



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2018, 7.00PM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Williamson and Clerk

There were 11 members of public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Mrs Sherrey, Cllr. Mrs May 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
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 and member of Hunnington and Romsley Show Committee

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 £25,280.00 half yearly Precept from BDC

4.3 To confirm receipt of £3,750.00 New Homes Bonus from BDC

4.4 To confirm receipt of £360.50 Lengthsman grant from WCC

4.5 To confirm receipt of £172.11 from BDC for damage to the gate

4.2 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£407.63
Viking Direct	Feeder pillar	£27.89
BDC	Litter and dog bins	£2839.20
Worcs CALC	Training	£30.00

Npower	Feeder pillar	£4.41
SLCC	Community Governance	£830.00
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£634.00
R Mullett	Romstock	£49.17
A Jones	St Kenelms Day	£42.00

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

Appeals

Nothing to report

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 The memorial benches are now in situ and residents have commented how lovely they look and a fitting tribute. Hillside Ladies also confirmed that all the poppy planters have been reseeded.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 There is serious damage to the wildflower area in front of St Kenelms Church by 4 x 4 drivers. This is an important part of the parish's heritage, and a safe, effective but aesthetically appropriate solution is required to prevent this damage reoccurring in the future. Given that the historical accident record is low at this location the parish council is proposing the installation of suitable timber posts at 1.5m to 1.8m centres set at least one metre back from the road. Highways have confirmed we can install a trip rail and Cllr. Arrowsmith and Nigel Williamson are in talks with Richard Clewer as to the correct specification.
- 7.2 Steve Tromans confirmed he is in the process of making the hanging baskets for the village.
- 7.3 The footpath from Yew Tree Place to the Co-op is in need of repair. Clerk to report to Karen May.
- 7.4 Cllr. Arrowsmith has received a road safety proposal from Highways. He is in the process of drafting a response and will circulate to all councillors.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Nothing to report

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

9.1 **Maintenance Report**

No report received

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

10.1 Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Miss Gray attended the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Pollinator course. A wide range of subjects were very professionally covered, followed by an excellent field walk with an extremely knowledgeable guide from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

- Bug life – major wild pollinators
- Bug life – ‘B’ friendly in your community
- Enhancing ecosystems for pollinators
- Pollinators farm audit
- Pollinators in the verge
- Verge management
- Roadside verge nature reserve – RVNR
- Malvern Hills Project – Worcestershire Biological records has been awarded a £58,200 National Lottery Grant to study rare species near the Malvern Hills.

The trust is also working on a plan regarding verge management to submit to parishes for their information and use. Links:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/pollinatorsconferences>

10.2 Residents Trip to House of Commons – All councillors agreed this was a fantastic trip, beneficial trip with consisted of a tour of Westminster followed by a meeting with our MP Sajid Javid. All councillor thanked the Clerk for organising the trip.

10.3 A successful community litter pick in conjunction with Friends of Romsley was undertaken.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

11.1 We are still awaiting the first draft of the newsletter.

11.1 Cllr. Powell is to do another Hop Topics for the website.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

12.1 A Romstock meeting has been arranged for early May. Clerk still needs to receive details from the bar so she can apply for the Premises Licence.

13. **TRAINING**

13.1 Cllr. Shaw is to attend Worcestershire CALC How to be a Better Councillor

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

14.1 No report submitted

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No report given

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

- 16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – Cllr. Miss Gray and Sue Holloway have met with the Head of St Kenelms School and she has agreed for the school to make the plastic poppies. It was agreed to do training with staff early October and make the poppies in school in November. It was also unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £975.00 from Ogilvie for the construction of the brazier.
- 16.2 **Parish/Neighbourhood Plan** – nothing to report
- 16.3 **Installing a Defibrillator** – de-fib has been installed and we are awaiting it going live by the Ambulance Service. Clerk will then organise training for the parish.
- 16.4 **Neighbourhood Watch** – nothing to report
- 16.5 **Smartwater** – We've managed to give out 215 Smartwater kits and we are continuing to roll-out.
- 16.6 **Enhanced Christmas Lights** – it was agreed for Clerk to obtain a quotation for a Christmas tree star.
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** – Wednesday 14th May 2018, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School