



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 17th June 2024**
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

Present: Cllr Andrew Sherrey (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Margaret Sherrey, Cllr David Mudie, Cllr Sara ffoulkes, Cllr Peter Bates.

In attendance: Nick Farress (Clerk), District Cllr Simon Nock, 6 members of the public.

5628 Apologies for absence

Cllr Ed Sheppard, Cllr Drew Beaumont, County/District Cllr Karen May

5629 Declarations of interest

There were none.

5630 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 the public:

- Dog fouling school competition entries – these were given to Cllr Nock for forwarding to Cllr May. The Clerk would write a letter of thanks to the student who raised the dog fouling issue and put forward the idea of a competition.
- PROW alongside Three Roses Homes – the gateway out towards the Belbroughton Road is very overgrown. The Clerk would ask the Lengthsman to attend.
- Footpath alongside the pond is still very muddy. It was noted that the contractor that was going to level/surface the path had pulled out. Cllr Sheppard was looking into alternative contractors.

County and District Councillor Updates

Councillor Simon Nock reported on the following from Bromsgrove DC:

- Not many meetings at present due to the pre-election period.
- 2021 accounts now available on the BDC website.
- Local plan work has been paused.

5631 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2024 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5632 Correspondence

The following correspondence was considered:

- (a) A resident had reported a blocked bridleway between Hossil Lane and Hackmans Gate Lane. The Clerk had reported this to WCC for their action.
- (b) The resident who manages the local volunteer litterpickers asked the PC for £130 to purchase 12 litter pickers. It was **RESOLVED** to agree to this request and Cllr Bates would inform the volunteer group and ask them to have the invoice sent direct to the PC for payment.
- (c) WMP had asked for the PC's "top three crime priorities". The only priority for the PC currently is to deal with the anti-social behaviour and potential drug dealing happening on the Nimmings car park on the Clent Hills. The Clerk would communicate this back to WMP.

5633 Finance

- (a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of the following for June 2024:
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report dated 31/05/24 prepared by the Clerk.
- (c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the May 2024 bank reconciliation noting a balance of £104,040.57 as at 31/05/2024.

5634 General maintenance & highway matters

- (a) Heritage lamp replacements – it was **RESOLVED** to ask WCC to go ahead with the remaining 11 replacement lamps at around £800 per lamp (net of VAT).
- (b) WMP Phone box on Adams Hill – Cllr May is dealing with this, but in her absence Cllr Sherrey would also speak with the new Chief Inspector for North Worcestershire to ask him to escalate this.
- (c) Bromsgrove Road up to the school – the pavement is very overgrown causing issues for children and parents walking to school. The Clerk would ask the Lengthsman to attend.
- (d) Odnall Lane – the pavement here is still restricted due to the vegetation and "dangerous" wall issue. The Lengthsman was aware of this and would attend as soon as possible, but it was noted that the ownership of the trees/hedges and the wall were still in dispute.

5635 Field Maintenance & Play Areas

- (a) Slide – the concrete is exposed again at the bottom of the slide. The land needs to be lifted somehow as the rubber chippings keep falling to the side. The Clerk would ask Cllr Sheppard to attend to this.

5636 Planning

- (a) New applications – no new applications.
- (b) 55 Belbroughton Road, two storey extension has been refused as inappropriate development in the green belt.

5637 Youth Council

No specific updates but further notices would be sent to parents/children to encourage more members.

5638 Parish Magazine

The Clerk would write a general update.

5639 Councillor updates and items for next Agenda.

There were no further updates.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council is the 15th July 2024 at Clent Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: _____ **Date:** _____