

Clent Parish Council

Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:00pm on Monday 17th February 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 20th January 2025 as true record of the proceedings.

8. Correspondence

To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting.

(a) From St Leonards Church Treasurer asking for a grant of £750 for the annual service of the clock and a further contribution towards the upgrade of the clock to electric to prevent the need for the clock to be manually wound. The total cost of the upgrade would be around \pm 12,000.

(b) From a resident/visitor to the Clent Hills concerning litter, anti-social behaviour and parking.

(c) From a resident concerning speeding on Bromsgrove Road.

9. Finance

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

(i) Clerk salary & expenses (2 months)	£796.92
(ii) HMRC PAYE	£29.19
(iii) Mr Ed Sheppard Lengthsman	£TBC
(iv) WCC Street lighting maintenance Q3	£485.44
(v) St Leonards PCC (clock annual service)	£750.00

(b) To consider and approve the budget monitoring report (circulated previously)

(c) To consider and approve the monthly bank reconciliation for January 2025 (circulated previously)

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) Defibrillator missing outside Parish Hall. Potential need to replace the unit – around £1000.

(d) 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 re potential extension of the lease. BDC have quoted £1500 to amend the current lease (legal and surveyors costs).

(c) Pond footpath levelling/surfacing – update on new contractor to carry out work

(d) 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 April 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