



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019, 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Miss Gray  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk  
 There were 7 members of public in attendance

**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 Cllr. Mrs Bestwick and Cllr. Tilt

**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 Brownies  
 Cllr. Tilt – Allotment Holder and member of Hunnington and Romsley Show Committee  
 Cllr. Arrowsmith/Cllr. Bolar – planning application 18/01436 – adjacent to the property. Both Councillors did not participate in the discussion or decision.

**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 £1,000.00 grant from Cllr. Mrs May Divisional Fund for the heritage sign.  
 4.4 **PRECEPT** – it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would Precept upon the District Council the sum of £52,850.00 for the year 2019/20.  
 4.5 **Accounts for Payment**

Cheques No.	Payee	Amount

300865	GJH Electrical Services – Christmas Lights	372.00
300866	Gate Keeper	60.00
300867	Peter Martin – Father Christmas	7.99
300868	BDC – litter/dog bins	2893.20
300869	HMRC – payroll taxes due	419.47
300871	Worcestershire CC – hire of hall	250.00
300872	Tree Fix Limited – Christmas tree	165.00
300873	Npower – feeder pillar	74.17

Cllr's Powell and Shaw signed the cheques.

## 5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

### **District Council Decisions**

18/00232 – Yew Tree Farm, St Kenelms Road – residential development of 7 no. dwellings and associated garages - **Refused Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

18/01436 – 6 The Alders, Romsley – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single and two storey rear extension - **Neutral**

18/01405 – 2 Winston Drive, Romsley – first floor extension above existing ground floor - **No objections**

### **Appeals**

Nothing to report

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

- 6.1 It was agreed for Clerk to obtain grant from our electrician for installation of electrical feeder pillars in the playing fields and we are still awaiting quotations.
- 6.2 Friends of Romsley have put a bid into The Big Lottery Fund for planting of wildlife flowers in the car park area.
- 6.3 Cllr. Powell is to look at designing new dog poo signage.
- 6.4 Cllr. Gray agreed to discussion the chip van returning to the village and to discuss advertisement opportunities.

## 7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 7.1 Clerk confirmed that the order for the heritage sign had been placed.
- 7.2 Installation of new bollards on St Kenelms Road – this item was deferred.
- 7.3 Nigel Williamson has installed the new trails opposite the church were ready for installation.
- 7.4 A parishioners raised whether we could contact Worcestershire County Council to see about installing a sign “concealed drive” on the drive in opposite Putney Lane. Clerk to speak to Richard Clewer.
- 7.5 A proposal has been received from Worcestershire CC with regards to proposed changes to parking restrictions and speed limits on Bromsgrove Road. Summary of proposal is:-

- A speed limit change proposed for the changeover point for the existing 30 and 40 mph limits to be moved. Thus allowing the creation of a prominent gateway feature to highlight the lower limit.
- Single line restrictions to apply Mon to Fri 8.30am – 5.30pm, the main purpose of which is to break up the continuous line of parked vehicles which forms on the road, particularly at school start and finish times. The gaps created by the yellow lines will act as passing places which allow opposing flows of traffic to pass one another on a give and take basis.
- The introduction of a mandatory 'No Stopping' Order on the existing school keep clear markings. These markings are advisory at present. Making them mandatory will allow Civil Enforcement Officers to take action against drivers who do not heed the markings.

These proposals follow concerns about safety in the vicinity of the school related to drivers not complying with the existing 30 mph speed limit and congestion generated by the school. These proposals will be additional, non-regulatory road markings which will also help to rationalise parking activity and encourage slower speeds, including dragon teeth and parking bay markings.

The parish council felt this set of proposals would make little improvement to the situation.

## 8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

- 8.1 The allotment annual meal with taking place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## 9. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

### 9.1 Maintenance Report

Nothing to report

## 10. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- 10.1 Nothing to report

## 11. COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 It was agreed for a newsletter to be distributed March 2019.
- 11.2 It was decided to put on the next agenda whether we should contribute articles to the parish magazine.
- 11.3 Cllr. Arrowsmith agreed to design some permanent signs for the noticeboard explain Councillor details and meeting dates.
- 11.4 Clerk confirmed that she was asked to talk at the SLCC National Conference about Romstock.

## 12. EVENTS PLANNING

- 12.1 **Carol Service** – It was unanimously agreed that the carol service was a great success with number exceeding previous year's numbers.

Room was an issue so Clerk is to ask whether the Salvation Army could play on the stage this year. The date for this year's event is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

- 12.2 Cllr. Powell is to organise a Romstock and St Kenelms Day Working Party meeting.

13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 Nothing to report

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 14.1 Apologies given

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 15.1 Apologies given

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

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

- 16.2 **Operation London Bridge** – it was agreed to keep this item on the agenda awaiting further instructions/guidelines from NALC. Cllr. Arrowsmith agreed to start requesting an action plan.

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

- 17.1 Cllr. Shaw is to arrange another visit to the Break Pressure Tank.

- 17.2 The sign in the play area needs replacing as it is out of date now the public phone box has gone. Cllr. Arrowsmith to take a look.

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School