



Clent Parish Council

Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council at
7:00pm on Monday 20th January 2025
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. Clent Youth Council

To receive an update from the Chair of the Youth Council and consider any requests.

5. 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.

6. Updates from District/County Councillors

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

7. Minutes

To resolve to accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 18th November 2024 as true record of the proceedings.

8. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting.

9. Finance

(a) To consider and agree the payment of the following for January 2025:

(i) Clerk salary & expenses (2 months)	£1,540.82
(ii) HMRC PAYE	£205.74
(iii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£TBC
(iv) Clent Parish Hall	£86.25
(v) WCC Street Lighting (Odnall Lane)	£1,283.92
(vi) First Choice Electrical Solutions	£746.40
(vii) BDC Lease of Land	£60.00
(viii) Mr N Sugden (hamper)	£95.72
(ix) Steve Bubb Garden Services xmas trees 23/24	£520.00

- (b) To consider and approve the budget monitoring report (circulated previously)
- (c) To consider and approve the monthly bank reconciliations for Nov/Dec 2024 (circulated previously)
- (d) To set the budget for the 2025/26 financial year as drafted in November 2024 and demand the annual precept of £49,850 from Bromsgrove DC. This represents a 0% increase in the parish element of the council tax bill.

10. General maintenance & highway matters

- (a) WMP Phone box on Adams Hill – update on installation of defib and re-paint.
- (b) Nimmings Car Park and highway improvements to discourage late night ASB (Cllr May/NT)
- (c) Christmas Tree – to consider alternative storage options to reduce costs.
- (d) To agree the cost of installing new steps on Holy Cross Green to improve access to the bench. Quote from usual grounds maintenance contractor Tree Tops is £1,600.
- (e) To discuss any other highway and/or parish maintenance matters and agree any action necessary.

11. Field Maintenance & Play Areas

- (a) Trim Trail removal of unusable equipment – progress update.
- (b) Trim Trail field lease – update from Cllr May re potential extension of the lease.
- (c) Pond footpath levelling/surfacing – update on new contractor to carry out work
- (d) Basketball hoop backboard and net – to consider cost of new backboard from an online supplier for DIY fitting - £100 plus delivery.
- (e) To discuss/consider any other field maintenance issues and agree any action necessary.

12. Planning

To consider any planning applications submitted to Bromsgrove DC and make any comments in support or objection as consultee.

13. Parish Magazine

To agree on content for the March PC article in Contact 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

