



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 19th July 2021**
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

Present: Cllr Nick Sugden (Chairman), Cllr Drew Beaumont, Cllr Andrew Sherrey, Cllr Margaret Sherrey, Cllr David Mudie and Cllr Ed Sheppard.

In attendance: County Councillor Karen May, Nick Farress (Clerk).

5258 Apologies for absence

Cllr Peter Bates (holiday)

5259 Declarations of interest

Cllrs Margaret Sherrey and Drew Beaumont are on the District Planning Committee and did not comment on or vote on any planning matters.

Cllr Sheppard declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Minute 5262(a)(ii) as he is the temporary parish Lengthsman. Cllr Sheppard did not vote on this item or sign the cheque.

5260 Dispensations

There were none.

Open session

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

Public comments/questions:

There were no public questions

County Councillor Karen May and District Councillor Margaret Sherrey provided updates on the following:

- Yellow lines now installed at junction at Bell & Cross pub. Cars are still parking there illegally, so Cllr May would arrange for enforcement officers to visit.
- Bromsgrove "on demand" bus service now live running from Bromsgrove town centre to Fairfield.
- Covid 19 cases and self-isolation are causing issues with crewing the refuse collection vehicles in the district.
- Cllr May is still trying to obtain gulley/drainage maintenance schedule for the area from WCC.

5261 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st June 2021 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5262 Finance

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following for July 2021:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses	£707.23
(ii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman (May)	£370.00
(iii) Clent Cricket Club (grass cutting June)	£350.00
(iv) Wicksteed Leisure Ltd (repairs to gym)	£78.16
(v) Nick Sugden Expenses	£115.13

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report dated 30/06/2021 prepared by the Clerk.

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the June 2021 bank reconciliation noting a balance of £91,012.39 as at 30th June 2021.

5263 General Maintenance and Highway Matters

The following items were discussed:

(a) The Clerk had written to the occupiers of 2 Summerfield Road to ask that the hedge is cut back from the pavement.

(b) The hedge/vegetation next to Clent Cottage running alongside Odnall Lane needs cutting back as it is encroaching on the footway. The wall that the hedge/vegetation is attached to in parts is the property of the National Trust, so it is the NT that should attend to this, rather than the Lengthsman, as the wall is unstable. Cllr Sheppard would send some pictures to the Clerk who would then write to the NT.

5264 Field Maintenance and Play Areas

The following items were discussed:

(a) Cllr Margaret Sherrey would chase Bromsgrove DC as to the lease on the trim trail field and whether it is likely to be extended.

(b) Following the damage caused to one of the picnic tables as a result of disposable BBQs being placed on it, it was **RESOLVED** to purchase another table from Recycled Furniture to match the one recently purchased from them, up to a cost of £350. The Clerk would arrange this and have it delivered to Cllr Sheppard's residence.

5265 Planning

The following applications were considered by the council in its role as consultee:

(a) 21/01113/HHPRIO - 28 Kings Meadow, Holy Cross - Erection of a single storey rear extension, extending 5.28 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling; with a maximum height measured externally from natural ground level of 3.02 metres and with an eaves height measured externally from natural ground level of 3.02 metres. It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection.

(b) The Chairman had been contacted by a neighbour of Mousehall Farm Cottage concerning a planning application lodged by them for an extension. The Chairman advised the resident that the parish council had raised no objections to the application (21/00545/FUL) as the extension was not likely to be seen from the road. The resident was advised to contact Bromsgrove DC directly with his concerns.

5266 Parish Magazine

It was agreed that the Clerk would write about hedges for the September magazine and that Cllr Beaumont would provide an update on the Broadband project for the October magazine.

5267 Broadband Project

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport have changed their priorities in terms of ultra-fast broadband rollout across the UK, so the project in Clent may be impacted and/or delayed. Cllr May is in discussions with MP Savid Javid's office and is awaiting a response.

5268 Community Hub Project

The group have established a community interest company for the project and are currently working with the parish hall and diocese trustees about a possible site for the hub/shop. The group recently applied for a £5000 grant from Bromsgrove DC supported by Cllr May. It was noted that the group need to have a robust business plan to ensure that the hub/shop idea is sustainable into the future in terms of running costs, staffing etc.

5269 August Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** not to hold a meeting in August with the next ordinary meeting of the council being scheduled for Monday 20th September 2021.

5270 Items for the Next Agenda

- Trampoline replacement
- Pond Update

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is the **20th September 2021** at 7.00pm at Clent Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____