



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022, 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Ms Gray, Cllr. Shaw and Cllr. Strain

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Eight members of the public, Maintenance N Williamson, and Clerk

**1. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

- 1.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt John Weston as councillor and he duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**2. APOLOGIES**

- 2.1 None

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 3.1 Chairman asked all members present to declare any personal or prejudicial interest on any items on the agenda.

Other Disclosable Interest

Cllr. Powell – Wife Governor and Employee of St Kenelm’s Primary School

Cllr. Bolar and Cllr. Shaw – member of the Severn Trent Residents Working Party

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 4.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be signed as a correct record.

**5. FINANCE**

- 5.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in December 2021 and agree payments for January 2022. Cllr’s Ms Gray and Cllr. Powell scrutinised all invoices and authorised all payments on internet banking.
- 5.2 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.
- 5.3 To confirm receipt of £3,500.00 grant from Worcestershire County Council for Covid memorial benches.
- 5.4 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the budget for 2022/23 and Precept on Bromsgrove District Council the sum of £55,675.00. No increase on last year’s Precept.

**6. PLANNING MATTERS**

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**6.1 District Council Decisions**

Nothing to report

**6.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

Nothing to report

**6.3 Appeals**

Nothing to report

**7. PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS/MARLHOLE**

**7.1 Perimeter Path Around the Playing fields** – this has now been completed and all agreed it was a fantastic improvement to the park. There has been a lot of positive feedback on social media and in the park as to what a great asset it will be and it is already being well used. It was agreed to place on the next agenda ideas for naming of the path and to discuss signage.

**7.2 Covid Memorial Benches and Blossom Trees** – Cllr. Gray has confirmed she has sourced the blossom trees and will order once the memorial benches are in situ. It was also agreed to arrange a meeting onsite with Beechcroft Nurseries to discuss planting ideas.

**8. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

**8.1** Cllr. Shaw confirmed he was still visiting the allotment on a monthly basis. It was agreed for Cllr. Shaw and Clerk to meet at the allotments to look at plots that were not being tended to as we currently have a waiting list. Clerk to put allotment rent on next agenda.

**9. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**9.1 Defibrillator at St Kenelm's School** – We are at present still awaiting an installation date from Community Heartbeat Trust.

**9.2** A letter had been received from a resident with concerns about 2 large HGV's being parked in The Hedgerows and asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to allow them to be parked in the playing fields carpark. After discussion it was agreed for Clerk to contact our insurance company to discuss the liability issues and to agree a decision next meeting.

**10. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

**10.1 Lengthsman** – no report given

**10.2 Maintenance** – confirmed he had repaired the road signs on Farley Lane.

**11. OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

**11.1** Nothing to report

**12. TRAINING**

**12.1** Nothing to report

**13. COMMUNICATION**

**13.1** The newsletter has now been distributed and the council asked Cllr. Gray to thank Jake for all his challenging work in getting them out. Clerk confirmed

she had received the £50.00 sponsorship for the newsletter. The next one is due to be distributed around the end of February.

#### 14. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 14.1 **Romstock** – Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Bolar and Cllr. Gray are to meet with Mark Moran to discuss the line-up. A meeting with Social Eats is arranged to discuss the event further. Clerk to apply for the Premises Licence from Bromsgrove District Council.
- 14.2 **St Kenelms Day** – Clerk to chase a response on silent fireworks
- 14.3 **Marquee** – Cllr. Shaw confirmed that the marquee zips had now been repaired.
- 14.4 **Street Food Festivals** – nothing to report
- 14.5 **Carol Service** – Sadly due to Covid restrictions this event was again cancelled.
- 14.6 **Big Lunch** – Clerk is awaiting ideas from Social Eats.
- 14.7 Clerk to add Remembrance Day to the next agenda.

#### 15. **LOCAL COUNCIL AWARDS SCHEME**

- 15.1 A meeting with Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Strain and Clerk has been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom.

#### 16. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 16.1 Cllr. Ms Sherrey – no report given
- 16.2 Cllr. Ms May –
- Confirmed she had secured Government funding of £14,500m and was looking at building a community hub/auditorium.
  - The old Council House at Burcot Lane has planning permission for sixty-one corporate houses.
  - There have been twenty-five fly-tipping prosecutions in the District and BDC are looking to purchase more covert cameras.
  - Confirmed that Richard Clewer had now retired and they were awaiting a replacement Highways Engineer.
  - Gave an update on Covid cases in the County and confirmed that Hagley at present had the highest rate in Worcestershire.

#### 17. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 17.1 Cllr. Ms May – as 16.2

#### 18. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT/URGENT DECISIONS**

- 18.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to delegate regular council actions to the Clerk until regular meetings resume or until the Council meet to fulfil the requirement to attend a meeting within 6 months of the Annual Council Meeting, whichever occurs first.

#### 19. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- 19.1 Cllr. Strain would still like to explore ways of simplifying our internal communications.

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Cllr. Powell – litter pick dates doing forward to be placed on the next agenda.

20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

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