the maintenance of the church clock. It was **RESOLVED** to grant £500 for the church clock.
- (b) From a parishioner asking if the parish council meeting minutes can be published in the parish magazine. It was agreed not to publish Minutes in the parish magazine as by the time the approved Minutes appear they will be months out of date. The Clerk would write an article about council accessibility and information provision for the January edition of the magazine.

### 5304 Finance

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following for November 2021:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses	£688.26
(ii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£312.00
(iii) St Leonard's Church (clock servicing)	£500.00
(iv) Magazine Account	£280.00
(v) Hucks Nets (trampoline)	£1193.50
(vi) Ed Sheppard Expenses (spring)	£150.00
(vii) Shaws (minute binder)	£168.00

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report dated 31/10/2021 prepared by the Clerk.

(d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the October 2021 bank reconciliation noting a balance of £108,023.86 as at 31st October 2021.

(e) It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a hamper for Three Roses Homes in lieu of them maintaining the public footpath adjacent to their property up to a value of £100.

### 5305 General Maintenance and Highway Matters

- (a) Silt trap – the Clerk would check with Cllr May as to whether WCC have yet cleared out the silt trap following the clearance of silt from the pond.
- (b) Western Road speed limit. The Clerk would chase Hagley PC for a reply about whether their parish council supported extending the speed limit on Western Rd into Clent.
- (c) Grit bin Adams Hill. Cllr May was looking into whether WCC would be able to site a bin on NT land - the Clerk would make enquiries with Cllr May. It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council would fund a WCC bin and the salt to go in it if WCC and the NT could agree on a location.
- (d) Street lighting – the lamp on Bromsgrove Rd remains unlit as does the lamps on the roundabout. The Clerk would ask Cllr May for an update.

### 5306 Field Maintenance and Play Areas

(a) Lease on trim trail. Bromsgrove DC have yet to confirm whether the lease to the PC is going to be renewed. Once this is established, a decision can be made about the future of the trim trail. Cllr Margaret Sherrey would follow this up with BDC.

### 5307 Additional Defibrillators

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 2 defibrillators and cabinets from reserves at a cost of up to £3000. The cost of installation would be an additional cost but reserves were healthy. The

Clerk would order these from the BHF. The ongoing maintenance of the machines would need to be considered in future revenue budgets.

**5308 Planning**

There were no new applications to consider.

**5309 Parish Magazine**

It was agreed that an article about parish council communications is drafted by the Clerk for the January edition.

**5310 Community Hub Project**

The plans for the new Hub were on display in the parish hall. The planning application had yet to be submitted to BDC.

**5311 December meeting**

It was agreed not to hold a meeting in December with the next ordinary meeting being the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is the **17<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at 7.00pm at Clent Parish Hall.

*The meeting closed at 8.00pm.*

**Signed as a true record:**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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