Meeting of **Clent Parish Council** held at **7:00pm on Monday 21st September 2026** at Clent Parish Hall, Church Ave, Clent, Stourbridge DY9 9QT

Minutes

Present: Cllr Ed Sheppard, Cllr Andrew Sherrey, Cllr Mark Brocklebank, Cllr Sara ffoulkes.
In attendance: District Cllr Simon Nock, County & District Cllr Karen May, Nick Farress (Clerk), 0 members of the public.

5908 Apologies for absence
Cllr Peter Bates, Cllr Margaret Sherrey, Cllr Drew Beaumont.

5909 Declarations of interest and Dispensations
There were none.

5910 Clent Youth Council
The issues discussed at the most recent YC meeting included:

- Christmas event

Public comments/questions:
The following issues were raised by the public:
There were no members of the public present.

County and District Councillor Updates
Cllr May and Cllr Nock gave updates on the following:

- Local Plan
- Local Government Re-organisation
- Planning Committee “call-ins”.

5911 Minutes
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September 2026 be agreed as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

5912 Correspondence
There was no new correspondence.

5913 Finance
(a) It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the payment of the following for September 2026:

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Payments

Date	Supplier	Payments
30/09/2026	Service Charge	**7.00**
28/09/2026	B/P to: Bromsgrove CAB	**400.00**
28/09/2026	B/P to: Clent Cricket Club	**480.00**
21/09/2026	B/P to: Nick Farress	**946.31**
21/09/2026	B/P to: HMRC PAYE	**146.16**
21/09/2026	Direct Debit (SCOTTISHPOWER)	**19.40**
10/09/2026	B/P to: Bromsgrove DC	**60.00**
01/09/2026	B/P to: Tree Tops	**1,280.00**
01/09/2026	B/P to: Clent Parish Hall	**81.00**

(b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget monitoring report prepared by the Clerk.
(c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the September 2026 bank reconciliation noting a total balance (including reserves) of £93,416.51 as at 30/09/2026.
(d) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated Financial Regulations prepared by the Clerk.
(e) It was **RESOLVED** to grant the Trustees of the Parish Hall **£3000** following the receipt of the Trust's accounts and quotes for the radiators (circulated previously). The Clerk would write to the Trustees and arrange the payment.

5914 General maintenance & highway matters

(a) Christmas Tree – The Chairman would fund the purchase of the Christmas tree from his Chairman's Allowance up to £200. The electrician has proposed an installation date for the lights of 9th November. It was agreed that this was far too early and the Clerk would revert to discuss other options with the electrician.
(b) Bromsgrove Road – Cllr May had received complaints about overgrown vegetation causing a hazard on the footway in the Summerfield/Three Roses Homes area. The Lengthsman would deal with this as soon as possible.
(c) ASB enforcement camera on Walton Hill has gathered intelligence that may identify some offenders and it has reduced ASB reports. It was acknowledged that there are still drug related issues on Hagley Wood Lane at night.
ACTIONS: NF/ES

5915 Field Maintenance & Play Areas

(a) Play equipment options - a fourth quotation had now been received. The grant application process had not yet been finalised by BDC for the Community Investment Grant but was imminent.
ACTIONS: PB/SF/NF

5916 Planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

5917 Parish Magazine

The Clerk would send the YC Christmas event poster for inclusion in the December edition.

Chairman's Initials

5918 Councillor updates and items for next Agenda.
There were no further updates.

Date of Next Meeting
The date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council is the 16th November 2026 at Clent Parish Hall. This would be followed by an informal meeting of Councillors to discuss the 2027/28 budget.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:_____ Date:_____