



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman Cllr Smith allowed parishioners present to address the Council.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 17th September 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4835 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Price, Cllr. Beaumont, Cllr. Bates and Cllr. Sheppard

Apologies – Cllr. Mrs Howard submitted an apology for absence due a family commitment. This apology was approved.

In attendance – Six members of the public and Ruth Mullett Clerk, The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2018/4836 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda. All councillors have standing declarations, namely:

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

Cllr. Beaumont – Member of Clent Cricket Club and Member of Clent Club Social

2018/4837 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 16th July 2018 be signed as a correct record. The Chairman duly signed each page.

2018/4838 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was no Youth Council representative this month. Clerk confirmed that due to Bromsgrove District Council attending the next meeting at 6.30pm the Youth Council will be duly cancelled for October.

2018/4839 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated to all councillors. Bank Statements scrutinised and initialled by the Chairman. It was agreed for clerk to upload three years of profit and loss to the website.



2. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a grant be approved under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 - £750 for Tommy Figure to the World War 1 Committee.
3. To confirm receipt of £263.75 Lengthsman Grant from Worcestershire County Council.
4. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in August.

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11482	Nigel Williamson	Maintenance	758.00
11483	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	364.19
11484	Shaw and Sons	Minute Binding	158.40
11486	Ian Wheeler	Lengthsman	332.50

Councillor's Smith and Beaumont signed the cheques

5. Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11489	Clent Parish Hall	Hire of Hall	47.50
11490	Ian Wheeler	Lengthsman	264.20
11491	BDC	Lease of Land	60.00
11492	Ruth Mullett	Leaflet Frog	29.00
11493	HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	364.69
11494	Ruth Mullett	Stationery	35.72
11495	The Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath x 2	90.00
11496	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog gloves	149.34
11497	E Sheppard	Cricket Club Toilets	1180.17
11498	Came and Co	Insurance	1409.06
11499	JCS Components Ltd	BT Phone box conversion	657.12

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Price and Cllr. Sugden sign the cheques.

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TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT

1. Cllr. Price agreed to do an update for the parish magazine on the litter pick to be held on 22nd September 2018, and the Tommy figure to commemorate the end of World War One.
2. Jason Smith attended and gave an update on the completed BT telephone box which has been converted into a tourist information centre. He also handed over invoices to the Clerk. He agreed to maintain the phone box, keeping clean and updating leaflets Councillors were reminded that Mr Smith had renovated this phone box and given his time voluntarily. He was duly thanked by all Councillors for a tremendous job.
3. Clerk confirmed that Bromsgrove District Council will be in attendance on Monday 15th October, 6.30pm prior to commencement of the meeting to give an update on BDC Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation.



2018/4841 **TRAINING**
Nothing to report.

2018/4842 **TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS**

1. **Police Report/NHW** – Nothing to report
2. **District Councillors** –
Cllr. Sherrey – Apologies given and no report
Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.
County Cllr. May –

Open for Business

Plans to improve traffic in Evesham are picking up pace. The team in charge of the project has 20 options now that will be tested in a computer-based traffic model.

The overall Evesham Town Transport Strategy will address the town's transport challenges with a package of schemes that will consider all modes of transport.

Options being looked at include improvements to junctions and traffic signals together with improved facilities for cycling and walking.

Plans for much needed improvements to Bromsgrove's walking and cycling network have been unveiled. The £3.4m improvements, which have been funded through a Department for Transport initiative, will introduce an additional six recognised walking and cycling pathways in the town over the next two years.

This scheme is part of the 3 point plan for congestion in Bromsgrove which also includes major improvements to the A38 and town centre related junction improvements to make the network more efficient.

Children and Families

The latest monitoring visit to our children's services by Ofsted inspectors found a 'positive trajectory of change' as progress continues to be made to improve services for Worcestershire's children and young people.

Inspectors have found evidence of improvement in each of their four monitoring visits. During their latest visit which was at the end of July, inspectors reviewed children subject to children protection along with child in need assessments and plans. Inspectors described how management structures have been enhanced and social workers' caseloads have been reduced.

A large number of social workers have been recruited by the Council in recent months and children are now experiencing more stability, with fewer changes of social workers, enabling them to build positive relationships.



Health and Wellbeing

The first ever Millennium Way walking festival is happening this month.

The Millennium Way team from 41 Club will host the walking festival in association with Worcestershire County Council.

The festival will take place between 7th and 10th September in Wychavon and will feature 9 circular walks ranging from 3 to 7.5 miles. The walks will all cover a stretch of the Millennium Way linear route and give walkers a taste of Worcestershire's beautiful countryside views.

The Millennium Way was originally set up in 2000. Since then, 44 circular walks have been created along the route as shorter walks, encompassing a stretch of the linear trail.

Visit the Time to Change Worcestershire website for further updates including details about champions fund information sessions:

<http://www.comfirst.org.uk/worcestershiretimetochange1>

The Environment

Cheaper energy tariffs could soon be available to Worcestershire residents following the launch of the County Council's annual Collective Energy scheme.

Launched last month, Worcestershire Energy Switch negotiates competitive prices with energy companies on behalf of local residents with group buying expert iChoosr. Last year saw 550 residents sign up to the scheme and they went on to see average savings of £182 per year on energy bills.

Residents should visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/energyswitch with their latest energy bill handy as details are needed during the registration process.

Registration is open until midnight 8th October 2018 with individual offers emailed to residents from 22nd October 2018.

The council has presented the first of its Plastic Pledge Certificates to a business based on Bromsgrove.

The Plastic Pledge Scheme has been introduced to recognise local businesses and people within their local communities who have committed to reducing their single use plastics.

The first certificate has gone to Andy Taylor and his business GreenApe, which hires its pedal powered smoothie bike to organisers of various events.

To nominate a business, organisation or individual for a Plastic Pledge Certificate, email sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk



Council News Update

Our most recent Residents’ Roadshow in Pershore was unfortunately curtailed due to poor weather, but that’s not detracted from a great summer series that has seen us attend events in Redditch, Bewdley, Tenbury and Worcester.

So far we’ve engaged with 754 local residents who have shared with us their thoughts on how council tax is spent, as well as their views on quality of life in Worcestershire. Meanwhile, our colourful hula hoops to encourage people to live a more active life have proved popular with visitors to the stand.

Our final event takes place on Sunday 16th September, as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations at Bromsgrove’s Sanders Park.

For more information or if any member would like to attend the roadshow please contact Tom Parker in the Comms Team:

Tparker@worcestershire.gov.uk

- 3. **Smartwater** – parishioners were invited to collect Smartwater before the start of our meeting, 6.30pm till 7.00pm but sadly only three people attended. The signs have now gone up around the village but it was agreed to see if we could acquire any two. Clerk to try and order.
- 4. **Twinning** – Sadly there still been no response from France. It was thought whether in the first instance we should try and establish a link through the school. It was agreed to set up another working party meeting to discuss the matter further and report back to full council with comments/suggestions.
- 5. **Allotments** – This item was deferred.
- 6. **World War 1 Event** – Members of the working party reported organisation for this event was progressing well. Cllr. Sheppard confirmed the brazier has now arrived and he is to arrange a meeting on site with National Trust to agree the exact location. Clerk to invoice National Trust for half of the brazier cost as previously agreed.
- 7. **Litter pick** – This is being held on 22nd September 2018. All newsletters have been distributed.

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PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

18/00596 – Oldnall Cottage, Bromsgrove Road – construction of dormer window to rear slope of existing garage - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

Planning Appeals



APP/P1805D/18/3205381 – Rowardennan, Bromsgrove Road – larger dormer window consisting of three windows to create usable space within the second floor – **Dismissed**

2018/4844 **GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS**

1. **Toilets** – Cllr. Sheppard confirmed all sanitary wear has been brought and are in the process of painting the porta cabins ready for installation.
2. Clerk confirmed play bark has been ordered to top-up existing surfaces.

2018/4845 **HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

1. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to employ Jordan Heritage as the new Lengthsman/Maintenance Contractor on 32 hours per month at £16.00 per hour. Clerk to arrange necessary training and uniform through Highways.
2. Highways have confirmed that the white entrance gates should be installed week commenced 24th September.
3. Locations were agreed for the Probation Service to work on. Clerk to email and arrange a date for them to commence.

2018/4846 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

This item was deferred awaiting Cllr. Mrs May's attendance.

2018/4847 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS/COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**

Nothing to report

2018/4848 **GDPR**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt Data Protection Policy, Email Contact Privacy Notice, General Privacy Notice and Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders. Clerk to place copies on our website.

2018/4849 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

- To update the website and place welcome message from Chairman on the front page.



2018/4850 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4838

Signed
Chairman of the Council