



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021, 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. Arrowsmith, Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Miss Gray, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Strain and Cllr. Shaw

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** by those able to vote that they were a true record and signed accordingly.

2. TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2020 was a year of unprecedented events.

The impacts of which are not fully understood but are sure to leave a lasting legacy on our nation and its communities.

There will be unprecedented economic upheaval, and whilst we may see a short-term consumer recovery, the enormous structural impacts of Brexit and Covid will cast a long shadow.

For Parish Councils, this is most likely to manifest itself in unrelenting pressure over planning. In all likelihood, recent economic events are likely to push the Government towards building homes for economic stimulus.

Our society needs good quality homes for future generations, but these need to be sympathetic to local needs and add value to our communities and infrastructure.

As I look back at my chairmanship period, I remain angry and frustrated at how ineffective the planning process appears to be. We never allowed nimbyism to dominate our views, and we strove to support and encourage sustainable planning with benefits to all, offering positive ideas throughout. However, the tiers of government above us completely failed to adopt our ideas, work with us effectively, or defend our communities and residents interests.

Frankly, I am appalled and disillusioned with the current political establishments. In the future, I fear that self-serving commercial and political interests will dominate planning issues in the coming years, with many rural communities such as Romsley and Hunnington suffering the consequences.

Moving on, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parish councillors, the Clerk, the Lengthsman and the maintenance teams for all their hard work, commitment and support during the past six years. I would also like to thank the community for the many acts of kindness and support they have shown to each other and wish everyone in Romsley the very best for the future.

Richard Arrowsmith
Chairman
Romsley Parish Council

3. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Apologies received and no report sent.

4. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs May and no report sent

5. TO REVIEW ANY ITEMS OF PAROCIAL INTEREST

No members of the public present

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to be agreed