



Prior to commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman allowed parishioners present to address the Council. There was five members of the public present.

Minutes of the Meeting of Clent Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2018 at Clent Parish Hall

2018/4866 **APOLOGIES/ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Present – Cllr. Sugden, Cllr. Bates, Cllr. Mrs Howard, Cllr. Beaumont, Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Price
In attendance – Cllr. Mrs May and Ruth Mullett Clerk,
The Councillors present signed the Attendance Register.

2018/4867 **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

2018/4868 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018 be signed as a correct record with the following inclusion on the request of Cllr. Bates.
Cllr. Bates raised concern with regard to the section of footpath in Odnall Lane located on the boundary of Clent Cottage. The footpath is no longer safe to walk along because of overhanging foliage. Cllr. Bates requested that the Parish Council treat this issue with a high priority and for the subject to remain on the forthcoming agendas until resolved. The Clerk advised that in the first instance she would request the Lengthsman to investigate and for him to report back with a suggested plan of action. Cllr. Bates agreed this was a good starting point and stressed that if needed the Parish Council would have to contact the owners of the overhanging foliage to seek their assistance.



The Chairman duly signed each page.
It was also unanimously agreed that if a councillor particularly requested an item to be minuted or placed on an agenda the Clerk would adhere to this.

2018/4869 **YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Youth Council are to commence a project looking into the goal posts, nets, white lines and surface area in the football pitch. They also asked whether smaller monkey bars could be installed in the play area. Again this will be placed on their agenda as a project they can research. It was also pleasing to note a new Youth Councillor joined this month.

2018/4870 **FINANCE**

1. Cash Flow and Bank Reconciliation – reports circulated to all councillors. Bank Statements scrutinised and initialled by the Chairman.
2. To confirm receipt of £24,375.00 half yearly Precept from BDC.
3. To confirm receipt of £323.75 Lengthsman grant from Worcestershire CC.
4. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant Bromsgrove Citizens Advice £300.00.
5. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to contribute £272.00 to Clent parish magazine towards printing costs.
6. Accounts for payment

Cheque	Payee	Detail	Sum
11507	Ruth Mullett	World War 1 event	83.70
11508	J Heritage	Maintenance	380.00
11509	SLCC	Subscription	86.00
11510	JLH Fabrications	Maintenance materials	240.00
11511	N Williamson	Maintenance and essential play equipment repairs	1380.36
11513	HMRC	Payroll taxes due	364.69
11514	CAB	Grant	300.00
11515	Parish Magazine	Grant	272.00

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

2018/4871 **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

1. It was agreed for Sue Hindle-Smith to do an update in the parish magazine on the World War One event.
2. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a hamper for Three Roses Home to be delivered by Cllr. Sugden and Clerk and a gift for the contractor.



2018/4872

TRAINING

Nothing to report.

2018/4873

TO RECEIVE UPDATES/REPORTS

1. District Councillors –

Cllr. Sherrey – Apologies received, no report given.

Cllr. Allan-Jones – No report given.

County Cllr. May – Not much to report from County at present.

Focus at the moment is mainly on setting the budget. Cllr. May was asked whether we could have a serious attempt in turning the whole parish to 30mph. It was agreed for this to be placed on the next agenda.

2. Smartwater – 60% of the village are now in receipt of Smartwater.

Clerk to put another post on the resident's page asking them to contact her to receive their Smartwater kit.

3. World War 1 Event – it was unanimously agreed that this was a fantastic event with over £1,100.00 raised for the various Battles Over charities. The beacon will now need to be removed from Clent Hills and it was agreed in principle for this to be cited in Centenary Field but it will be placed on the next agenda for a decision to be formally made. Cllr. Sheppard agreed to plant the donated oak tree.

2018/4874

PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

Planning Appeals

Nothing to report

2018/4875

GRASS CUTTING/HEDGE MANAGEMENT/CENTENARY FIELD/PLAY AREAS

1. Toilets – the cricket club have cleared out the porta cabin and it is now ready for decorating and installation of the sanitary ware.

2. The Probation Service have been twice and are making great progress in clearing bracken in Centenary Field.

3. The entrance gate to the boules pitch needs repair, Cllr. Sheppard agreed to fix the lock.

2018/4876

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS/LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

Lengthsman Jobs

1. Clear ditch/drain on Bromsgrove Road from the dual carriageway to the school

2. Clear back ivy on Odnall Lane



3. Clear rubbish under bridge on Church Avenue
4. Tidy Elsie Partington Walk

2018/4877 **STREET LIGHTING /SIGNS**

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 22nd November with Cllr. Mrs May and Highways to discuss the flashing speed sign. Cllr. May has agreed to progress with BDC and Worcestershire CC the following street signs:-

Pool Furlong

Summerfield Road

Welcome to Clent to be situated on the white gates off the A491

2018/4878 **OUTSIDE MEETINGS/COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**

Nothing to report

2018/4879 **NEW ISSUES AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019, 7.00PM AT CLENT PARISH HALL**

Operation London Bridge

Party in the park

2018/4880 **CHEQUE SIGNING**

Cheques signed as approved under Minute No. 2018/4870

Signed
Chairman of the Council