

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2016, 7.00PM**

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllr. Mrs Grey, 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 To ratify payments made on 8th August 2016
4.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to apply for a Unity Trust Corporate Multi Pay Card.

Accounts for Payment

Candoo	Website Hosting	£780.00
Steve Pitt	Artwork	£75.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£392.48
South Staffs Water	Allotments	£79.03

4.3 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£392.28
Came & Co Ins	Annual Insurance Premium	£1359.46
Playsafety	Annual RoSPA Report	£474.00
Shelley Signs	Notice Board	£1178.40
AHS Limited	Play Bark	£1280.14
Nigel Williamson	Maintenance & Materials	£1398.06
Romsley Scout Centre	Hire of Hall	£35.00

Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Mrs. Holloway signed the cheques.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

16/0724 – 62 Hillcrest Road, Romsley – replacement of existing conservatory/utility with single storey rear extension – **Approved**

16/0740 – 2 St Kenelms Road, Romsley – change of use from shop with living accommodation to single dwelling with single storey rear extension – **Approved**

16/0666 – 80 Waverley Crescent, Romsley – change of use of garage to habitable room - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/0706 – 36 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley – change of use of garage to habitable room – **No objections**

Appeals

APP/P1805/C/16/2144827 – Land at 7 Eastleigh Drive, Romsley – breach of planning control as alleged in the notice is without planning permission, the erection of a first floor extension built not in accordance with approved drawing L1010 attached to planning permission 14/0266 approved on 19 June 2014 – **the appeal is dismissed**

6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA

- 6.1 The Chairman and Clerk met with David Rischmiller, Bromsgrove Community Projects Safety Officer to discuss anti-social behaviour and drug problems at the playing fields. David made a lot of sensible ideas to help combat our problems. One suggestion was to install a gate to seal off the vulnerable area of the carpark to improve sight lines and surveillance and this was unanimously **RESOLVED** to install. The issue of drug dealing during the evening is defiantly getting worse with individuals getting more blazon with money and packets being visibly exchanged. It also looks like there are a growing number of purchasers from outside the parish who have heard on the grape vine that this is a dealing spot. The Clerk has therefore arranged another meeting with the Local Police as it's felt a very intensive two or three week period of high Police presence on the evenings would help to control this blatant dealing.
- 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. These are still outstanding and it was asked they be made available for next month's meeting.

7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS

- 7.1 Complaints have been received about the quality of the grass cutting, especially the newly turfed grass in St Kenelm's Road which has been churned up by the mowers. It was discussed whether we could pay Steve Tromans to cut the grass more frequently. The Chairman has also meet with Steve Colella, Chairman of Hagley Parish Council and it was discussed whether we could form some kind collective service

ourselves, boycotting Bromsgrove. Cllr. Mrs Holloway is to contact Worcestershire Wildlife Trust to discuss how we progress the wildlife/orchid meadow as this is looking rather shabby.

- 7.2 Clerk to request a grit bin for the corner of Dark Lane/St Kenelms Road from Highways.

8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

- 8.1 The proposed recycled noticeboard for the allotment is no feasible, there is currently a used noticeboard in Belbroughton and Nigel is to ascertain whether this one could be suitable for the allotments. David is to place details of vacant plots on the website and social media.

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

- 9.1 Significant maintenance work has been undertaken in the parish and Nigel is working extremely well and making a significant difference.

10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- 10.1 Severn Trent Community Meeting on 20th September 2016.

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 starting conversations for next year and has pencilled in a meeting with Mark Moran to discuss the bands/layout.

- 12.2 There is an outdoor cinema event in conjunction with St Kenelms Primary School HSA on Saturday 17th September 2016 and there will be a leaflet drop in the village advertising the event this week.

- 12.3 The sponsored walk has also been deferred until October time.

13. TRAINING

Nothing to report.

14. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

- 14.1 Apologies given

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15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 15.1 Apologies given

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

- 16.1 Commemoration of the First World War – Clerk to order a poppy feeder as a sample for the memorial garden.

- 16.2 **Birmingham Resilience Project** – next community meeting is to be held on 20th September 2016.

- 16.3 Parish/Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman to obtain printing quotations and the questionnaire is due to be circulated to all residents second/third week of November. Cllr. Powell is to look at ways of analysing the returned questionnaires.
- 16.4 Youth Council – nothing to report
- 16.5 30mph wheelie bin stickers – it was agreed for the school children to design the wheelie bin sticker as part of a completion and to involve Hunnington as a joint project.
- 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.
- 16.7 Installing a Defibrillator – this item was deferred

- 17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Local Council Award Scheme

- 18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Nothing to report

- 19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 10th October 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School