

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2016, 7.00PM**

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllr. Mrs Grey, District Cllr's. Mrs Sherrey, 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

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| Wyre Forest Marquee | Romstock | £387.60 |
| The Stage Bus | Romstock | £1050.00 |
| CPRE | Subscription | £36.00 |
| Ed Sheppard | Lengthsman | £464.40 |
| Elmcroft Pines | Christmas Tree | £117.50 |
| GJH Electrical | Christmas Lights | £126.00 |
| J Harper | Gate Keeper | £30.00 x 2 |
| HMRC | Payroll taxes due | £303.55 |
| Viking Direct | Postage Stamps/Stationery | £131.31 |

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.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

15/1004 – Spindrift, Old House Lane – 2 storey front and single storey rear extensions. Infilling of carport to form habitable room with new pitched roof - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/0029 – St Kenelms Road, Romsley – proposed all weather ménage for personal use – **No objections**

6. **PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA**

6.1 Nothing to report

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

Richard Clewer, Highways has confirmed Worcestershire County Council will be installing an interceptor drain at the bottom of Dark Lane. We are still continuing to log all highway defects on the Worcestershire Hub and it is pleasing to note they are being actioned.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

8.1 The new allotment padlock has been vandalised beyond repair. The Lengthsman has had to chainsaw off and Chairman to order a replacement. Clerk to report the incident to the Police. Clerk confirmed all allotment rent is now paid up to date.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

9.1 The Lengthsman was thanked for doing a good job at cutting back the hedge on Farley Lane following a complaint by a parishioner and also clearing the gully opposite the school. The Chairman confirmed he would like to sit down with the Lengthsman and create a list of all outstanding maintenance work and a schedule of works going forward.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

10.1 Chairman and Clerk met with Andy Sheppard to receive an update on anti-social behaviour at the Scout Centre. At the moment it is thankfully very quiet but this is partly due to the weather. It was agreed to meet again in May.

11. **EVENTS PLANNING**

Romstock

- Ticket Prices have been agreed at :-

Before the Event

Adult £7
Child £2.50
Family £15

One the Day

Adult £10
Child £2.50

- It was agreed for Clerk to obtain prices for wristbands
- Tickets to go on sale from 1st April

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party

- It was agreed to use James McCloskey from Blackheath and we are just awaiting exact price per head

- It was discussed and agreed to exclude tea and coffee in these prices and we will source ourselves
- It was agreed to open the event to Hunnington parishioners too and ask Hunnington Parish Council for a £500 grant towards the event

12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 www.romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk is our new website address. The Chairman is in the process of finalising the newsletter and this will be hand delivered third week in February to all households.

13. TRAINING

- 13.1 Nothing to report

14. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

- 14.1 Apologies given

15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 15.1 Clerk confirmed receipt of £1,000 grant from County Cllr. Rachel Jenkins' County Divisional Fund for three picnic tables in the playing fields. Chairman will formally thank Rachel in the newsletter.

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

- 16.1 Commemoration of First World War – nothing to update
- 16.2 Birmingham Resilience Project – the full planning application has now been submitted to Bromsgrove District Council – 16/0085 – construction of underground water pipeline (approximately 10.8km in length), break pressure tank, extension to Frankley Water Treatment Works and associated works all in association with the Birmingham Resilience Project (CRP), Works proposed at the following locations – land to the west of Frankley Water Treatment Works (extension to the water treatment works) – Land to the east of Putney Lane, Nr Romsley (Break Pressure Tank) – pipeline runs between Frankley Water Treatment and the district boundary west of Waystone Lane, Belbroughton. Full plans can be found at <http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications/>. Clerk is to contact Bromsgrove District Council to ask for an extension to submit comments, at present the submission deadline is 25th February 2016. The Parish Council have invited Severn Trent to attend our Parish Council Meeting on 14th March 2016 and we are still awaiting a response.
- 16.4 Neighbourhood Watch – Awaiting results of the questionnaire.
- 16.5 Parish/Neighbourhood Plan – a consultation event to launch the Parish Plan has been arranged for Saturday 27th February 2016, 10.00am to 4.00pm at Romsley Scout Centre.

- 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 Youth Council – Cllr. Mrs Bestwick has sent a simple job description and application form to Michael Conroy-Harris at Haybridge who has sent out to Romsley children at Haybridge and Hagley Roman Catholic School promoting the Youth Council and asking for volunteers. The deadline for applications is the week after half-term.
- 16.8 It was unanimously agreed to cancel December’s meeting.
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Parking on grass verge Waverley Crescent
18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14th March 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School