



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CLENT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017 AT CLENT PARISH HALL

- 017/28 **WELCOME**
The Chairman welcomed all residents, Parish Councillors, clerk and all 6 parishioners.
- 017/29 **APOLOGIES**
Cllr. Smith, District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey, District Cllr. Allen-Jones District Cllr. Collella and County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins.
- 017/30 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Clerk read out the minutes from the previous meeting and these were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman Cllr. Sugden.
- 017/31 **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**
Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

Firstly I wish to thank my fellow Councillors on your behalf for all the hard work they have undertaken on Parish Matters.

Secondly thank you fellow parish councillors for your support to me over the last three years as Chairman. This is my last time in addressing you in this role and I am sure you will continue to support the new Chairman whom will be elected at the start of this month's parish meeting.

Thanks also to Ruth our Clerk for her hard work and dedication in carrying out the running of the Parish and for her wise counsel to the Parish Council on matters of procedure. We are well served in having an excellent qualified clerk.

And finally thanks to our Youth Council, whose enthusiasm is demonstrated by a number of initiatives undertaken throughout the year and their commitment shown by their attendance at their meeting which precede our own. They regularly update the council and parishioners at the parish council meeting.

So why do we hold an Annual Parish Meeting as well as our parish council meeting? The Annual Parish Meeting is less formal and provides an opportunity for your Chairman to provide a report covering the previous years as well as reports from District and County Councillors. No votes are taken at the meeting and parishioners may ask questions following such reporting.

The parish council meeting is formal and only items on the agenda may be discussed and votes are taken as appropriate especially where a commitment to spend money is concerned.



Our annual newsletter was recently distributed to parishioners and I hope you found the information useful and informative. This covered a number of topics and although I will not be repeating the information today if you have yet to read it I recommend you to.

In my time on the parish council, some six years, this is I believe the biggest newsletter we have produced. It does highlight that your parish council is investing in facilities for the benefit of our parishioners of all ages and will continue to do so in the future.

Last year I reported that we had been asked to consider installing a boules pitch. A suitable location was found next to the cricket pavilion and the parish council agreed to fund its installation. It was ready for use in time for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations in June.

This year we are hoping to add an outdoor table tennis stand and table. We are seeking a grant towards the cost of the purchase and installation with the balance being met by the parish council. The outcome of our grant application and the location of the table will be confirmed in due course.

We are fortunate to live in a very beautiful rural part of Worcester and your parish council strives to maintain a tidy parish. We keep the grass cut, hedges trimmed and streets lit. We have also during the winter employed contractors to pollard trees in Centenary Field.

However litter and dog fouling continue to create problems around Clent. We have in recent times increased the number of litter bins and have organised litter picks. It is a small minority I am sure who cause problems, not all of whom live in Clent. This was referred to in our newsletter and I hope that Clent residents will help us Keep Clent Tidy.

Our parish council meetings continue to be well attended and the points that were raised at our meetings allow your councillors to be aware of the issues which affect us.

We continue to allow issues to be raised during the meeting and relevant to the agenda and although at times this can be difficult to control, I believe it has added to the conduct of our business and engagement with our parishioners.

Finally I would like to thank those of you who have attended our meetings and corresponded with our Clerk Ruth Mullett. Your comments and observations have been very helpful.

*Thank you for listening.
Cllr. Nick Sugden
Chairman*



- 017/32 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR RACHEL JENKINS' REPORT**
No report given
- 017/33 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MARGARET SHERREY/CHRIS ALLEN-JONES/STEVE COLLELLA**
No report
- 017/34 **OPEN FORUM**
The Chairman invited questions from residents.

Signed

Chairman of the Council