

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017, 7.00PM**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 Cllr. Bolar, District Cllr. Allen-Jones 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 **PRECEPT** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would Precept upon the District Council the sum of £49,610.00 for the year 2017/18.  
4.2 To ratify payments made on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Accounts for Payment**

HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£392.48
J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
Ruth Mullett	Contractors Gifts	£76.72
Viking Direct	Stationery	£101.95
Steve Tromans	Mowing	£1200.00
Steve Tromans	Maintenance	£890.00
GJH Electrical	Christmas Lights	£246.00
NPower	Feeder Pillar	£87.60

**4.3 Accounts for Payment**

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£392.48
Ed Sheppard	Lengthsman	£903.50
CPRE	Subscriptions	£36.00
Elmcroft Pines	Christmas Tree	£120.00

**5. PLANNING MATTERS**

**District Council Decisions**

16/0998 – 32 St Kenelms Road, Romsley – single storey rear extension with lantern roof and side facing roof lights - **Approved**

**Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

16/1212 – The Barn, Spring Lane – extension and conversion of barn – **No objections**

16/1195 – Nailers Cottage, Chapmans Hill – new boundary wall - **No objections**

**Appeals**

None

**6. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 A letter had been received from Romsley Scouts questioning the Parish Council's need to replace the lighting columns down to the Scout Centre. Cllr. Arrowsmith agreed to draft a suitable reply, offering to meet with the Scout Committee to discuss the issue further.
- 6.2 Clerk to obtain another quotation for new/repair lighting columns and other preparatory electrical works.

**7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 A quotation had been received of £1,525.20 to install a wooden trip rail around the wildflower meadow on Bromsgrove Road and this was unanimously agreed, subject to Highways approval. Cllr. Mrs Holloway is to arrange a meeting with Worcestershire Wildlife, Lengthsman, Maintenance Man and Councillors to agree work schedule/planting of the meadow.
- 7.3 County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins has agreed to grant £2,000.00 to Romsley Parish Council and £1,000.00 to Hunnington Parish Council for a joint new oak bus shelter at the top of Hunnington adjacent to The Sun. Clerk to obtain quotations and agree design at next Parish Council Meeting.

**8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 There are now four vacant allotment plots.

**9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 Nothing to report

**10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 There will be another meeting with the Severn Trent Community Liaison Group at the end of January/beginning of February. This will be attended by Cllr. Mrs Holloway and Cllr. Bolar.

**11. COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 The newsletter should hopefully be ready for distribution, together with the questionnaire early February.

## 12. EVENTS PLANNING

### 12.1 Romstock

1. Marquees are booked
2. Craddock's Brewery will be providing the bar
3. Clerk has booked Vintage Cocktail Caravan
4. Avion have been booked for the stage and sound system
5. Acts are secured
6. The Rock Choir will be opening
7. DJ will be playing music in between acts.
8. Agreed not to use Spoz this year

12.2 The Carol Service has been booked for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr. Mrs Bestwick is to liaise with the school to see if the school choir would attend and sing with the Salvation Army.

12.3 Another movie night has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> September.

12.4 It was agreed to try and arrange another Brass Band Concert for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## 13. TRAINING

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend SLCC Practitioners Conference to be paid every third year by Romsley Parish Council at a cost of £249.00.

## 14. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

14.1 Nothing to report

## 15. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

15.1 *There is a £5m county-wide fund for pinch points of congestion on road systems. Please report any pinch points directly to the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Geraghty. [sgeraghty@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:sgeraghty@worcestershire.gov.uk) There is a "Driving Home" initiative which covers improvements to side roads such as resurfacing and potholes. Please report via "report" section on the homepage of [www.worcestershire.gov.uk](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk). £12m has been allocated from April 2016 for "Driving Home" for two years. £2m of this will come from New Homes Bonus. Further funding is available towards a dedicated pavement fund which covers repairs/improvements to pavements. Again report via the website as mentioned above. £6m budget for the pavement fund has been recommended by cabinet and will come to full council in February.*

*The new Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2017-30 public consultation has started so please put your comments forward on the direct link to the consultation below [www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=14871885958](http://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=14871885958) I met with Andy Baker regarding the LTP on 4<sup>th</sup> January. There is nothing directing affecting your village but might in your usage. Andy went through Hagley's two protects NEST 6 and NEST 8 on the*

*Worcestershire LTP 2017-30. One on the work around the signal junctions and the other would be improvements to Hagley Railway Station. Working with the train operators for a more frequent service. There is no room for additional parking at Hagley and the thinking is to increase parking at Blakedown by using a field owned by the Council for 200-300 cars. This is not written in the strategy but under the item "improvements to car parking" WFST5 – Strategic Schemes for Wyre Forest.*

*Worcestershire County Council propose a 2.94% increase in the Council Tax for 2017/18, to include a ring fenced 2% for Adult Social Care. This will be voted on at full council in February 2017 as part of the budget.*

*Divisional Fund – as you know I have a divisional fund which can be used for local projects or improvements. Please let me know as soon as possible what projects you would like me to consider for funding but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January.*

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

- 16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War** – an update has been received from CALC Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the First World War and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent. More than 320 town and Parish Councils have already confirmed their involvement and will be lighting a beacon at 7pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and it was agreed that Romsley would like to be part of this event. Clerk to register our interest on the official website.
- 16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr. Bolar continues to attend the joint Bromsgrove Parish Council meetings lead by Steve Colella.
- 16.3 **30mph wheelie bin stickers** – this item was deferred
- 16.4 **Road signs** – the Chairman brought designs of the child height traffic calming signs and subject to School approval it was agreed for order eight of them.
- 16.5 **Installing a Defibrillator** – BT have agreed to allow the Parish Council to adopt the phone box and this is now going through consultation. Hillside Ladies have made the defibrillator this sponsored charity this year.

**17. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Nothing to report

**18. CORRESPONDENCE**

Worcestershire Regulatory Services – Licence Decision for Co-op

Thank you letter from Stuart Smith, Footpath Officer for his Christmas Gift

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School