



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Sugden allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 14 parishioners in attendance.

Attendance from David Rischmiller, North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 15th February 2016 at Clent Parish Hall

2016/4407 APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Present – Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Hess, Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Sheppard, Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Smith
Apologies – Cllr. Price, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey, Cllr. Allen-Jones, Cllr. Collella and Cllr. Mrs Jenkins
Also Present – Ruth Mullett Clerk,
The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2016/4408 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda.
Other Disclosable Interest – Cllr. Sheppard – Maintenance of Clent Cricket Pitch, Member of Clent Club Social
Cllr. Sugden – Member of Clent Club Social
Cllr. Smith – Member of Clent Cricket Club and Member of Clent Club Social
Cllr. Mrs Howard – Member of Clent Club Social
Cllr. Sugden member of Clent History Society
Cllr. Hess – Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Strathearn Development and planning application 14/0408 – Land R/O Algoa House, Western Road – Cllr. Hess has a Dispensation Granted on this item
Cllr, Mrs Howard Member of Comic Theatre Group

2016/4409 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

2016/4410 YOUTH COUNCIL

1. Queens 90th Birthday - Youth Council would like to organise some kind of street party theme, maybe involving the Clent Cricket Club and holding the event on Centenary Field. It was agreed for Cllr. Mrs Howard to write to all local community groups asking them to attend our next meeting to discuss the area further and ascertain whether they would be willing to be involved. The Youth Council are also holding a "Clean Up the Village" event on Saturday 5th March.



2016/4411 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** not to advertise this year in Hagley Village News.
3. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make a grant to Bromsgrove Citizens Advice Bureau of £500.00.
4. Accounts for payment

| Cheque | Payee | Detail | Sum |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 11246 | Phil Dunkley | Lengthsman | 533.55 |
| 11247 | SLCC | Conference | 273.50 |
| 11248 | Worcs CC | Street Lighting | 5554.78 |
| 11250 | HMRC | Payroll Taxes Due | 320.13 |
| 11251 | N Sugden | Mileage | 22.05 |
| 11252 | BDC | Litter and dog bins | 682.34 |
| 11253 | R Mullett | Software | 79.99 |
| 11254 | Citizens Advice Bureau | Grant | 500.00 |

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Hess sign the cheques.

2016/4412 **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

2016/4413 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website. It was agreed to purchase more NHW signs to place around the village, Clerk to order. We are still looking for co-ordinators in Church Avenue and Woodman Lane by the French Hen.
2. **District Councillors – Cllr. Sherrey**
 - **.Government Revenue Support Grant** – *following strong representations by Bromsgrove and fourteen other Councils a revised settlement was announced last week which was an improvement on the original settlement. The negative grants for 2016/17, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 have been suspended, in other words we were due to pay government rather than the other way around, and transitional grants have been introduced to ease the reduction in RSG. We are still negative in 2019/2020. Whilst this reduces our funding gap it still leaves us with some difficult decisions. We are currently working on a revised budget which will be presented to Council on 24th February. We still disagree with assumptions made by the government in the original settlement and a meeting is being arranged with Greg Clark, Secretary of State for*



Communities and Local Government to discuss these. We are also able to apply for an efficiency deal by 31st October but we do not yet have details.

- **Town Centre** – *Negotiations with the developers acting for Waitrose continue to move positively forward.*
- **Worcestershire Hospitals** – *Matters are moving forward but there is nothing concrete to report at this stage.*

Cllr. Colella

- *Bromsgrove District Council will be deciding its 2016/2017 budget at the 24th February 2016 council meeting. This is set against reducing government grant support. Budgets will be presented at full Council by the three groups. Parish Council precepts will be tabled for approval.*
- *Joint bids from balances have been submitted by Hagley District Councillors Colella and Jenkins. Two bids (Chub £600,000) and Hagley Scouts (£100,000) will be considered by a cross party task group based on a matrix model in the new financial year. Two further bids have been submitted by Councillors from Wythall and Barnt Green for community projects.*
- *District Councillors will have the opportunity to 'feed into' the Government's proposed changes to the NHB Scheme.*

Cllr. Allan-Jones – *No report given.*

County Cllr. Jenkins – *No report given*

3. **Community Governance Review** – The order was made on 26th January by Bromsgrove District Council and the Section 99 Agreement has been signed by Clent Parish Council and we are awaiting signature from Hagley Parish Council and Bromsgrove District Council.
4. **Queen's 90th Birthday** – this was also discussed under Youth Council. Clent Cricket Club confirmed that the pitch would be free on 11th June and this was agreed to be the day we celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Cllr. Mrs Howard has also met with the Lengthsman and Worcestershire County Council and we are going to tidy up and replant the island next to Clent Nurseries as part of the 90th Birthday Celebrations. Richard Clewer, Worcestershire Highways has also agreed to send the road sweeper to clean up the island.
5. **Public Access Defibrillator** – this item was deferred.
6. **Website Update** – Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Price are working at completely rebuilding the website to make it friendlier and community based with loads more features. We are looking to launch the new website in April 2016.
7. **Newsletter** – Cllr. Sugden is going to co-ordinate the newsletter and it's hoped to be distributed the beginning of April.



District Council Decisions

15/0959 – The Nook, Holy Cross Green – construction of new two storey extension to rear, basement with roof light connecting main dwelling to outbuilding and works to boundary wall in conservation area –

Approved

15/0849 – Church Row Cottages, Vine Lane – single storey extension and conservatory - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/0004 – demolition of internal wall and removal of kitchenette to create larger bathroom – **No objections**

16/0027 – Land adjoining Odnall Farm, Bromsgrove Road – conversion of existing barn to a dwelling with extension and vehicular access – **No objections**

16/0031 – 53 Western Road, Hagley – proposed single storey rear extension and infilling to existing porch – **No objections**

Planning Appeals

None

Planning Appeals Decisions

None

2016/4415 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**

There is also a problem with water pooling near the pond. Clerk and Chairman have met with Richard Clewer, Highways to look at the problem and we are awaiting details of specialist drainage contractors. Clerk to also ask Steve Tromans to infill the goal posts.

The proposed mains sewer from Clent Club across Centenary Field was discussed in detail. It was agreed for Cllr. Sheppard to liaise with all parties concerned and arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss and understand further.

2016/4416 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

Nothing to report

2016/4417 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

Proposed Heritage sign at Holy Cross Green to be included on next agenda.

2016/4418 **PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN**

Cllr. Sheppard has some ideas and will be sending an email round.

2016/4419 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

Chairman attended CALC Executive Meeting, a small increase in subscriptions has been agreed and it was pleasing to note Worcestershire County Council is still supporting CALC with a grant. Kidderminster is going to be a Town Council from 1st April.



2016/4420 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

Nothing to report

2016/4421 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2016, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

Boules area

2016/4422 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2016/4411

Signed
Chairman of the Council

QUESTIONS ASKED DURING PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Why are we asking for quotations for mains sewers?