



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022, 7.30PM**

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

ALSO, PRESENT: One member of the public, Maintenance N Williamson, and Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 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

Cllr. Carr – agenda item 8.2 as neighbour to the resident

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 be signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCE

4.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in February 2022 and agree payments for March 2022.

4.2 Quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement approved by all Councillors.

4.3 Clerk confirmed receipt of a memorial grant from a resident for a blossom tree to be planted in the playing fields.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 District Council Decisions

Nothing to report

5.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report

5.3 Appeals

Nothing to report

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

- 6.1 **Perimeter Path Around the Playing fields** – Councillors together with Maintenance met with Beechcroft to suggest a planting scheme for around the perimeter path. Steve Tromans (Maintenance) has agreed to draw up a planting scheme and present to the council for approval. It was suggested that we would hold a competition to be promoted in the newsletter to name the path. Once the path is complete, we will also look at inserting distance signs. Maintenance is to move the existing bench by the skateboard ramp and re-site at the top of Hillcrest Road together with two cherry trees either side.
- 6.2 **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. Councillors to meet with Maintenance to agree locations.

7. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

- 7.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to keep the allotment rent for 2022/23 at £20.00 per plot. Clerk to send out invoices. Cllr. Shaw and Clerk had also visited the allotments to look at untended plots and agreed to send Notice to Quit letters to the tenants who had not maintained their plot in a significant length of time.

8. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

- 8.1 **Defibrillator at St Kenelm's School** – Clerk confirmed the de-fib will be installed later this month.
- 8.2 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 was our insurance company with regards liability issues, we have been advised that the Parish Council should not allow this request.

9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

- 9.1 **Lengthsman** – no report given
- 9.2 **Maintenance** – was in attendance and gave an update on jobs carried out throughout the month.

10. **OUTSIDE MEETINGS**

- 10.1 Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Weston and Clerk met with the Hereford and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust to discuss the Erratic Boulders at the top of the green. They have produced a wonderful leaflet following the meeting explaining the erratic boulder trail and then will be included in the newsletter.

11. **TRAINING**

- 11.1 Nothing to report

12. **COMMUNICATION**

- 12.1 The newsletter is in the process of being completed.

14. **EVENTS PLANNING**

- 14.1 **Romstock** – a meeting with proposed with Social Eats as there was grave concerns as to the proposed numbers attending and the event having no car-parking facilities. The Romstock Committee will report back to the next meeting.
- 14.2 **St Kenelms Day** – Clerk to chase a response on silent fireworks
- 14.4 **Street Food Festivals** – nothing to report
- 14.5 **Carol Service** – it was agreed to hold the Carol Service on 7th December 2022.
- 14.6 **Big Lunch** – it was agreed that as this was so near to Romstock we would not hold an event

15. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S**

- 15.1 Cllr. Ms Sherrey – no report given
- 15.2 Cllr. Ms May –
- The gully outside Dayhouse Bank Fisheries needs emptying – Cllr. May to liaise with BDC.
 - 15% more budget allocation for the Lengthsman from County Council.
 - Hannah Davis has been appointed as Highways Liaison Officer.
 - County Council budget was increased by 3.94%.
 - Bromsgrove District Council budget was increased by 2%.
 - Inspected builders' rubble on Dark Lane and can confirm it has now been removed.
 - Work has commenced in Farley Lane to reseed the grass verge/layby due to unsocial behaviour.

16. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- 16.1 Cllr. Ms May – as 15.2

17. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT/URGENT DECISIONS**

- 17.1 Clerk was instructed to list the Methodist Church as a Building of Community Asset with Bromsgrove District Council.

18. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- 18.1 Cllr. Shaw – Marlhole on next agenda

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 5th April 2022, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm