



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019, 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Bolar and Cllr. Miss Gray
ALSO PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs May, Nigel Williamson – Maintenance and Clerk
 There were 5 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. Powell – wife Governor at St Kenelms Primary School

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019 be signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCE

14.1 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.
 14.2 To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Governance Statement for financial year to 31/03/2019. - Councillors reviewed S1 AGAR, the Annual Governance Statement which had been issued in advance of the meeting and responded 'YES' to each of the first eight assertions, 'N/A' to the ninth assertion. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and RFO sign.
 14.3 To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, the Annual Accounting Statements for the financial year to 31/03/2019. Councillors reviewed S2 AGAR, the Accounting Statements 2018/19 which had been circulated as part of the agenda.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Clerk/RFO sign.

14.4 Accounts for Payment

Cheques No.	Payee	Net Amount
300916	Gate Keeper	60.00
300917	HMRC – payroll taxes due	218.57
300919	Leaflet Distribution	50.00
300920	John Benner – internal audit	175.00
300921	Broxap – Planters	1266.00
300922	Andyloos – St Kenelms Day	172.90
300923	Richard Arrowsmith – Romstock	538.15
300925	Richard Arrowsmith – Romstock	150.18

Cllr's Bolar and Gray signed the cheques.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

District Council Decisions

19/00049 – Upyonder Cottage, Bromsgrove Road – single storey front extension – **Granted**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

19/00569 – Land to the north of Fieldhouse Lane – change of use of land to equestrian and construction of manage - **No objections**

19/00386 – Land at E:394830 N:281320, Uffmoor Lane, Romsley – to maintain the two forestry barns allowed under permitted development rights but to obtain full planning permission for the barns to allow the applicant to utilise the barns for his existing forestry and arboriculture business. The barns were approved under permitted development Ref: 11/0440 dated 14th June 2011.

Appeals

None

6. **PLAYING FIELDS/RECREATION AREA**

- 16.1 The sign in the play area needs updating – Awaiting wording from Cllr. Arrowsmith and agree new wording.
- 16.2 We are still awaiting quotation for installation of feeder pillars. Clerk to again chase with GJH Electrical Services.
- 16.3 Cllr. Powell is to look into make a claim under BDC New Homes Bonus for a MUGA (Multi-use Games Area).
- 16.4 Maintenance confirmed the playing fields grass and hedge had been cut in readiness for Romstock and was hoping to do another cut on Wednesday prior to the event.
- 16.5 The council had been approached whether we could hold a car boot sale to raised funds for the HAS. The Chairman is to liaise and discuss further.

7. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS**

- 17.1 Installation of new bollards on St Kenelms Road – Chairman is still sourcing these.
- 17.2 It was asked whether the County Councillor could obtain a map of all the drains in Romsley so we can report the blockages.
- 17.3 County Councillor was also asked if she could report the recently installed defective gates eyes on the Bromsgrove Road.

8. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 18.1 Clerk was asked to look at the comparison of water rates for the allotments over the last couple of years and confirmed that there was no difference in cost.
- 18.2 It was agreed it would be a good idea to source some allotment plot number signs. Clerk to investigate.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTNEANCE**

- 19.1 Clerk has asked maintenance to produce an itinerary of all equipment in the storage shed of which we are still awaiting.

20. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 20.1 Nothing to report

21. **COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Chairman is in the process of producing a draft newsletter.

12. **EVENTS PLANNING**

Romstock

- 12.1 Clerk and the council thanked William for delivering Romstock leaflets to the village.
- 12.2 It was unanimously agreed to try and source a 3 day first aid course for all councillors/clerk and maintenance staff.
- 12.3 Clerk confirmed that The Trench Raiders had confirmed the booking VE Day Celebrations. Clerk to ascertain whether we can book the school hall for the event.

13. **TRAINING**

- 13.1 Nothing to report

14. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

- 14.1 Nothing to report

15. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Open for Business

Works to install two bridges across Worcester Southern Link Road are in progress, however a problem with a crane postponed the creation of a farm access bridge just to the east of the railway bridge this weekend. The works will now be rescheduled for later this month.

There will also be a further closure later this summer for the creation of a new pedestrian/cycle/bridleway access bridge to the west of the railway bridge.

EE announced that Worcester will be one of ten towns and cities to launch as initial 5G locations for 2020. This announcement builds on the work already taking place in the county, with the UK's first ever 5G live factory trials.

Furthermore, Mettis Aerospace, based in Redditch, is now involved in testing several applications on a Wi-Fi 6 network at its 27 acre facility. The company is working with Wire Broadband Alliance (WBA) to test applications.

Children and Families

Rob Morrison has been appointed Chairman of Worcestershire Children First. Rob has wide ranging senior leadership experience having worked in a number of local authorities, including nearly ten years as Chief Executive Officer of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

Last month over 100 foster carers from all over Worcestershire gathered for the annual foster care conference organised by Worcestershire Fostering.

Worcestershire Fostering will be moving to an independent fostering agency called Worcestershire Children's First Fostering from 1 October. The service will remain the same, only the name will change. The team will still be working with foster and kinship carers as closely as ever to make sure they are aware of and understand the changes coming on 1st October.

Health and Wellbeing

Becoming unable to carry out simple tasks like cutting your toenails could be a sign that you are losing your mobility. However, that doesn't mean it's too late to make changes and regain some of these abilities. The Council is encouraging people to make decisions about their future now, and to ensure they can live independently for longer. Find out more at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/makingadecision

The Council has been awarded a national prize for its research into adult social care. The Council secured the 'best use of social care or health research' award at this year's Local Area Research and Intelligence Awards. Supported by NHS Digital, the council was highly praised for its analysis to predict people most at risk of needing council-funded care after initially funding their own care.

The Environment

The surface dressing programme is now in full swing and over 250 sites will be treated during the works throughout the summer. The programme started in and around the Evesham area, then moved onto Pershore and Malvern before heading to Wyre Forest, where works are currently taking place.

You can find out more about surface dressing at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/surfacedressing and stay up to date with the surface dressing schedule on Twitter @WorcsTravel.

Last month saw national elite cycling race, The Tour Series, visit Redditch for the eighth year running. The Council used this event to help promote cycling as a way to stay fit and healthy as well as promoting the county's network of cycle routes on bridleways and public rights of way.

All of the dedicated cycling routes and a map can be found on the county council's website:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20209/cyclingandwalking/1416/worcestershirecyclerroutes>

Council News Update

Hartlebury Castle has won an award for its outstanding contribution to tourism and leisure facilities. The castle has been awarded the West Midlands RICS award and was also shortlisted for the Buildings Conservation Award. The castle was nominated following the extensive work carried out on the site transforming it into a visitor attraction which opened in May 2018.

Director of Public Health, Frances Howie, will be leaving the council at the end of July in order to take up a full-time post with the University of Worcester.

Frances who has had a leadership role in public health in Worcestershire since 2008 has been working part-time fulfilling the Director of Public Health Post are now being reviewed and announcements will be made as soon as they are confirmed.

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

16.1 Nothing to report

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

17.1 Nothing to report

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 8th July 2019, at 7.00pm to be held at St Kenelms Primary School