



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 18th July 2022**
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

Present: Cllr Nick Sugden (Chairman), Cllr Ed Sheppard, Cllr Andrew Sherrey, Cllr Drew Beaumont.
In attendance: County Cllr Karen May, Nick Farress (Clerk), 7 members of the public.

5387 Apologies for absence

Cllr Margaret Sherrey (illness), Cllr Peter Bates (holiday)

5388 Declarations of interest

Cllr Ed Sheppard declared a Pecuniary Interest in Minute 5393(a)(iii) as he is the parish Lengthsman. Cllr Sheppard did not vote on this item or sign the cheque.

5389 Dispensations

There were none.

Open session

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

Public comments/questions:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

- Representatives from Sunfield School were in attendance to talk about their plans to expand the site and engage more proactively with the local community. Plans include a new Upper School, a community shop, café and new outdoor education areas. The parish council would comment on the plans as consultees once notified by BDC in the usual way.
- Hedge and unstable bank in Odnall Lane – this was the wall being monitored by the NT. WCC would attend the site to see if traffic management was necessary as the footway was getting impassable.
- Broken pipe under the playing field – see Minute 5394 below.
- Further broken pipe under Hossil Lane. WCC are attending to this.

Updates from District and County Councillors:

Cllr Karen May provided updates on the following:

- Odnall Lane unstable bank and wall. Cllr May continues to talk to the NT about this.
- Church Avenue overgrowing trees – WCC would look to reduce the crown of the trees as they were starting to adversely affect the highway.
- Footway from Bell & Cross along Belbroughton Rd is to be resurfaced.

5390 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th June 2022 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5391 Correspondence

There was no new correspondence that was not already on the Agenda.

5392 Police and Crime

(a) PCC's annual town & parish council survey – this was completed, and Cllr Beaumont would return it to the PCC.

(b) Parish council's top three crime related working priorities. These hadn't changed since the last communication from the SNT. The priorities remained as anti-social behaviour, speeding & road safety and drug use/dealing on the Clent Hills.

5393 Finance

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following for July 2022:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses	£721.09
(ii) HMRC PAYE	£1.80
(iii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£263.00
(iv) Scot-Petshop Ltd (dog bags)	£122.50
(v) Clent Connect Ltd	£722.88
(vi) Nick Sugden Expenses	£113.05
(vii) Paul Timmins (beacon painting)	£250.00
(viii) Candoo Web Design and Hosting	£936.00
(ix) Clent Cricket Club	£350.00

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report dated 30/06/2022 prepared by the Clerk.

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the June 2022 bank reconciliation noting a balance of £107,152.57 as at 30/06/22.

5394 General maintenance & highway matters

(a) Broken pipe in playing field. WCC had confirmed that this pipe was the responsibility of the PC and the PC should therefore carry out the repairs. It was **RESOLVED** in principle that the work to repair the pipe would be organised and paid for by the PC. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained by the same contractor who carried out the slit trap and pond clearance as he was known to both WCC and the PC and his work was of a high quality. It was further **RESOLVED** to waive the requirement to obtain 3 quotations on this basis, plus the need for the work to be carried out as soon as possible. Cllr Sheppard would circulate the quote when received and councillors with any objection to the price quoted is asked to notify the Clerk and the Chairman.

(b) A quotation for £350 to fit the defibrillator at the French Hen was received. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the work based on this quotation and Cllr Sheppard would liaise with the contractor.

5395 Field Maintenance & Play Areas

(a) Trim Trail land lease - the Chairman reported that a meeting was to take place on the 27th July between the PC (Cllrs Margaret Sherrey, Sheppard and Sugden) and BDC officers to agree draft headline terms, ahead of making a recommendation to full council in September. It was agreed that if BDC offered to transfer the allotments to the PC, the PC would decline.

(b) The Chairman wanted to thank Paul Timmins for doing such a good job on painting the beacon, now situated on Centenary Field.

5396 Planning

Cllr Andrew Sherrey reported that a pre-application notification had been received in relation to a large extension at Owl’s Nest, Belbroughton Road. The Clerk clarified that the PC had not yet received a consultation letter. Cllr Sherrey would monitor this.

5397 Parish Magazine

Cllr Bates had volunteered in his absence to write the entry for the September magazine.

5398 Councillor updates and items for next Agenda.

Cllr Andrew Sherrey reminded everyone that refuse collections were going ahead but earlier than usual, starting at 6.00am due to the hot weather.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council is the **19th September 2022** at Clent Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____