

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2017, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Mrs Grey, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Tilt and County Cllr. Mrs Jenkins

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey, Lengthsman Ed Sheppard, Maintenance Nigel Williamson and Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Cllr. Mrs Holloway, Cllr. Mrs Bestwick, Bolar, District 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 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 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £250.00 to Romsley and Hunnington Parish Show
4.3 **Accounts for Payment**

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£392.28
S Pitt	Signage	£375.00
SLCC	Training	£272.20
BDC	Litter and dog bins	£2839.20
The Tree Doctors	Tree Surgery	£1555.00
Avion Technical	Romstock	£204.96
St Kenelms DCC	Hire of hall	£25.00
NPower	Feeder Pillar	£28.42
Wyre Forest Marquee	Romstock	£446.03
GJH Electrical	Christmas Lights	£126.00
Ruth Mullett	Wheelie Bin Stickers	£550.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	£136.78
O Carter	Chairman's Allowance	£100.00

Hunnington & Romsley Grant
Show

£250.00

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

16/1212 – The Barn, Spring Lane – extension and conversion of barn -
Approved

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

16/1214 – Temperley Cottage, Farley Lane – existing building
refurbishment, partial demolition to rear of building, two storey
extension to rear, providing additional bedroom on first floor – **No
objections**

17/0004 – High Rising, 19 Bromsgrove Road – proposed single storey
extensions to front and side elevations, replacement and enlargement
of existing balcony, new render and cladding to all elevations – **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 this item was deferred

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.
- 7.2 Stuart Smith, Parish Path Warden reported that there have been
problems in Romsley parish recently, with people not keeping to the
Rights of Way. It's not just a case of walkers straying a few years off
course, which could be tolerated, but rather people are just walking
wherever they like, well away from the paths. The Parish Council via
its website and social media to keep to the paths and respect private
land. Stuart is also going to source a Rights of Way map which could
be placed on the website and notice boards.
- 7.3 There has been a lot of complaints from residents about the amount of
dog poo in the parish especially at the entrance to the gullies and the
playing fields. Clent Parish Council supply dog bags and holders and it

was agreed for Clerk to get a price for these and report back to the next meeting.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 There are now four vacant allotment plots. It was reported a shed had been broken into and the Chairman stressed that all plot holders must report break-ins to the Police.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 Nigel is to install 6 x 6m wooden posts, just under a metre high either side of the barrier gate in the carpark. All benches have been cleaned and he is now working on litter in the village.
- 9.2 The builders working on High Rising have made a mess of the bank, once work has finished Ed confirmed he would tidy this area up.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 There was another meeting with the Severn Trent Community Liaison Group and it was agreed that Severn Trent would hold two more public meetings.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

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

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 12.1 A Romstock meeting has been arranged for Monday 21st February, 7.00pm.
- 12.2 The Brass Band Picnic in the Park has been arranged for Sunday 30th April 2017.

13. **TRAINING**

Nothing to report

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 Cllr. Mrs Sherrey reported that the Bromsgrove District Plan has been passed. Also Waitrose is going ahead and should be ready earlier than expected.

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 15.1 *Full council past council tax increase of 2.94% (either 2% to adult social care for aging population) for 2017/18. This is due to government reductions on Revenue Support Grant. Fire Authority 1.96% council tax increase subject to full fire authority meeting on Wednesday.*

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

- 16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War** – a meeting needs to be organised urgently as poppies need to be planted in March.
 - 16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – awaiting initial feedback from questionnaire.
 - 16.3 **30mph wheelie bin stickers** – this have now been received and will be delivered with the newsletter.
 - 16.4 **Road signs** – awaiting County Council approval.
 - 16.5 **Installing a Defibrillator** – Awaiting end of consultation from BT.
 - 16.6 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report
 - 16.7 **Smartwater** – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to purchase Smartwater for the whole of the parish to make Romsley a Smartwater village. This should cost roughly £5,500.00 but we should expect to receive a grant from the PCC of £1,000.00.
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
Nothing to report
18. **CORRESPONDENCE**
Correspondence
19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 13th March 2017, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School