

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Tilt, 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

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£372.81
R Mullett	Mileage	£39.00
S Tromans	Hedgecutting	£340.00
BDC	Election Costs	£1642.80
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£577.50
Printed 4 You	Romstock	£294.00
Tipi Unique	Romstock	£530.79

- 4.2 Quarterly bank reconciliation statement approved by all councillors.
4.3 To confirm receipt of £500 contribution to Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations from Hunnington Parish Council.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

None

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/0214 – 96 Dark Lane, Romsley – single storey side/rear extension
– **No objections**

Planning Appeal Decisions

APP/P1805/D/16/3143333 – St Kenelms Lodge, St Kenelms Road – rear extension

6. **PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Following a request from a local resident the Lengthsman has cut back the path leading from the Scout Centre to the play area. Tesco have confirmed we have been awarded £8,000 from Tesco Bag Scheme. Clerk has arranged to meet with the Outdoor Gym Contractor on 27th April 2016. The Parish Council have also agreed to arrange a meeting with local residents at our Meet and Greet Session on Saturday 23rd April for a follow up discussion on anti-social behaviour in the playing fields and planting/maintenance arrangements.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

We are still continuing to log all highway defects on the Worcestershire Hub and it is pleasing to note they are being actioned. Richard Clewer, Worcestershire Highways has confirmed he would be prepared to install timber trip rails on Hillcrest Road to stop residents parking on the grass verges. Clerk to place on next month's agenda to discuss further.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 It was asked to remind Lengthsman to install a door on the allotment tap.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 Nothing to report

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Bolar attended the Clent Hills Advisory Committee.

11. **EVENTS PLANNING**

Romstock

- The Talbot in Belbroughton have agreed to provide the bar and all the catering for Romstock
- It was also agreed to hire a Tipi which will house the bar and all the food
- Cllr. Mrs Bestwick agreed to source a bouncy castle
- Cllr. Powell has written to Severn Trent asking them to sponsor the event and he is currently awaiting confirmation.

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party

- Hunnington Parish Council has granted £500 for the joint event.
- The logistics on how we would organise this event was discussed and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss further.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1 www.romsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk is our new website address. The website is continually being updated. The Parish Council will be holding a Meet and Greet Session on Saturday 23rd April, 10.00am till 12.00 noon at the Scout Centre and it is hoped our District Councillors will be in attendance as well as Parish Councillors.
13. **TRAINING**
- 13.1 Clerk attended a Grant Thornton Audit Training Session in Birmingham
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** – trial poppy seeds have been planted in the allotments both outdoor and in greenhouses to gauge the best way of producing poppies for 2018. It has been agreed to sow the poppies on the verge on the left hand side of the path going down to the Scout Centre. This area would be made as a memorial walk with a couple of iron memorial benches.
- 16.2 **Birmingham Resilience Project** – Cllr. Mrs Holloway, together with members of the Action Group met with Emma Anning, Chief Planning Officer at Wyre Forest who is overseeing the Severn Trent Planning Application. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our concerns and it was felt it was a very useful meeting on both sides. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council has lodged our objections to the planning application on the planning portal and all parish council's present at the meeting stressed they wholeheartedly supported this objection document.
- 16.3 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – following the consultation event to launch the Parish Plan Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Mrs Grey and Cllr. Mrs Holloway are to arrange a meeting with all interested parties to move forward with the questionnaire.
- 16.4 **Youth Council** – sadly only two expressions of interest have been received. Cllr. Mrs Bestwick will email Michael Conroy-Harris at Haybridge to drum up some more uptakes. She is also going to contact Hunnington Parish Council to see whether we create a joint Romsley and Hunnington Youth Council.
- 16.8 The Chairman agreed to carry out the Parish Council Risk Assessment – this item was deferred
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 9th May 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School