

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

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Mrs Holloway, Cllr. Mrs Grey, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Tilt and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick
ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Allen-Jones, Maintenance Nigel Williamson and Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr. Bolar, District Cllr. Mrs Sherrey 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 To confirm receipt of £100.00 contribution from Lengthsman towards spraying course

4.3 To confirm receipt of £2,000.00 bus shelter grant from County Cllr. Rachel Jenkins from her Divisional Fund

4.4 To confirm receipt of £903.50 Lengthsman Grant from Worcestershire County Council

4.5 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£439.85
R Mullett	Postage and refreshments	£6.80
Richard Arrowsmith	Maintenance/Consumables	£230.55
N Williamson	Maintenance	£1564.60
Printed4You	Romstock	£471.60
South Staffs Water	Allotments	£116.59
S Tromans	Grass Cuttings	£470.00
R Mullett	Cilca/Mileage/Play Inspection	£583.50
E Dennis	Chairman's Allowance	£100.00
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£374.00
Andy Loos	Romstock	£433.02

Pulseline	Romstock	£840.00
Npower	Feeder Pillar	£107.95
R Arrowsmith	Consumables	£33.74

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

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 –

Approved

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

4 Winston Drive, Romsley – rear extension, dormer extensions and formation of new bedroom at first floor – **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. It was also brought to the Parish Council's attention there had been some discussions on social media about the lighting issue. Cllr. Arrowsmith agreed to meeting with Andy Sheppard to discuss the issue further.
- 6.2 Cllr. Arrowsmith met with Steve Tromans and Nigel Williamson to discuss the drainage issues associated with the playing fields. It was agreed that before a decision was taken on new/repairing the lighting columns and other preparatory electrical works we would have the land surveyed by a drainage engineer. Cllr. Arrowsmith is to arrange for the relevant survey to take place.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to install four dog poo bag holders, one at the entrance to the gully on St Kenelms Road, one on the gully on Bromsgrove Road, one at the entrance to the park via the gully and one at the second gate in the park. The new dog poo signs have also now arrived and Nigel will put them up in various locations around the village.
- 7.2 Cllr. Arrowsmith has ordered sample wooden posts to be installed on the grass verges, when they arrive he will obtain Highways approval from Richard Clewer.
- 7.3 Cllr. Mrs Holloways has arranged a meeting for Friday 24th March with Worcestershire County Council, an Ecologist, Bromsgrove District Council and the Parish Council to discuss the wildflower meadow opposite the shops.

7.4 Following the grant from Cllr. Mrs Jenkins for our replacement oak bus shelter the Parish Council agreed on the Great Leigh design. Clerk to contact Hunnington Parish Council to see if they are in agreement.

7.5 Cllr. Mrs Bestwick has agreed to organise a community litter pick.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

8.1 There are now four vacant allotment plots. Derek is to meet with Nigel and discuss modifications that could be made to the gate to enhance the security at the allotments and report back to the next meeting.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

9.1 Nigel confirmed he had been carrying out litter picks around the village and finishing the wooden rails in the playing fields. Now the weather has changed he will continue painting the posts around the village.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

10.1 Severn Trent are organising an open meeting for residents on 28th March, 4.00pm till 8.00pm at Waseley County Park. There will be a leaflet drop for houses most affected.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

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

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

12.1 Romstock planning still ongoing, Licence is outstanding and we are awaiting details from the bar and then Clerk will submit application.

13. **TRAINING**

Cllr. Powell is to attend Chairmanship training.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

14.1 District Cllr. Allen-Jones attended and answered questions from the floor.

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

15.1 No report given

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

16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – we have registered are interest in the lighting of a beacon and Cllr. Powell is progressing this.

16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – awaiting initial feedback from questionnaire.

16.3 **Road signs** – awaiting County Council approval.

- 16.4 **Installing a Defibrillator** – Awaiting end of consultation from BT. Cllr. Arrowsmith has asked BT whether we could be allowed to start renovating the phone box while we're waiting for the consultation to end.
- 16.5 **Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report
- 16.6 **Local Council Award** - Ongoing
- 16.7 **Smartwater** – Smartwater have agreed to grant us 300 free packs and Clerk has ordered the remaining packs. We are awaiting a meeting with Mick Simpson to discuss the roll out to the Parish.
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 11th April 2017, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School