



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Powell and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick
ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr. Mrs May, Maintenance Nigel Williamson and Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 District Cllr. Tilt, Cllr. Miss Gray, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey and Cllr. Allen-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
 Cllr. Tilt – Allotment Holder
 Cllr. Mrs Gray – planning application 17/0165 – adjacent to the property

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 £1,000.00 grant from Severn Trent towards the de-fibrillator.
 4.3 To confirm receipt of £225.00 sponsorship for the newsletter from Bloore and King Estate Agents.

4.4 Accounts for Payment

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| J Harper | Gate Keeper | £60.00 |
| HMRC | Payroll Taxes Due | £390.77 |
| Ruth Mullett | Romstock Bands | £150.00 |
| Richard Arrowsmith | Safety Chains | £53.97 |

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| Ruth Mullett | Stationery | £19.99 |
| Nigel Williamson | Maintenance and Materials | £1632.21 |
| Avion Technical | Romstock | £1844.64 |
| Npower | Feeder Pillar | £105.74 |
| Pamela McGowan | Chairman's Allowance | £49.12 |
| Steve Pitt | Romstock | £70.00 |
| S Knight | Distribution | £60.00 |
| JRB | Dog bags | £164.34 |

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

None

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

17/00651 – 426 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley – proposed single and two storey extension to rear and alterations to front wall/gate

Appeals

None

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 The planters for the poppies have now been completed and they are starting to sprout. Cllr. Miss Gray and Sue Holloway from Hillside Ladies are in the process of trying to source a potter to assist in making pottery potteries.
- 6.2 There has been a lot of positive comments received about the maintenance of the playing fields, especially with regards to the dog poo bags which have made a significant difference.
- 6.3 Cllr. Miss Gray, Gate Keeper and Clerk had a successful meeting with the Scout Committee with regards to closing the gate. Hopefully working with the Scout Committee there should be fewer problems.
- 6.4 The Parish Council has been contacted to see if we would be prepared to loan out the football pitch on a Sunday morning to Halesowen Colts who are attached to Halesowen Town for a seven years and above seven aside football team. Clerk to ascertain costs of marking out the pitch and speak to Steve Tromans with regards to the frequency of the cutting of the football pitch. The Parish Council would also need to talk to the Scout Committee about toilet access. The Councillors felt this is something they would like to start in the village.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 The wooden posts have been installed around the wildflower meadow and the damaged flower planter removed.
- 7.2 Clerk is still trying to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council and Matt Austin from Bromsgrove District Council to discuss the state of the grass cutting in the parish.
- 7.3 The oak bus shelter has now been ordered and hopefully should be installed early August.

8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

8.1 Nothing to report

9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

9.1 Maintenance Report

Playing Fields

- Remove barrier to the kiss gate
- Fill dog glove dispensers
- Collect steel for bollard and barrier
- Make leg for barrier and paint
- Fit modified kiss gate barrier
- Cut back vegetation at the far end of the park to enable the removal of fence panel in emergency
- Start building planters
- Assist cutting back the front hedge
- Build timber barrier to add to kissing gate
- Paint timber barrier
- Take delivery of generator
- Paint planters
- Litter pick
- Deliver planters/line, collect top soil and fill planters
- Plant box hedging

Dark Lane

- Set post for dog glove dispenser (top Hedgerows)
- Cut back hedge overhanging pavement
- Spot spray (top of Hedgerows)
- Fit dog glove dispenser

Bromsgrove Road

- Install timber bollards opposite Sun
- Remove bricks around planter
- Remove 4 no. box hedging and posts and level soil

St Kenelms Road

- Fit hanging baskets to the Coop
- Spot spray bottom of Dark Lane
- Fit dog glove dispenser

Allotments

- Strim and spot spray one allotment

10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

10.1 Police

Severn Trent Community Liaison Group

11. COMMUNICATION

11.1 A leaflet has been produced advertising St Kenelms Day and Clerk will arrange for this to be distributed around the village.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 12.1 St Kenelms Day will be our next event and Rev Dominic has agreed to come and do a non-faith reading during the interval.

13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 Bromsgrove District Council Planning Training to be held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017, 5.30 at Parkside.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 Nothing to report

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 15.1 County Cllr. Mrs May has grave concerns about the Velo Bike Ride and gave everyone a thorough update.

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

- 16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – still obtaining beacon quotes
- 16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – awaiting initial feedback from questionnaire.
- 16.3 **Road signs** – these have now been installed
- 16.4 **Installing a Defibrillator** – the contract has been signed and the transfer is in the process of going through
- 16.5 **Neighbourhood Watch** – still canvassing the village to obtain more interest.
- 16.6 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the Romsley Parish Council Policy for use of Facebook. Clerk to place a copy on the website.

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

- 17.1 Litter pick

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11th September 2017, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School