



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 9th JULY 2018, 7.00PM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Nigel Williamson and Clerk

There were 9 members of public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Mrs Bestwick, Cllr. Mrs May, 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, daughter a member of Romsley Rainbows
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	£419.47
Viking Direct	Stationery	£47.38
Avion Technical	Romstock	£2,193.60
BDC	Bins	£240.00
Betonia IT	Dropbox Backup	£89.99
Npower	Feeder Pillar	£101.89
JRB	Dog poo gloves	£297.00

Ed Sheppard	Lengthsman	£302.00
The SES Group	Romstock	£1812.00
Broxap	Litter bins	£485.82
G-force Fireworks	St Kenelms Day	£750.00
Mark Moran	Romstock	£420.00
Npower	Feeder Pillar	£17.06
Ruth Mullett	Baps for Summer Fayre	£32.00
Nigel Williamson	Maintenance	£2062.75
J Heritage	Digger	£620.00
S Tromans	Extra grass cutting	£688.50

Cllr's Miss Gray and Cllr Bolar signed the cheques.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Holt Farm Nursey, Holt Lane – change of paddock to working horse ménage – **No objections**

Appeals

Nothing to report

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Now the field is so dry it was decided to take photographs so we can assess the drainage issues.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 The maintenance man is now in receipt of the new planters to be sited two at the top and two at the bottom of Hillcrest Road. Clerk to instruct the Hunnington Gardener to plant up. We have also received new bins which will be sited the top of Dark Lane and Hillcrest Road. It was also agreed to order another bin for outside the school to replace the old dog poo bin.
- 7.2 Cllr. Miss Gray has reported the drains at the bottom of Dark Lane as they are very silted up.
- 7.3 Cllr. Arrowsmith spoke on the disappointment in the standard of the grass cutting being received from Bromsgrove District Council. The Parish Council believe we could make a far better job of the grass cutting for our parishioners. It was unanimously agreed to look into ways in which we could take the grass cutting service in-house with remuneration from BDC. Clerk is to try and arrange an urgent meeting with the Leader, Deputy Leader and District Councillor to ascertain whether this function could be dissolved down to the parish council. It was also unanimously agreed for the parish council to seek quotations to carry out this function.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Cllr. Tilt confirmed that the Allotment Tenancy Agreement needed updating and agreed to have a draft available for the next meeting.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

9.1 **Maintenance Report**

St Kenelms Road

- Check and clean Defibrillator
- Fill dog glove dispensers
- Set up banners for Romstock
- Replace 1 bollard

Chapel Lane

- Produce trip rails
- Install new trip rails
- Attend meeting
- Level top soil 20 ton

Putney Lane

- Replace fencing
- Meeting

Park

- Litter picking
- Meeting
- Install post support brackets for emergency exit
- Install gate slamming post
- Frame opening for emergency exit
- Complete construction of emergency exit
- Cut back vegetation and strimming
- Open up hand over keys to scout rep
- Set up emergency exit no. 2
- Take delivery marquees
- Take delivery of generator
- Set up emergency exit no. 1
- Toilet delivery
- Erect marquees
- Collect banners/barriers and cones
- Dismantle and tidy away after Romstock
- Repair fencing damaged at Romstock
- Collect materials

Bromsgrove Road

- Install 2no. bollards at junction with Farley Lane
- Spray Romsley Hill island

Allotments

- Spray 2 allotments

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Miss Gray and Cllr. Bolar attended an escorted tour of the Severn Trent Brake Pressure Tank and all found extremely good.

11. **COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith has prepared a leaflet for St Kenelm's Day to be distributed to all residents in Hunnington and Romsley. Clerk to arrange the distribution.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 12.1 St Kenelm's Day is to be held on the evening of 14th July 2018. It was confirmed that all arrangements were in hand.

13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend SLCC National Conference to be held on 10th and 11th October to be paid three ways between Hunnington, Romsley and Clent Parish Council at a cost of £143.33.

14. **COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE**

- 14.1 This item was deferred.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 No report submitted

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Open for Business

A 1,500 tonne railway bridge extension over Worcester's Southern Link Road has been successfully manoeuvred into place in one of the biggest engineering operations to take place in the County.

Battenhall Bridge on the A4440 was moved into position by a team of engineers as work continues to fully dual the road from the M5 to Powick roundabout in Worcester.

In order for this work to be completed, a full shutdown of the railway line and the A4440 was necessary. After excellent progress, the road was reopened on Wednesday 30th May, fully 36 hours ahead of schedule.

The installation of the bridge follows months of round the clock preparatory works to get the area ready and a 20 second time-lapse video of the project has been produced which can be seen here:

[YouTube/P8kitVgZIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8kitVgZIY)

The next phase of the work will see the construction of the highway underneath the bridge and work is in preparation for this.

Children and Families

The Council's children's social care improvement work continues.

Ofsted has recently completed another monitoring visit and feedback has been positive. Inspectors were clear that there is more work to do but have recognised the continued progress. Inspectors described the Council's corporate parenting arrangements as a strength. They

described the social worker as increasingly enthusiastic and committed, demonstrating a positive culture.

The Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) area inspection by Ofsted and CQC has also recently been published. Although the inspectors recognised recent progress in implementing the 2014 SEND code of practice, they are clear that the local area – which includes the Local Authority, Health Services and Schools – has a lot to do to improve.

Partners are now required to produce and submit an action plan to Ofsted.

Health and Wellbeing

Worcestershire's businesses and residents are being encouraged to help raise awareness about mental health. There are several ways businesses and residents can do this, one of which is by signing the Time to Change Employer Pledge.

Signing the Employer Pledge allows businesses across the country to demonstrate their commitment to change how we think and act about mental health in the workplace.

Additionally, Worcestershire has been chosen as one of a handful of areas in England to change how we all think and act about mental health locally by becoming a Time to Change Hub.

Time to Change is a national campaign run by charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness. Time to Change hubs are local partnerships which demonstrate their commitment to:

- Putting people with personal experience of mental health problems at the heart of their work.*
- Embedding anti-stigma and discrimination work locally, whether that be local schools, workplaces or other community settings.*
- Proactively campaigning to improve people's attitudes and behaviours towards mental health.*

For more information on getting involved with the Time to Change Pledge please visit: <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/get-your-workplace-involved>

The Environment

Work has started to ease congestion at Worcestershire's worst traffic hotspots.

Worcestershire County Council has pledged £5m over the next 2 years to identify, investigate and deliver solutions to tackle congestion sites across the country.

Work has now been completed on the A442 Worcester Road just outside Kidderminster where there can be long tailbacks at peak times. An additional lane off the Hoobrook roundabout has improved traffic flows considerably.

The council's list of hotspots to improve includes the A44 through Worcester where junctions will be upgraded as well as a complete redesign of the major City Walls Road/Sidbury/Commandery Road

interchange, including new pedestrian crossings. The Croft Road zebra crossing is also on the list to improve.

In Redditch, improvements will be made to the junction of Icknield Street Drive and Warwick Highway where a section of the carriageway will be widened this summer.

In Bromsgrove, work to improve the free flow of traffic along a section of Worcester Road where parked cars currently cause pinch point congestion, which has resulted in an air quality issue for residents.

The council is also working with Wychavon District Council to develop an Evesham Transport Strategy, to explore and pursue options to alleviate congestion in the town.

Council News Update

Councillor Brandon Clayton, one of the County Councillors representing Redditch North has been elected to the new Chairman of Worcestershire County Council for the civic year 2018/19.

He becomes the first councillor from a Redditch Division to serve as Chairman since the County Council was reorganised twenty years ago. Born in Birmingham the 63 year old has lived with his wife Anita in Redditch for 37 years.

Peter Tomlinson the County Councillor for Ombersley has been elected to be Worcestershire County Council's Vice Chairman.

The council is once again supporting the Worcestershire Education Awards. The shortlist for Teacher of the Year 2018, which the council is sponsoring, has been announced. Those shortlisted are:

Wes Davis of Worcester Sixth Form

Greg Satterley of Beneworth CE Academy in Evesham & David Green Pitmason Primary School

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

16.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon** – Cllr. Mrs Gray together with Hillside Ladies will be going into school in September to train the staff on how to make the plastic poppies.

16.2 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to order two aluminium silhouette soldier statues for the World War One commemoration.

16.2 **Smartwater** – the roll-out is continuing.

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

17.1 Nothing to report

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 10th September 2018, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School