



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Smith allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There were approximately 7 parishioners in attendance.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 18th June 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4798 APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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

2018/4799 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, Mrs Howard Member of Comic Theatre Group

2018/4800 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 be signed as a correct record with one addition from Cllr. Sheppard. The Chairman duly signed and initialled each page.

“Cllr. Smith is very disappointed with the wild flower meadow and feels it is not what the Parish Council signed up to.

Cllr. Sheppard pointed out that the work done on the meadow had been done by himself at only the cost of the seed and spray and had not cost a fortune as stated, the meadow was starting to spread several different species and would need a few years to develop. Cllr. Smith having said he had no knowledge of wild flower meadows would wait for Cllr. Sheppard to contact Andy Harris of Worcestershire Wildlife to look at the meadow and tell the Chairman his thoughts and the best way he can carry it forward.”

2018/4801 YOUTH COUNCIL



1. The Chairman of the Youth Council asked whether we could install another bin in the skate park. Clerk to action with Bromsgrove District Council.
2. They agreed the best locations for the fruit trees would be by the outdoor gym and running alongside the allotments.

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FINANCE

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated. Bank Statements scrutinised by the Chairman.
2. A request for a grant had been received from St Leonard’s Church for maintenance of the church clock. Following advice from NALC LO1-18 Financial Assistance to the Church, Clerk confirmed that the parish council did not have any power to grant money to the church. Clerk agreed to telephone the Treasurer and explain our situation.
3. Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11460	Ed Sheppard	Toilets	672.00
11461	Betonia IT	Back-up	89.99
11462	Candoo	Web Hosting	810.00
11463	Direct2Print	Letterheads	138.00
11464	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of hall/Brownies	240.502
11465	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	350.62
11467	Betonia IT	IT Support	8.70
11468	K J Wright	Trench Raiders	150.00
11469	Vision ICT	Website name hosting	96.00
11470	R Mullett	Table Tennis Bats	20.00
11471	Vinyl Fencing Ltd	White entrance gates	1111.20
11472	I Wheeler	Lengthsman	258.35
11473	S Hindle-Smith	Party in the park	14.68

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

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TO RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT

1. Sue Hindle-smith agreed to do an update for the parish magazine on the World War 1 event.
2. The BT telephone box has been painted and it looks very good. Renovation work will continue.

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TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Reports circulated to Councillors and placed on website.
2. **District Councillors** –
 - Cllr. Sherrey** – No report given.
 - Cllr. Allan-Jones** – No report given.
 - County Cllr. May** – No report given

Open for Business



A 1,500 tonne railway bridge extension over Worcester's Southern Link Road has been successfully manoeuvred into place in one of the biggest engineering operations to take place in the County.

Battenhall Bridge on the A4440 was moved into position by a team of engineers as work continues to fully dual the road from the M5 to Powick roundabout in Worcester.

In order for this work to be completed, a full shutdown of the railway line and the A4440 was necessary. After excellent progress, the road was reopened on Wednesday 30th May, fully 36 hours ahead of schedule.

The installation of the bridge follows months of round the clock preparatory works to get the area ready and a 20 second time-lapse video of the project has been produced which can be seen here:

YouTube/P8kitVgZIY

The next phase of the work will see the construction of the highway underneath the bridge and work is in preparation for this.

Children and Families

The Council's children's social care improvement work continues.

Ofsted has recently completed another monitoring visit and feedback has been positive. Inspectors were clear that there is more work to do but have recognised the continued progress. Inspectors described the Council's corporate parenting arrangements as a strength. They described the social worker as increasingly enthusiastic and committed, demonstrating a positive culture.

The Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) area inspection by Ofsted and CQC has also recently been published. Although the inspectors recognised recent progress in implementing the 2014 SEND code of practice, they are clear that the local area – which includes the Local Authority, Health Services and Schools – has a lot to do to improve.

Partners are now required to produce and submit an action plan to Ofsted.

Health and Wellbeing

Worcestershire's businesses and residents are being encouraged to help raise awareness about mental health. There are several ways businesses and residents can do this, one of which is by signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge.

Signing the Employer Pledge allows businesses across the country to demonstrate their commitment to change how we think and act about mental health in the workplace.

Additionally, Worcestershire has been chosen as one of a handful of areas in England to change how we all think and act about mental health locally by becoming a Time to Change Hub.

Time to Change is a national campaign run by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. Time to Change hubs are local partnerships which demonstrate their commitment to:

- *Putting people with personal experience of mental health problems at the heart of their work.*



- Embedding anti-stigma and discrimination work locally, whether that be local schools, workplaces or other community settings.
- Proactively campaigning to improve people's attitudes and behaviours towards mental health.

For more information on getting involved with the Time to Change Pledge please visit: <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/get-your-workplace-involved>

The Environment

Work has started to ease congestion at Worcestershire's worst traffic hotspots.

Worcestershire County Council has pledged £5m over the next 2 years to identify, investigate and deliver solutions to tackle congestion sites across the county.

Work has now been completed on the A442 Worcester Road just outside Kidderminster where there can be long tailbacks at peak times. An additional lane off the Hoobrook roundabout has improved traffic flows considerably.

The council's list of hotspots to improve includes the A44 through Worcester where junctions will be upgraded as well as a complete redesign of the major City Walls Road/Sidbury/Commandery Road interchange, including new pedestrian crossings. The Croft Road zebra crossing is also on the list to improve.

In Redditch, improvements will be made to the junction of Icknield Street Drive and Warwick Highway where a section of the carriageway will be widened this summer.

In Bromsgrove, work to improve the free flow of traffic along a section of Worcester Road where parked cars currently cause pinch point congestion, which has resulted in an air quality issue for residents. The council is also working with Wychavon District Council to develop an Evesham Transport Strategy, to explore and pursue options to alleviate congestion in the town.

Council News Update

Councillor Brandon Clayton, one of the County Councillors representing Redditch North has been elected to the new Chairman of Worcestershire County Council for the civic year 2018/19.

He becomes the first councillor from a Redditch Division to serve as Chairman since the County Council was reorganised twenty years ago. Born in Birmingham the 63 year old has lived with his wife Anita in Redditch for 37 years.

Peter Tomlinson the County Councillor for Ombersley has been elected to be Worcestershire County Council's Vice Chairman.

The council is once again supporting the Worcestershire Education Awards. The shortlist for Teacher of the Year 2018, which the council is sponsoring, has been announced. Those shortlisted are:

Wes Davis of Worcester Sixth Form

Greg Satterley of Beneworth CE Academy in Evesham & David Green Pitmason Primary School



3. **Smartwater** – with the help of Cllr. Price and Cllr. Sheppard rollout of Smartwater to the whole of the parish is progressing. Clerk to now order the Smartwater signs.
4. **Twinning** – There is another meeting with the working party booked.
5. **World War 1 Event** – This event is progressing well. It was agreed that as Paul Timmins has a family connection he would read the Roll of Honour.
6. **Litter pick** – It was agreed to hold the litter pick on 22nd September 2018.

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PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

18/00441 – Stonesview, Belbroughton Road – small extension of existing dormer to balance the building, replacement white up windows, relocate main entrance, small extension to accommodate ground floor shower – **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

Planning Appeals

Nothing to report

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GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS

1. **Toilets** – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed the septic tank had been brought and would be installed over the next couple of weeks. We just need to purchase the solid pipe and inside fittings.

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HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

1. There is a lot of maintenance work needed in the parish and it was agreed to use Steve Tromans and Nigel William's (Romsley's Maintenance man) to carry on with the urgent items. Clerk to instruct them.
2. It was agreed to replace the gate leading from the allotments into the Trim Trail.
3. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have met with the owner of Clent Nurseries to discuss the parking issues. He was against double yellow lines and has put up more notices to try and get people to use the back carpark. It was asked whether Cllr. Mrs Sherrey could get some Police cones to put out over the weekends.

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STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS

Cllr. Mrs May has agreed to fund the new street light out of her Divisional Fund so we can get the flashing speed sign installed.

2018/4812

PARISH MAINTENANCE/LENGTHSMAN

Clerk had contacted the Lengthsman to ascertain whether he would take on an extra five hours per week but sadly he has declined. The Working



Party are to meet and discuss the Lengthsman's end of probationary service.

- 2018/4813 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**
Sunfield no longer have an advisory committee so this will be taken off future annual agendas.
- 2018/4814 **CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**
It was agreed for Cllr. Bates to join the Staffing Working Party
- 2018/4816 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2016, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**
Lengthsman's hours
Allotment Gate
- 2018/4817 **CHEQUE SIGNING**
Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4803

Signed
Chairman of the Council