

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins, District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and District Cllr. Alan-Jones.

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 and Highways England with regards to Severn Trent. Cllr. Bolar and Cllr. Mrs Holloway are both members of the Severn Trent Residents Working Party.
Cllr. Mrs Bestwick – Son is member of Romsley Beavers

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 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

4.2 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00 x2
NPower	Feeder Pillar	£28.13
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£284.05
Mant Leisure	Outdoor Gym	£11242.80
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£445.44
Spears Worldwide	Romstock	£453.60
BDC	Litter and dog bins	£466.20
Romsley Scouts	Grant	£350.00
Romsley Scouts	Chairman's Allowance	£50.00

Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Mrs. Bestwick signed the cheques.

- 4.3 To confirm receipt of £6,000.00 grant from Tesco for the outdoor gym, remaining £2,000.00 to be paid on completion.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

16/0463 – Linger Longer, Chapmans Hill – repositioning of proposed dwelling under planning permission 15/1045 – **Approved**

16/0212 – 5 St Kenelms Road, Romsley – change of use of first floor to plant room, staff room and office, installation of 2 no. plant units and 4 no. louvres – **Approved**

16/0284 – 56 St Kenelms Road, Romsley – two storey side and rear extension - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

None

Appeals

None

6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA

6.1 The Chairman has been in extended negotiations with Severn Trent regarding rectifying the many outstanding issues that were left in the Parish after the works they undertook to install storm drains in St Kenelms Road during 2012. These issues included damage to the grass verges at the bottom of St Kenelms Road and several issues that had been left unresolved to the Park carpark. We can now confirm that Severn Trent fully accept their historic responsibilities and, as a result, have commissioned a different group of contractors to revisit the parish week commencing 18th July to rectify the outstanding problems. These works will include :

- Resurfacing part of the playing field carpark
- Replacement of the surrounding edging fence in the carpark
- Replacing the damaged entry gate
- Replanting the grass verges in St Kenelms Road.

The Chairman agreed to draft a suitable notice to be delivered to all residents surrounding the playing fields.

6.2 A quotation had been received for new lighting columns and other preparatory electrical works but it was agreed for a further two quotations to be sought.

7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS

7.1 Worcestershire County Council have now cut back the overhanging trees in Shutmill Lane and cut back the verges. County have also commenced work on the two drains bottom of Dark Lane and are also going to resurface the pavement at the bottom of Dark Lane/St Kenelms Road.

8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

8.1 Cllr. Tilt confirmed that all the barbwire had been removed. The allotment has now also been cut and strimmed and the double tap is in place.

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

9.1 The Chairman welcomed our new Maintenance Contractor, Nigel Williamson who will be working 18 hours a week in the Parish. The

Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Grey and Clerk walked round the parish with Nigel highlighting maintenance work to be undertaken.

- 9.2 The Chairman thanked the Lengthsman for the significant hard work he has undertaken cutting back the Hedgerows.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 The Chairman and Clerk met with David Rischmiller, Bromsgrove Community Safety Projects Officer to discuss anti-social behaviour in the car park. David is going to come back to the Parish Council with some suggestions to try and stop the drug problem. One of the ideas muted as to bollard off half of the car park and only open when there is a large function at the Scout Centre.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 Cllr. Powell is to work on rebranding the website with the new logo.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

12.1 **Romstock**

Cllr. Powell is going to put an update on the website including the accounts.

- 12.2 Sadly Proms in the Park has been cancelled due to the school not being available. We will look to holding this event in May time 2017.
- 12.3 The sponsored walk has also been deferred until October time.

13. **TRAINING**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend SLCC National Conference to be paid three ways by Clent, Hunnington and Romsley Parish Council at a cost of £131.66.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

14.1 Apologies given

Cllr. Mrs Sherrey has resigned as Leader of Bromsgrove District Council.

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

15.1 Apologies given

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

- 16.1 Commemoration of the First World War – 160 poppy plugs have been planted at the allotments for the memorial walk in the playing fields and are growing well.

16.2 **Birmingham Resilience Project**

- Romsley and STWA Community Liaison Group met on 21st June. The meeting was acknowledged as being an extremely useful and productive one by all parties present.

- The new design for the Break Pressure Tank and hoppers was shared and residents were relieved to see that it evidenced many of the mitigations they had asked to be considered e.g. the Break Pressure Tank itself had been repositioned so that the hoppers were less visible and there had been reductions in height to both.
 - The amount of screening had also been increased and was to be more mature in nature.
 - On 30th July, Cllr, Mrs Holloway walked the site with some of the Barhale Contractors and the Bromsgrove District Council Tree Officer/Landscape Protection Officer.
 - This was also a useful meeting and mitigations to be made to preserve, for example ancient hedgerows and notable trees were discussed.
 - Helpful advice on how to respond to fly tipping on the Marlhole site was also given by the Tree Officer.
 - On 4th July, two parish councillors and three Romsley residents attending the Bromsgrove Planning Meeting.
 - Submissions were made by the Chairman and Lois Swift, Community Liaison Group member. Both were well received and local councillors took note of their content in their deliberations.
 - Planning permission for the Romsley site was however deferred as concerns were raised about traffic management and safety and there was no presentation from the Highways Department at the meeting. This is now being addressed.
- 16.3 Parish/Neighbourhood Plan – nothing to report
- 16.4 Youth Council – Five application forms have gone out
- 16.5 30mph wheelie bin stickers – it was agreed for the school children to design the wheelie bin sticker as part of a completion.
- 16.6 Road signs – It was agreed for the Chairman to work in conjunction with Steve Pitt to design some child height traffic calming signs and preliminary designs were discussed.
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Possibility of installing a defibrillator
18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Thank you letter from Hunnington and Romsley History Society for grant for the Ballard of St Kenelms.
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8th September 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School