

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Mrs Holloway, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Tilt, Cllr. Mrs Grey and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 District Cllr's. Mrs Sherrey and Cllr. Allen-Jones and County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins

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
Cllr. Tilt – Winwood Heath Allotment Plot Holder, Hunnington and Romsley Show

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

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£30.00 x 2
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£363.81
Andy Loos	Romstock	£233.52

It was agreed for Cllr. Mrs Grey and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick to sign the cheques.

- 4.2 Quarterly bank reconciliation statement approved by all councillors.
4.3 **PRECEPT** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would Precept upon the District Council the sum of £48,495 for the year 2016/17.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

None

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

15/1045 – Linger Longer, Chapmans Hill – re-design of previously approved dwelling ref 15/0014 – Comments submitted

6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA

- 6.1 Cllr. Mrs Grey has obtained a quotation for having the willows trees lopped/removed in the playing fields and is meeting with another contractor this week. Clerk to also to contact Steve Tromans and ask

him who he would recommend. Chairman and Clerk also have a meeting next week with Andy Sheppard for an update on anti-social behaviour in and around the Scout Centre.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Grey met with County Cllr. Jenkins and Richard Clewer from Worcestershire Highways to walk round the village ascertaining/identifying problem areas and discussing what funding could be available. Cllr. Mrs Grey agreed to report the worst potholes on the County Council hub.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

8.1 The allotment holders Christmas lunch has been arranged for 15th January, 1.30pm at Bromsgrove Golf Club.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

9.1 It was asked that the Lengthsman provide a quarterly report commencing December including works commencing, due to be completed or works that need intervention with County Council – Clerk to chase the Lengthsman for this report.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

10.1 Chairman and Clerk meet with District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey. Chairman emphasised how Romsley feels isolated from Bromsgrove. He also raised our concerns with regards to the Birmingham Overspill. It really emphasises our need for a Parish Plan and drawing in community engagement.

11. **EVENTS PLANNING**

Romstock

- Bands are nearly there, just need to meet with Mark Maran to discuss finer details.
- A quotation for a Stage Bus has been received; this is Cllr. Powell's favoured choice but just wants a site meeting to ascertain there are no access problems before we go ahead and book.
- Ticket prices need to be agreed
- Cllr. Powell is to draft sponsorship letter for Clerk to send out

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party

- It was agreed to approach Hunnington Parish Council for a grant towards this event.
- Clerk also needs to check with Andy Sheppard as to whether we can have the Scout Centre on Sunday afternoon

12. **COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1 www.romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk is our new website address. Cllr. Powell would like a group photo for the website.

13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 Nothing to report

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 Apologies given

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 15.1 Apologies given

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

- 16.1 Commemoration of First World War – Hillside Ladies have agreed to sponsor the purchase of the poppy seeds as their chosen charity for 2016/17. We just need to meet again as a working party to agree location and when best to sow them.
- 16.2 Wheelie Bin Stickers – this item was deferred
- 16.3 Birmingham Resilience Project – have had conversations with Severn Trent and residents of Dayhouse Bank. All the issues have been summarised and the Chairman has drafted them into a letter which has been sent to Severn Trent and copied in the Planning Officer dealing with the application at Bromsgrove District Council. Severn Trent has been invited to come along to a Parish Council Meeting to be held in February/March.
- 16.4 Neighbourhood Watch – Awaiting results of the questionnaire.
- 16.5 Parish/Neighbourhood Plan – the initial draft of the questionnaire has been circulated to all councillors for comment. The launch date for the public consultation is Saturday 27th February, 10.00am at Romsley Scout Centre where parishioners will need to be recruited onto the Steering Group to help as a Parish Plan cannot evolve/form without community help/engagement and input.
- 16.6 Local Council Award Scheme – Cllr. Powell has created a background page on the website and once we meet the criteria will make the page live.
- 16.7 Notice Boards - It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase a new notice board for by the butchers and replacement backing for the notice board in the playing fields. Clerk to order.
- 16.8 Snow Clearance Policy – Cllr. Bolar is working on this and it was agreed that it fits in with the wider work around the Resilience Plan.
- 16.9 Youth Council – Cllr. Mrs Bestwick had a meeting with Michael Conroy-Harris at Haybridge who has agreed to send a letter out to all Romsley children at Haybridge and Hagley Roman Catholic School promoting the Youth Council and asking for volunteers. The new Parish Council logo was also discussed and it was agreed this would

be a good idea but would discuss further once the Youth Council had been set up.

17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Parish Council App

Letter to BT regarding broadband issues

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you letter from Stuart Smith

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 8th February 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School**