



Clent Parish Council

Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council at
7:00pm on Monday 18th September 2023
at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT
Press and public are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

With reference to items on the agenda members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) and to update their register of interests as required.

3. Dispensations

To consider any requests to the Clerk for dispensations from Members who have declared an interest but wish to stay in the meeting during that time to aid discussion/speak/vote.

4. Questions from the Public (15 minutes maximum)

Electors are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. The exact duration of the public section is at the discretion of the Chairman.

5. Updates from District/County Councillors

To receive updates from the Bromsgrove District Councillors and Worcestershire County Councillor.

6. Minutes

To resolve to accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 17th July 2023 as true record of the proceedings.

7. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting:

(a) From a resident in relation to the unkept village gateway planters.

(b) From St Leonards Church asking for a £600 grant towards the annual village clock maintenance.

(c) From several residents in relation to the Boules pitch fencing and general appearance.

(d) From a resident in relation to the upkeep of the wild flower area next to the cricket club.

8. Finance

(a) To consider and agree the payment of the following for Aug and Sept 2023:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses (Aug & Sept)	£1,480.32
(ii) HMRC PAYE	£20.40
(iii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£TBC
(iv) Clent Cricket Club (grass cutting)	£400.00
(v) PKF Littlejohn	£378.00
(vi) WCC Parish Initiative 2023 2024 Q1	£675.73
(vii) Nigel Morgan (gatepost replacements)	£720.00
(viii) St Leonards Church PCC	£600.00
(ix) Bromsgrove DC lease of land	£60.00
(x) Clent Parish Hall	£85.00

- (xi) Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance £2002.80
(xii) Peter Bates (litterpickers) £95.90
(b) To consider and approve the budget monitoring report (circulated previously)
(c) To consider and approve the monthly bank reconciliation for July & Aug 2023 (circulated previously)

9. General maintenance & highway matters

- (a) To review the recent street light replacements and agree to put forward any others for replacement by WCC.
(b) Centenary field hedge bordering Belbroughton road is encroaching onto the pavement, this happens every year during the summer months. Councillor Bates is requesting that the PC discuss and agree the best course of action to stop the hedge encroaching onto the pavement in 2024 (Cllr Bates).
(c) WCC have advised that the hawthorn tree next to the new VAS needs removing or at least cutting back – decision required. £180 for cutting back, £360 for removal.
(d) Beacon repainting – to decide whether to engage the usual contractor at £180.
(e) To discuss any other highway and/or parish maintenance matters and agree any action necessary.

10. Field Maintenance & Play Areas

- (a) To discuss/consider any field maintenance or play area matters and agree any action necessary.
(b) Five bar gate entrance to Centenary Field from Holy Cross Green, requires repair or replacement (Cllr Bates).
(c) Update with regard to resurfacing kissing gate surface by duck pond (Cllr Bates).

11. Planning

- To consider any planning applications submitted to Bromsgrove DC and make any comments in support or objection as consultee – Cllr A Sherrey.
(a) 23/00766/FUL - Proposed new vehicular access and driveway including re-modelling of ground levels - Wenlock Cottage , Holy Cross Green.

12. Clent Youth Council

To receive an update from Cllr M Sherrey and Cllr ffoulkes regarding the reinstatement of the Youth Council.

13. Parish Magazine

To nominate a Councillor to write November's contribution to the Parish Magazine.

14. Councillors' reports and items for the next Agenda

To receive any items of information from Councillors and consider items for the next Agenda.

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Nick Farress
Clerk & RFO

