



Clent Parish Council

Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council at
7:00pm on Monday 15th January 2024
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. Questions from the Public (15 minutes maximum)

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 duration of the public section is at the discretion of the Chairman.

5. Update from Clent Connect

To receive an update from representatives of Clent Connect who operate the Community Shop and other wellbeing services and receive grant funding from the Parish Council.

6. Updates from District/County Councillors

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

7. Minutes

To resolve to accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 20th November 2023 as true record of the proceedings.

8. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting:

- (a) From West Mercia Police asking the PC to identify its policing "Parish Priorities".
- (b) From a parishioner in relation to creating a "Community Orchard".
- (c) From a parishioner in relation to the new play area on the Clent Hills.

9. Finance

(a) To consider and agree the payment of the following for December/January 2024:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses	£1540.66
(ii) HMRC PAYE	£40.16
(iii) Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£342.25
(iv) WCC Street Lamp Replacement	£1283.92
(v) Clent Parish Hall	£86.25
(vi) BDC lease of land	£60.00
(vii) GJH Electrical (xmas tree lights)	£300.00
(viii) Tree Tops (emergency tree works)	£200.00

(ix) Nick Sugden (Three Roses Hamper)	£107.83
(x) Steve Bubb (Christmas Tree)	£260.00
(xi) P Timmins (beacon painting Sept 23)	£180.00
(xii) WCC parish lighting Q3	£675.73
(xiii) Ed Sheppard rock salt	£64.87

(b) To consider a request from the St Leonards Vicar to grant £250 to the school to allow teachers to purchase a small Christmas gift for each pupil (request made to the Chairman in November 2023).

(c) To consider and approve the budget monitoring report (circulated previously)

(d) To consider and approve the monthly bank reconciliation for November and December 2023 (circulated previously)

(e) To set the budget for the 2024/25 financial year and demand a precept from Bromsgrove DC.

10. General maintenance & highway matters

(a) To consider a response from WCC in relation to replacing the “heritage” street lamps and the associated costs.

(b) Holy Cross Green maintenance – Cllr Bates asked that the council consider the costs and benefits of contracting out the maintenance of Holy Cross Green.

(c) Parish boundary planters. To receive any update from the Chairman re discussions with Clent Nurseries.

(d) To discuss any other highway and/or parish maintenance matters and agree any action necessary.

11. Field Maintenance & Play Areas

(a) To discuss/consider any field maintenance or play area matters and agree any action necessary.

12. Planning

To consider any planning applications submitted to Bromsgrove DC and make any comments in support or objection as consultee – Cllr A Sherrey.

13. Clent Youth Council

To receive an update from Cllr M Sherrey and Cllr ffoulkes regarding the reinstatement of the Youth Council.

14. Parish Magazine

To agree content for February’s contribution to the Parish Magazine.

15. Councillors’ reports and items for the next Agenda

To receive any items of information from Councillors and consider items for the next Agenda.

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Nick Farress
Clerk & RFO

