



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Tilt, Cllr. Miss Gray, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Mrs Bestwick

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr. Mrs May, Maintenance Nigel Williamson and Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Nigel Williamson Maintenance, 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. Shaw - member 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

5.1 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

4.2 Accounts for Payment

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| J Harper | Gate Keeper | £60.00 |
| HMRC | Payroll Taxes Due | £390.77 |
| SLCC | Training | £150.00 |
| SLCC | Subscriptions | £126.00 |
| Andyloos | Romstock | £491.79 |
| JRB | Dog poo bags | £257.94 |
| Viking Direct | Stationery | £102.72 |
| Npower | Feeder pillar | £28.48 |

- 4.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to update the Bank Mandate to include Cllr. Shaw as a signatory.
- 4.4 To confirm receipt of £24,805.00 half yearly Precept from BDC.
- 4.5 To report Unqualified Audit from Grant Thornton and to confirm Notice of Closure has been advertised.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

17/00915 – 5 Waverley Crescent, Romsley – two storey side and rear extension – **Approved**

17/00569 – Oatlands, Holt Lane – front roof alteration to existing dwelling and conversion of part of garage to provide overnight carer accommodation - **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

None

Appeals

None

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith confirmed that the Sunday football team was working well, he has had a meeting with the Christadelphians and they were happy with the arrangements. He is going to meet and challenge the Halesowen Colts to encourage more Romsley residents to join the team. Clerk has found a company to mark out the pitch who will do so on a rolling monthly basis.
- 6.2 Cllr. Shaw is to arrange a sign for the gate with the revised opening times on.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 We have been informed by Severn Trent that they will begin water mains renewal works in the village which will sadly dig up Dark Lane which has been newly tarmacked.
- 7.2 The Parish Council together with Worcestershire County Council are still in negotiations regarding the fatality on Bromsgrove Road and the concern over speeding. County Cllr. May is to arrange a meeting at County Hall.
- 7.2 It was confirmed that the verges outside the church had been cut and the thatch sprinkled onto our wildflower meadow to encourage new wildflowers to germinate.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Rent letter have gone out. The Allotment Christmas Lunch has been arranged for Friday 12th January at the Horseshoes in Belbroughton.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTEANCE**

- 10.1 **Maintenance Report** – No maintenance report this month

10.2 Lengthsman to look at drains around Waverley/Hillcrest.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

11.1 Nothing to report

11. **COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Cllr. Powell agreed to do another Hot Topics.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

13.1 The litter pick held on Sunday 8th October was a complete success with 13 councillors attending, including our County Councillor Karen May.

13.2 The Carol Service preparations are well underway. Peter Martin has kindly agreed to be Father Christmas. Claire Whitmore a local resident has offered to bake biscuits for the children.

13.3 The Clerk is once again going to arrange a resident's trip to The House of Commons early next year.

13. **TRAINING**

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

15. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

15.1 Nothing to report

16. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

16.1 County Cllr. Mrs May is to ask Worcestershire County Council to collect the Velo road closure signs as soon as possible.

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

16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – still obtaining beacon quotes, Cllr. Shaw has a contact and will arrange to send him the sketches. Cllr. Grey is to look at a cost for ceramic poppies for the whole school to produce. Then we can look at grants.

16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – response rate has been 15%. Councillors on now in the process of analysing them.

16.3 **Installing a Defibrillator** – it was unanimously agreed to now purchase the defibrillator. Clerk to talk to the suppliers.

16.4 **Neighbourhood Watch** – nothing to report

16.5 **Smartwater** – Cllr. Mrs Bestwick is pursuing this and it was suggested we book a weekend at the scout centre to roll-out as many as possible.

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

17.1 Nothing to report

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 9th October 2017, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School