



Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 21st February 2022**
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

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

In attendance: Nick Farress (Clerk), 6 members of the public

5324 Apologies for absence

County Councillor Karen May

5325 Declarations of interest

Cllr Margaret Sherrey declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Item 5328 as she is the district ward member. However, Cllr Sherrey would check whether this is necessary with the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Ed Sheppard declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item 5330(a)(ii) as he is the parish Lengthsman. Cllr Sheppard did not vote on the payment of this invoice or sign the cheque.

5326 Dispensations

There were none.

Open session

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

Public comments/questions:

Members of the public raised the following issues:

There were no public questions.

District Councillor Margaret Sherrey provided updates on the following:

- Green waste service will resume in the next few weeks.
- The Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation is now live. The Clerk would arrange for this to be placed on the parish council website. Cllr Margaret Sherrey would send the details to the Clerk.

5327 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th January 2022 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5328 Funding Request – Clent Connect

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to write out a cheque for £1200 to pay for Hall hire for the Saturday community café opening in March. This was agreed in principle at the parish council meeting on the 17th January 2022.

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to grant Clent Connect £6000 in 2022/23 towards the operating costs of the new community building, café and shop which has now been granted planning permission. The payments would be made as follows:

21st March 2022 - £1500

25th April 2022 - £1500

17th October 2022 - £3000

This grant met the requirements of the parish council's grant awarding policy, apart from the fact that the application should have been made in December 2021 for this funding. It was agreed to make an exception on this occasion. It was noted that Cllr Karen May would be contributing an additional £2000 from her Divisional Fund.

5329 Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

It was **RESOLVED** that the parish council agree in principle to spend up to £1000 on supporting events to celebrate The Queen's Jubilee in the parish. Any grant would be paid to Clent Connect or supplies could be purchased directly from the parish council. Any requests would be sent to the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

5330 Finance

(a) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following for February 2022:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses	£706.18
(ii) Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£423.00
(iii) Clent Connect Ltd	£1200.00
(iv) Roadware Ltd (grit bin Kings Meadow)	£109.14

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report dated 30/01/2022 prepared by the Clerk.

(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the January 2022 bank reconciliation noting a balance of £99,035.30 as at 31st January 2022.

5331 General Maintenance and Highway Matters

(a) Grit bins on Adams Hill and Kings Meadow. Cllr May was obtaining the relevant permission from the NT in relation to Adams Hill. Cllr Sheppard has the new bin for Kings Meadow and will liaise with the resident who requested it via Cllr May as to where to install it.

(b) Village pond maintenance – Cllr Sheppard has been in touch with Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and is also waiting for quotes to do the tree work.

(c) The Clerk would seek an update from Cllr May.

5332 Field Maintenance and Play Areas

(a) Lease on trim trail. Bromsgrove DC have yet to confirm whether the lease to the PC is going to be renewed. Once this is established, a decision can be made about the future of the trim trail. Cllr Margaret Sherrey would follow this up with BDC.

(b) Seesaw repairs – the new spring has arrived, and Cllr Sheppard would carry out the repair as soon as possible.

5333 Additional Defibrillators

The defib cabinets have not yet arrived so the Clerk would chase the supplier.

5334 Planning

(a) Section 73 Application 22/00044/S73 - Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 16/0027 in order to reinstate permitted development rights - The Barn At, Land Adjoining Oldnall Farm, Bromsgrove Road – no comments were made.

(b) Walton Farm Cottages – Single Story Extension – no comments were made.

5335 Parish Magazine

The Clerk would write about the Annual Parish Meeting in April for the April edition of the magazine.

5336 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting (ie the parishioner’s meeting) will take place at 7pm on 25th April 2022 followed by the usual April parish council meeting. The Clerk would invite a police representative to attend.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is the **21st March 2022** at 7.00pm at Clent Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____