

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015, 7.00PM**

**PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Mrs Gray, Cllr. Powell,
Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick**

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins and District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2.1 Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the Agenda.
Other Disclosable Interest – Cllr. Arrowsmith – St Kenelms Primary School PTA

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Accounts for Payment

E Sheppard	Environmental Control x 4	£170.00
J Harper	Gate Keeper	£30.00 x 2
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£288.45
Steve Tromans	Grass cutting	£360.00
Ruth Mullett	Romstock	£133.50
NPower	Feeder pillar	£3.30
Worcs CALC	Training	£90.00
Avion	Romstock	£2035.51
Worcs CALC	Subscriptions	£150.00
R Roberts	Romstock	£25.60

It was agreed for Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Mrs Gray to sign the cheques.

4.2 Quarterly bank reconciliation statement approved by all councillors.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

None

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

15/0489 – 6 The Alders, Romsley – first floor extension to form bedroom, bathroom and bedroom extension – **No objections**

Appeals

None

6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA

- 6.1 Over the past few weeks we have had several cases of anti-social behavior and acts of potential criminality in the park and in the car parking area. The most serious of these may involve low level selling of illegal drugs. As this is an extremely serious issue regarding drugs we have to act quickly and in coordination with the Police to deal with this matter.

As such, a number of initiatives will commence which include;

- Closing the park to vehicles at 8:00pm to prevent access to the car park.
- An increased Police presence, with Patrols now driving past more frequently especially on evenings and, where resources permit, more visible Policing on site.
- Increased Police investigation as well as community activities such as school liaison.
- Bringing forward routine maintenance activity to clear overgrown vegetation to clear lighting columns and open up footpaths.
- Installation of security devices by the Scout Association in and around the Scout Centre at their cost.
- The severe cutback of overgrown vegetation in the car-park area to open up sightlines and reduce the places vehicles can park out of sight.
- The lowering of the front hedge to permit easier observation by Police Patrols when they drive past.
- Proposed issuing of a leaflet in the next few days informing the residents who surround the park of the issues and the actions we have taken. In this leaflet we will ask residents to be vigilant and to support the Police, Council and Romsley Community by reporting any unusual activity.

- 6.2 Clerk to order new play bark for the play area and Lengthsman to weed the area thoroughly.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

Cllr. Tilt complained about grit on the pavement on Bromsgrove Road. It was agreed for Cllr. Tilt to let Clerk know which houses to contact. The opening of the Penny Fields Circular Walk will take place on Saturday 18th July 2015, 10.00am. The Parish Council have agreed to supply tea/coffee and cake at the end of the walk, hosted at the Parish Hall. It was agreed to cater for 60 people and to purchase a thank you gift for Stuart Smith, Footpath Officer for all his hard work.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Cllr. Tilt to ensure the allotment tap housing is installed.
- 8.2 Clerk to contact Jackie Weightman to ascertain whether she still wants her plot.
- 8.3 Cllr. Tilt to arrange a meeting with the allotment plot holders one Sunday morning over the Summer.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 The gully leading down to the Hedgerows needs severely cutting back, Clerk to instruct Lengthsman.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Nothing to report

11. **ROMSTOCK**

- 11.1 It was agreed to hold a Royal Romstock to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and maybe hold the event over two days. A meeting of the Communications Working Party has been arranged to discuss further details.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

Facebook and Twitter are now up and running as an outward tool. The parish council is also updating the website hosted by Worcestershire.gov.uk until our website is up and running. Clerk to produce a Communications/Media Policy.

It was also unanimously **RESOLVED** to use Candoo to set up and host our new website at a cost of £850 to set up and a yearly cost of £750 to host. We was also agreed to purchase host name www.romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk as our website address.

A newsletter will be delivered to all households this week. It will then be produced every six months, April and November.

13. **TRAINING**

Nothing to report

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 Cllr. Allen-Jones introduced herself to the parish council and stressed that if there is anything we need help on to contact him direct.
Cllr. Mrs Sherrey – apologies given

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 15.1 Apologies given

16. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT**

- 16.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt our Election Pledges as a Parish Council Policy.
16.2 Commemoration of the First World War – a meeting has been arranged for 15th July 2015.
16.3 Hunnington and Romsley Show – nothing to report
16.4 Police Report as read.
16.5 Wheelie Bin Stickers – this item was deferred

- 16.6 Birmingham Resilience Project – Cllr. Arrowsmith to start discussions with Severn Trent to see if we can tap into any funds from this project.
- 17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Storage
- 18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Nothing to report
- 19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14th September 2015, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School