



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **8:00pm on Monday 15th April 2019** at
Clent Parish Hall, 40 Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

Present: Councillors Kevin Smith (Chairman), Peter Bates, Caroline Howard, Richard Price and Ed Sheppard.

In attendance: Nick Farress (Temporary Clerk), Cllr Karen May (County Councillor) Cllr Margaret Sherrey (District Councillor), members of the public.

4932 Appointment of Temporary Clerk

It was **resolved** to appoint Nick Farress as the locum Clerk until such time as the vacancy for a permanent Parish Clerk is filled. Mr Farress would invoice the Council for time spent on Parish Council matters.

4933 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Drew Beaumont and Nick Sugden.

4934 Declarations of interest

There were none.

4935 Dispensations

There were none.

Open session

The meeting was adjourned for the open session and the following reports/updates were noted.

- A member of the public raised the missing grit bin on Holy Cross Green which was hit by a lorry. This will be added to the next Agenda.

District and County Councillor reports and several further public questions were put to Councillors during the Annual Parish Meeting which immediately preceded this meeting of which separate Minutes exist.

4936 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2019 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

4937 Youth Council

The Chairman of the Youth Council provided an update including the appointment of new Youth Councillors, the very successful litter pick and a request to visit the Police Headquarters and House of Commons as part of their education programme.

4938 Finance

(a) Cllr Bates reported that the 2019/20 precept was £49,850 and the first of two payments of £24,925 had been received from Bromsgrove DC.

(b) It was **resolved** to approve the following payments and that Cllr Mrs Howard and Cllr Price would sign the cheques:

- ROSPA (Annual play equipment inspection) - £355.80
- Cllr P Bates Expenses (litter pick flyers) - £48.00

(c) It was **resolved** to approve the monthly cash flow and bank reconciliation report.

(d) It was **resolved** to agree to the principle of replacing cheque payments with online banking. A full report will be presented to a subsequent meeting to outline how this would work in practice.

4939 Clerk's Reports

(a) There was no Clerk's report.

(b) It was **resolved** that Cllr Bates would write this month's update for the Parish Magazine.

4940 Training

There was no training planned but new CALC training sessions will be available after the May elections.

4941 Welcome to Clent Sign

Cllr May would follow this up with the County Council.

4942 Beacon and Oak Tree Planting

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

4943 Litter Pick 6th April 2019

It was agreed that the litter pick was very successful with around 60 participants and 30 bags of rubbish collected. Cllr Bates would investigate the cost of litter pickers and rings so that the Parish Council had its own supply as well as using the equipment provided by BDC. County Councillor May said that she may be able to contribute through her divisional fund. It was also suggested that there is a third litter pick in the winter months when vegetation had died back which would expose more litter. The item will be placed on the next Agenda for further discussion.

4944 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered:

(a) **19/00380/FUL** - Castle View Mount Lane Clent Stourbridge Worcestershire DY9 9PR - Proposed two storey rear extension. It was **resolved** not to raise any objections to this application.

(b) An appeal by the applicant of planning application **17/00646/FUL** - Four Stones Restaurant Adams Hill Clent Stourbridge Worcestershire DY9 9PS was noted.

4945 New Toilets at Cricket/Boules Pitch

Cllr Sheppard reported that the toilets are due to be completed by the summer, and it was noted that the Council had saved a significant sum of money by engaging the voluntary services of Cllr Sheppard. It was also noted that the toilets themselves would not be “public” toilets in the traditional sense but would be utilised during parish events, festivals etc as well as by the Cricket Club. The costs were being shared equally between the Cricket Club and the Parish Council. It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of up to £400 on wiring for the toilet block.

4946 Speed Sign

It was **resolved** to approve expenditure of up to £100 on new wiring for the speed sign.

4947 Party in the Park

It was noted that the original date for the Party in the Park of the 15th June clashed with “Romstock”. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

4948 Broken Bench

The Chairman reported that he had fixed the broken bench next to the pond.

4949 30mph Parish Limit

County Cllr May reported that the speed data collection was still underway, and the report would likely be available in June/July 2019.

4950 Lengthsman Agreement 2019/20

It was **resolved** to review the current arrangements and charges before confirming the 2019/20 Agreement.

4951 Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) - Belbroughton Road

This project was ongoing, and a full update will be provided at the next meeting.

4952 External Organisations – Councillor Representation

There were no reports.

4953 Councillor Updates and Items for Future Agendas

(a) Cllr Mrs Howard advised that she had received some funding information specifically for Village Halls which had been passed onto the Parish Hall Committee.

4954 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting is the **20th May 2019** at 7.00pm where the first item on the Agenda will be the election of Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

Signed as a true record:

Chairman
20th May 2019

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