



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Sugden allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 11 parishioners in attendance.

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Clent Parish Hall**

#### 2016/4439 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Price, Cllr. Sheppard, Cllr. Mrs Howard and Cllr. Smith

Apologies – Cllr. Hess, Cllr. Allen-Jones, Cllr. Collella and Cllr. Mrs Jenkins

Also Present – District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Ruth Mullett Clerk,  
The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

#### 2016/4440 **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

Cllr. Price and Cllr. Bates – planning application 16/0276

#### 2016/4441 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

#### 2016/4442 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. The Youth Council are going to undertake a big recruitment drive to attract new members.
2. Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday - Youth Council would like to organise some kind of street party theme which will involve the Clent Cricket Club and holding the event on Centenary Field. They also thought they would like to have a display at the skateboard ramp and maybe some stalls selling sweets etc. It was agreed for them to write and invite Sajid Javid MP to attend.
3. The Youth Council are going to visit the House of Commons and Sajid Javid our MP on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.



2016/4443 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. To confirm receipt of £1.00 Licence Fee from Wendy Packwood
3. To confirm receipt of £159.87 refund from Came and Company Insurance
4. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £400 to St Leonards Church Clock
5. Accounts for payment

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Sum</b>
11265	Phil Dunkley	Lengthsman	926.50
11266	Worcestershire CALC	Subscriptions	872.18
11268	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	329.93
11269	Fields in Trust	Transfer Deed	195.00
11270	BDC	Dog and litter bins	682.35
11151	S Tromans	Grass cutting	710.00
11152	Direct2Print	Newsletters	300.00
11153	Play Safety Limited	RoSPA Report	336.00
11154	Steve Bubb	Litterpick and Play Inspection	1000.00
11155	St Leonards Church	Grant	400.00

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

2016/4444 **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

2016/4445 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website. PC Tim Burling has agreed to attend our May meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch.
2. **District Councillors –**  
**Cllr. Sherrey**  
**Visit to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government** – *Myself and colleagues met with Greg Clarke MP on 19<sup>th</sup> May in Westminster over the funding settlement to Bromsgrove. We were pleased with his receptive manner and he agreed to look into our queries on the assumptions in the settlement in his department. We will have to await the result but he promised to get back to us shortly.*  
**Centre Manager** – *A Centre Manager has been appointed to work with businesses throughout the District to retain those currently here and also to encourage new business. She will*



*work with the Portfolio Holder and the Economic Development Team. The Economic Development Officer and Communications Officer recently delivered a survey to businesses in Hagley. These were collected by me and the Portfolio Holder last Thursday and the majority of feedback related to parking problems.*

**Sainsbury's Site** – *The site on the Birmingham Road occupied by the Co-op and others has been sold by Sainsbury's to I M Properties. I and colleagues met with them on a pre-app visit last week. They intend to redevelop the site into several retail units and intimated that they were in negotiations with some leading names.*

**Forward Plan** – *We are currently revising our forward plan for the next three years.*

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

**County Cllr. Jenkins** – *No report given*

3. **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** – The Clent Gardening Club have confirmed they are willing to create a floral display on the island next to Clent Nurseries to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are awaiting design and costs. Paul Timmins also asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to grant some money to St Leonard's Church for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday special service. Clerk informed him to write to the Parish Council with his request so it could be placed on the next agenda for discussion/agreement.
4. **Public Access Defibrillator** – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to install a Public Defibrillator. Clent Parish Hall Trustees have confirmed they would prefer the Defibrillator to be housed on a separate post as opposed to attached to the Church Hall wall. Cllr. Price is looking into this and will report back to the next meeting.
5. **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 May 2016.

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## **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **District Council Decisions**

16/0088 – Kings Meadow, Holy Cross – proposed detached bungalow and associated external works – **Refused**

16/0145 – Roselea, Bromsgrove Road – proposed alternations to existing detached garage - **Approved**

### **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

16/0276 – The Nook, Holy Cross – construction of new two storey extension to rear, glazed link connecting main dwelling to outbuilding and works to boundary wall in conservation area – **No objections**

### **Planning Appeals**

None



- 2016/4447 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**  
The Parish Council have received written confirmation from Clent Club Trustees that they are no longer perusing installing mains sewage but will be installing a cess pit instead. The Parish Council wanted it placed on record that they are very supportive of this project and considered the installation of toilets at the cricket pavilion could have been of benefit for the whole community. Parish Councils are governed by procedures and sadly bureaucracy takes its time. The Chairman asked members of the Trustees for an urgent meeting to see if there was any chance the mains sewer could still go ahead.  
A revised quotation for the proposed Boules Pit had been received of £2,990.00. The Parish Council were more in favour of this quote but asked if we could obtain a revised quotation including fencing around the site.  
RoSPA Reports have been received and there is no remedial work due on the play areas.
- 2016/4448 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**  
Clerk to contact Highways to repair the grass verges on Bromsgrove Road as you come off the bypass.
- 2016/4449 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**  
Heritage Sign – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the quotation to replace the heritage sign at Holy Cross Green. It is hoped this will be finished for the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations.
- 2016/4450 **PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN**  
Cllr. Sheppard has some ideas and will be sending an email round.
- 2016/4451 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**  
Nothing to report
- 2016/4452 **CLERK’S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**  
Nothing to report
- 2016/4453 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**  
Nothing to report



2016/4454 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2016/4443

Signed  
**Chairman of the Council**

**QUESTIONS ASKED DURING PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

1. Street light in Holy Cross still not working.
2. Would the Parish Council be prepared to give a grant to the Church for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Service?
3. Where will the public defibrillator be installed?
4. Nice to use the skateboard ramps getting a lot more use since the upgrade.