



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Bolar, Cllr. Carr, Cllr. Gray, Cllr. Shaw, and Cllr. Strain, Cllr. Swift and Cllr. Weston  
**ALSO, PRESENT:** Ruth Mullett, Clerk, maintenance, and 2 members of the public

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

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME, THIS DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE MINUTES.**

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

**4. FINANCE**

4.1 **Accounts for payment** - it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments. Two councillors scrutinised invoices.

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| HMRC                | Payroll Taxes Due | £319.61  |
| Eon                 | Feeder Pillar     | £107.12  |
| Shepherd Live Ltd   | Romstock          | £100.00  |
| Worcestershire CALC | Publications      | £46.50   |
| Nigel Williamson    | Maintenance       | £454.15  |
| E Shepherd          | Lengthsman        | £241.00  |
| Andy Loos           | Coronation Party  | £140.40  |
| Corporate Card      | Various           | £713.20  |
| Worcestershire CALC | Subscriptions     | £1133.24 |

4.2 **Bank Reconciliation Statement** – approved by all Councillors.

- 4.3 To confirm receipt of £341.00 Lengthsman grant from Worcestershire County Council.
- 4.4 To confirm receipt of £24,925.00 Precept from Bromsgrove District Council.
- 4.5 To confirm receipt of £3,876.92 VAT refund from HMRC.

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

### 5.1 District Council Decisions

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| <b>Application Type:</b>   | Full Application   |
| <b>Planning Reference:</b> | 22/01633/FUL   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Retrospective planning application for a new stable block, hardstanding (access and small area east of the stables only). Lighting and drainage. |
| <b>Location:</b>           | Naylors Barn, Holt Farm, Holt Lane   |
| <b>Decision:</b>           | Refused  |

### 5.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

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| <b>Application Type:</b>   | Full Application   |
| <b>Planning Reference:</b> | 23/00327/FUL   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Demolition of existing dwellings and construction of a replacement dwelling. Resubmission of application ref. 22/00549/FUL |
| <b>Location:</b>           | Windyridge, Farley Lane, Romsley   |
| <b>Decision:</b>           | No objections  |

### 5.3 Appeals

Nothing to report.

## 6. PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS/MARLHOLE

- 6.1 **Play area upgrade and grants** – no further developments.
- 6.2 **Security of the playing fields** – for security and health and safety reasons it was agreed to contact the Scout Chairman and advise them that only essential vehicles should be accessing the Scout Headquarters from the carpark. If users must gain access to the path leading down to the Scout Headquarters, it was agreed to ask them to close the gate behind them.

## 7. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

- 7.1 St Kenelms Road will be closed for resurfacing/patching from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 7.2 Highways are looking at options for a school crossing outside St Kenelms School facilitated by the 106 monies from the Bluebird development. It was also noted that a School Crossing Patrol Warden had now been employed.

## 8. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

- 8.1 Lengthsman's report – no report

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## 8.2 Maintenance: -

- Will cut the playing fields this week and the following Wednesday in readiness for the Coronation Picnic.
- The marquee will be erected on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- Clearance work at the allotments is underway.
- Only one plant has taken in the blackthorn hedge planted at the back of the mount in the playing fields.

9. **COMMUNICATION**

- 9.1 **To receive update on website enhancements** – Cllr. Strain confirmed he was still working on the accessibility of the new website to ensure it meets regulations.

10. **EVENTS PLANNING**10.1 **Romstock**

A full summary of estimated costs for Romstock were presented to the Council. Concerns have been raised with regards the relationship with Social Eats and Romstock. Listed below are the activities covered by Social Eats and the Parish Council:

**Social Eats**

- Organise the bar and food vendors and receive all profits.
- Organise and pay for the security.
- Organise the site fencing, tables and chairs.

**Parish Council**

- Receive all ticket sales money.
- Organise the stage and pay.
- Organise the bands and pay.
- Organise the toilets and pay.
- Organise the first aid and pay.

It was agreed that the Communication Group would meet to draft a suitable communication for residents informing them of the terms and conditions and relevant information needed to ensure Romstock runs smoothly.

10.2 **St Kenelms Day**

Clerk confirmed that a new band had now been secured called Vintage Class who will perform a similar set to the Bluebell Belles. Maintenance confirmed that he would be upgrading the marquee floor to house the brass band.

10.3 **Kings Coronation**

Cllr. Carr confirmed everything was in place for the Coronation Picnic to be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 2.00pm till 6.00pm.

11. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**11.1 **Cllr. May**

- Attended the Break Pressure Tank meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Have taken photographs of the Bungalow on Old House Lane and have forwarded to Bromsgrove District Council Enforcement.

- A complaint has been received about trees which have been removed just past Waseley Hills Visitors Centre and this has been reported to Bromsgrove District Council Tree Officer.
- Potholes at Dayhouse Bank have been reported.
- The VAS sign in Dayhouse Bank is broken and will be replaced by the new round of Divisional Funds.
- Double yellow lines will be installed at the entrance to Putney Lane to increase the visibility display.
- The Police are doing a school safety project and will be attending St Kenelms School.
- The repeater signs in Putney Lane are to be replaced.

11.2 **Cllr. Sherrey** – no report received.

12. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**  
Nothing to report.

13. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**  
**Cllr. Shaw** – gave an update on the Break Pressure Tank visit earlier today which resulted in a better understanding of the operational role of the Break Pressure Tank complex with a proposal to meet again on a more formal basis.  
**Cllr. Shaw** – road signs on Winwood Heath Road and Farley Lane need to be installed. Cllr. May will report.  
**Cllr. Strain** – reminder to order new banners for Romstock.  
**Cllr. Carr** – To confirm the council are still happy for the children's football team to train on the playing fields once a week. This was agreed.  
**Cllr. Bolan** – Support for Romsley and Hunnington Show to be put on next agenda.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.00pm at St Kenelms Church Hall, 7.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 20.50.**

### **Winwood Heath Allotment Trustee Meeting**

All the glass has now been removed from the site with special thanks to one of the Tenants who helped to put the glass into bins for Cllr. Shaw to take to the Refuse Site.

Maintenance has started a massive clearance of the site ready for Spring.