



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018, 7.00PM**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs May, Nigel Williamson and Clerk  
There were 8 members of public in attendance

**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 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  
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 Accounts for Payment**

J Harper	Gate Keeper	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes due	£859.97
GJH Electrical	Christmas Lights	£354.00
S Pitt	Romstock	£65.00
R Arrowsmith	Romstock	£645.00

**5. PLANNING MATTERS**

**District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report

### **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

18/00557 – 25 Waverley Crescent, Romsley – two storey rear extension – **No objections**

18/00594 – 4 Hillcrest Road – change of front windows to bowed windows (2 no.) replacement of front entrance porch – single storey and side and rear extensions – **No objections**

### **Appeals**

Nothing to report

## **6. PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 The playing fields are now all tidy after Romstock. Steve Tromans and Nigel Williamson were congratulated on what a fantastic job they had done of them.

## **7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith confirmed we are to date still awaiting clarification of proposed safety road solutions for Bromsgrove Road. We have asked for a speed survey to be carried out outside The Sun. We are also awaiting a follow-up meeting with Worcestershire Highways to discuss the proposed development opposite the Co-op and the proposed road enhancements.

## **8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Clerk confirmed we are still awaiting a response from plot holder number 9 as to whether they will be continuing their new plot. It was agreed if no response is received by the next meeting we would serve them notice.

## **9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

### **9.1 Maintenance Report**

No report received

## **10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Shaw and Nigel Williamson have meet with Rob Derry from Worcestershire Highways and Wade Middleton from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust to discuss the area opposite St Kenelms Church. They were pleased with the trip rails and were in agreement to them being extended further down. It was also discussed to create a larger lay by opposite the church. They have agreed for the verge to be cut in September and to leave the hay on the top for a week or so to generate more wild flowers. Friends of Romsley are to look and see what orchids/wild flowers are growing opposite the church with the intend of creating a flower species/information board.
- 10.2 Worcestershire Wildlife were also asked if they could help and support the ongoing works at the Marl hole (Putney Lane) and in conjunction with Barhale help to clear the site. Cllr. Shaw agreed to draft a letter to

Bromsgrove Planning Department explaining our intensions as to how to intend to protect this area.

## 11. **COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 Cllr. Powell confirmed he had sent an article to the Express and Star and Halesowen News explaining what a fantastic event Romstock was this year.

## 12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 12.1 It was agreed that Romstock this year was a fantastic team event. Cllr. Powell was praised for a wonderful mix of bands and selection of groups and was asked to personally thank Mark Moran too. The council are to arrange a de-briefing meeting shortly.
- 12.2 The next event is St Kenelms Day which is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Clerk confirmed the fireworks are booked and Cllr. Powell is looking into some kind of sound system for the brass band. Clerk has ordered the hats and flags and will arrange song sheets through Leaflet Frog. The HSA do not have the volunteers to run the bar so Lesley is going to approach the Co-op.
- 12.3 The commemoration of World War One is fast approaching and it was agreed to organise a working party meeting. Cllr. Shaw confirmed that the brazier is on order.

## 13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 Nothing to report

## 14. **COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE**

- 14.1 Cllr. Powell would like to parish council to be more structured to take the burden of certain councillors and spread the load. He is suggests setting up working parties for particular headings for example, planning, allotments, events etc. It was agreed to look into this further and councillors agreed to bounce a few ideas around by email and report back to the next meeting.

## 14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 No report submitted

## 15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Apologies were given for not being able to attend Romstock. The parish council thanked Cllr. Mrs May for her £1,000 contribution from Divisional Funds for the Footpath Notice Board. Enforcement with regards the car wash was discussed and she confirmed this was still with the Legal Department at District.

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

- 16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – Cllr. Shaw confirmed that the brazier was now on order.
- 16.2 **Smartwater** – It was agreed to set up a Smartwater table at St Kenelm’s Day to try and give out the remaining kits.
  
- 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School