



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018, 7.00PM**

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

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

There were 11 members of public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 None

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 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in August.

4.2 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

4.3 To confirm receipt of £302.00 Lengthsman grant from Worcestershire County Council.

4.4 Accounts for Payment

J Harper	Gate Keeper x 2	£60.00
HMRC	Payroll taxes due x 2	£419.47
SLCC	Training	£150.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	£121.07
Andyloos	Romstock	£433.02
R Poole	Maintenance	£521.00

Avion	Romstock	£441.12
Candoo	Website	£835.00
Worcs CALC	Training	£10.00
Broxap	Bins/bollards	£1002.00
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N Williamson	Maintenance	£1049.18
R Mullett	Play Inspection	£350.00
N Williamson	Maintenance	£1470.13
Npower	Feeder Pillar	£77.86

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

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

18/00594 – 4 Hillcrest Road, Romsley – change of front window to bowed window (2 no.). Replacement of front entrance porch, single storey side and rear extensions – **Approved**

18/00464 – Garages rear of 70 Hillcrest Road – construction of 2 no. 1 bedroom 2 person affordable bungalows together with external works, car parking and landscaping – **Approved**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

18/01025 – Romsley Manor Farm, Bromsgrove Road – conversion of existing brick built barn to a single dwelling

Appeals

Nothing to report

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 6.1 Clerk confirmed she had ordered new play bark for the children's play areas.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 Clerk was asked to report to Worcestershire County Council dead trees at the top of Dark Lane which are dangerous.
- 7.2 It was agreed to carry the trip railings in front of St Kenelm's church for six more runs. Nigel to install.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 8.1 Cllr. Tilt handed out a revised Allotment Tenancy Agreement. As this was distributed too late it will be agreed at the next parish council meeting.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTANCE**

9.1 Maintenance Report

Nigel attended and submitted a written report. He was asked to cut back the trees in front of the CCTV camera in the park.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Arrowsmith meet with the Bromsgrove District Council Grass Cutting Team. It was agreed this would be a regular meeting, taking place three times a year.

10. **COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1 Nothing to report

11. **EVENTS PLANNING**

12.1 **Commemoration of the First World War and Beacon**

A number of meetings have been held concerning this event and everything is in place. It is pleasing to note the event will involve the children, Art Group and History Society. The beacon should be arriving by the end of September. Cllr. Powell will be producing a poster to display on social media and noticeboards.

12. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attend SLCC Regional Training Seminar to be held on 24th October 2018.

13. **COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE**

- 14.1 This item was deferred.

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 14.1 No report submitted

14. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Open for Business

Plans to improve traffic in Evesham are picking up pace. The team in charge of the project has 20 options now that will be tested in a computer-based traffic model.

The overall Evesham Town Transport Strategy will address the town's transport challenges with a package of schemes that will consider all modes of transport.

Options being looked at include improvements to junctions and traffic signals together with improved facilities for cycling and walking.

Plans for much needed improvements to Bromsgrove's walking and cycling network have been unveiled. The £3.4m improvements, which have been funded through a Department for Transport initiative, will introduce an additional six recognised walking and cycling pathways in the town over the next two years.

This scheme is part of the 3 point plan for congestion in Bromsgrove which also includes major improvements to the A38 and town centre related junction improvements to make the network more efficient.

Children and Families

The latest monitoring visit to our children's services by Ofsted inspectors found a 'positive trajectory of change' as progress continues

to be made to improve services for Worcestershire's children and young people.

Inspectors have found evidence of improvement in each of their four monitoring visits. During their latest visit which was at the end of July, inspectors reviewed children subject to children protection along with child in need assessments and plans. Inspectors described how management structures have been enhanced and social workers' caseloads have been reduced.

A large number of social workers have been recruited by the Council in recent months and children are now experiencing more stability, with fewer changes of social workers, enabling them to build positive relationships.

Health and Wellbeing

The first ever Millennium Way walking festival is happening this month. The Millennium Way team from 41 Club will host the walking festival in association with Worcestershire County Council.

The festival will take place between 7th and 10th September in Wychavon and will feature 9 circular walks ranging from 3 to 7.5 miles. The walks will all cover a stretch of the Millennium Way linear route and give walkers a taste of Worcestershire's beautiful countryside views.

The Millennium Way was originally set up in 2000. Since then, 44 circular walks have been created along the route as shorter walks, encompassing a stretch of the linear trail.

Visit the Time to Change Worcestershire website for further updates including details about champions fund information sessions:

<http://www.comfirst.org.uk/worcestershiresimetochange1>

The Environment

Cheaper energy tariffs could soon be available to Worcestershire residents following the launch of the County Council's annual Collective Energy scheme.

Launched last month, Worcestershire Energy Switch negotiates competitive prices with energy companies on behalf of local residents with group buying expert iChoosr. Last year saw 550 residents sign up to the scheme and they went on to see average savings of £182 per year on energy bills.

Residents should visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/energyswitch with their latest energy bill handy as details are needed during the registration process.

Registration is open until midnight 8th October 2018 with individual offers emailed to residents from 22nd October 2018.

The council has presented the first of its Plastic Pledge Certificates to a business based on Bromsgrove.

The Plastic Pledge Scheme has been introduced to recognise local businesses and people within their local communities who have committed to reducing their single use plastics.

The first certificate has gone to Andy Taylor and his business GreenApe, which hires its pedal powered smoothie bike to organisers of various events.

To nominate a business, organisation or individual for a Plastic Pledge Certificate, email sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk

Council News Update

Our most recent Residents' Roadshow in Pershore was unfortunately curtailed due to poor weather, but that's not detracted from a great summer series that has seen us attend events in Redditch, Bewdley, Tenbury and Worcester.

So far we've engaged with 754 local residents who have shared with us their thoughts on how council tax is spent, as well as their views on quality of life in Worcestershire. Meanwhile, our colourful hula hoops to encourage people to live a more active life have proved popular with visitors to the stand.

Our final event takes place on Sunday 16th September, as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations at Bromsgrove's Sanders Park.

For more information or if any member would like to attend the roadshow please contact Tom Parker in the Comms Team:

Tparker@worcestershire.gov.uk

16. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT**
- 16.1 **Smartwater** – the roll-out is continuing. All the Smartwater signs have now gone up. It was agreed to order another two large signs.
- 16.2 **GDPR** – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt Data Protection Policy, Email Contact Privacy Notice, General Privacy Notice and Privacy Notice for Staff, Councillors and Role Holders. Copies of the policies will be placed on our website.
17. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
- 17.1 Replacement white bollards on St Kenelms Road
18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8th October 2018, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School