

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016, 7.00PM**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith, County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins and District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey

**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  
Cllr. Tilt – Allotment Holder

**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 report Unqualified Audit from Grant Thornton and to confirm Notice of Closure has been advertised.  
4.3 **Accounts for Payment**
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| Playsafety Limited | RoSPA Report              | £126.00  |
| HMRC               | Payroll Taxes Due         | £392.48  |
| Richard Arrowsmith | Maintenance and Materials | £99.58   |
| Ruth Mullett       | Refreshments and Prizes   | £82.59   |
| Salvage Cinema Ltd | Outdoor Cinema            | £600.00  |
| Viking Direct      | Stationery and Ink        | £262.02  |
| SLCC               | National Conference       | £87.99   |
| N Williamson       | Maintenance and Materials | £1250.57 |
| Dewbar Fabrication | Barrier Gate              | £1212.00 |
- Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Mrs. Holloway signed the cheques.  
4.4 To confirm receipt of £24,247.50 half yearly Precept from Bromsgrove District Council

**5. PLANNING MATTERS**

**District Council Decisions**

16/0706 – 36 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley – change of use of garage

to habitable room - **Granted**

16/0085 – Land to the West of Frankley Water Treatment Works, Worcestershire – construction of underground water pipeline (approximately 10.8lm in length), break pressure tank, extension to Frankley Water Treatment Works and associated works in association with Birmingham Resilience Project. Pipeline runs between Frankley Water Treatment and the district boundary west of waystone lane, Belbroughton – **Granted**

### **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

None

### **Appeals**

None

## **6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Following recommendation from David Rischmiller, Bromsgrove Community Projects Safety Officer to combat anti-social behaviour and drug problems at the playing fields it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to install a galvanised steel security barrier at a cost of £1212.00 inclusive of VAT.
- 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.
- 6.3 The RoSPA Report had been received from Playsafety Limited and scrutinised by Clerk. There wasn't any serious remedial work recommended apart from some loose fixture and fittings which were classed as low risk. Nigel has been instructed to rectify these.

## **7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to order a new set of LED Christmas lights. Cllr. Tilt agreed to approach The Sun to see if they would like to sponsor the Christmas lights.
- 7.2 Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Grey and Clerk met with residents of St Kenelms Court to discuss the problems with vehicles turning and blocking the entrance to the cul-de-sac. Following approval from Highways it was agreed to install a speed bump on the entrance to the cul-de-sac.

## **8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Three allotments sites are exceptionally overgrown and it was agreed for Nigel to clear them.
- 8.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for the allotment rent to remain at £20.00 for 2016/17.

## **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. It

is pleasing to note positive comments have been made by parishioners as to how nice the parish is looking.

**10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Mrs Holloway attended a Pollinating Course which she found very useful, especially with regards to the wildflower meadow opposite the shops.

**11. COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 A newsletter will be going out the middle of November.

**12. EVENTS PLANNING**

- 12.1 The cinema evening was a fantastic success with really positive comments being received. It was agreed to hold a similar event next year.

**13. TRAINING**

Nothing to report.

**14. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 Report from Cllr. Allen-Jones

The key developments at District since I last saw you:-

1. The Council has had a change of leader and Cllr. Geoff Denaro replaces Cllr. Mrs Margaret Sherrey.
2. There have already been some changes to the cabinet :-  
Cllr. Geoff Denaro retains Finance  
Cllr. Kit Taylor retains Planning and Strategic Planning  
Cllr. Peter Whittaker retains Leisure  
Cllr. Mrs Karen May adds Economic Services and Community Safety
3. There have been some changes to the Committee chairs so that :-  
Cllr. Brian Cooper takes over Chair of Audit  
Cllr. Mrs Rita Dent takes over as Chair of Licencing
4. Cllr. Kit Taylor remains as Deputy Leader for the time being.
5. The big thing that is going on is preparation of the Council's Efficiency Plan covering the proposed savings for the next four years which the government requires to enable a four year financial settlement to be secured. Although this item came before the last council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September further work was required and so the item was withdrawn and will now be reconsidered at an extra ordinary council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
6. A new round of New Homes Bonus applications has been launched. Cllr. Mrs Grey agreed to look at the criteria and maybe apply for a youth shelter.

**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. Sadly Hillside Ladies were unsuccessful in this Tesco Grant.
- 16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** –  
Cllr. Bolar and Clerk attended a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September with six Bromsgrove District Parish Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether it was be preferable for all parishes in the District to come together and approach proposed new housing development and agreeing locals together with all parishes taking on some development. Another meeting has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> October which Cllr. Bolar will attend.
- 16.3 **30mph wheelie bin stickers** – Cllr. Mrs Bestwick is going to produce the template and take into school.
- 16.4 **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 – this is still being discussed with school governors.
- 16.5 **Installing a Defibrillator** – this item was deferred
- 16.6 **NHW** – Awaiting questionnaire
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**  
Nothing to report
18. **CORRESPONDENCE**  
Nothing to report
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School