



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE 2023, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL

PRESENT: 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. 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 unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023 be signed as a correct record, the Chairman duly signed.

4. FINANCE

4.1 **Accounts for payment** - it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments. Cllr. Carr and Cllr. Gray to approve the online payments.

HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£319.61
SLCC	Community Governance	£1805.09
Viking Direct	Romstock consumables	£278.38
Lesley Gray	Plants	£27.36
Ray Carr	Thank you gifts	£27.00
Nigel Williamson	Maintenance	£888.30
Corporate Card	Various	£92.99
Andyloos	St Kenelms Day	£240.24
On the Scene	Romstock	£400.00
Flashback Central	Romstock	£280.00
Jacob McCloskey	Leaflet Distribution	£70.00

- Viking Direct Allotments £52.13
 4.2 **Bank Reconciliation Statement** – scrutinised and agreed by all Councillors.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 District Council Decisions

Nothing to report.

5.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Application Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	23/00560/FUL
Proposal:	Side extension to dwelling
Location:	76 Bromsgrove Road, Romsley
Decision:	No objections

5.3 Appeals

Nothing to report.

6. PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS/MARLHOLE

- 6.1 **Play area upgrade and grants** – Section 106 monies have been allocated to Romsley Parish Council as part of the Bluebird development. Specifically, to refurbish the children's play area. 106 funds have been transferred to Bromsgrove District Council and the necessary paperwork is in hand to transfer the funds to the Parish Council.

The working group are still considering options for the play area but felt that getting the surface of the play area completely replaced is the main priority and specialist advice is being sought. It is anticipated different contractors will be used for the resurfacing and the play equipment.

A meeting has been arranged with the company recommended by Bellway as their proposal fits in with the Council's budget but value for money is a key issue and we will be exploring alternatives, considering safety as well as longevity.

It was agreed for the Clerk to ascertain with BDC the bin emptying cycle and confirm the supply of a larger or addition litterbin.

7. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

- 7.1 Complaints have been received that the gate is not being locked when the last person leaves, and this is being monitored. Maintenance have cleared plots 8, 10, 17 and 27 and the clerk will now let these plots. It was mentioned that the play area bark when removed could be used at the allotments.

8. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

- 8.1 **Parking issues within the Parish** – it was **RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting with all local business and District Councillors to look at parking issues, particularly outside the shops.

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- 8.2 **Litter picking** - The Council had met with the Chair of Friends of Romsley who are keen to recruit more members and work with the Parish Council. The next combined litter pick has been scheduled for 1st October 2023, 10.00am meeting at the playing fields.
- 8.3 It was noted that the next Police Surgery will be held on 21st July, and this will be circulated on social media.
- 8.4 **Traffic Calming Meeting** – a meeting took place at Dayhouse Bank attended by County Cllr. May, Worcestershire County Council Highways Division, West Mercia Road Safety, and the Parish Council. Agreed actions taken from the meeting were: -
- The “gate” on the entrance to the Parish on Dayhouse Bank to be refreshed to highlight its presence.
 - Data collection units are to be installed along Bromsgrove Road including the school stretch. Units to be in operation during the school holidays as traffic calming is significantly reduced during school hours.
 - Road markings (roundels) to be repainted on Dayhouse Bank/Old House Lane; 30mph (5 existing locations) and “slow” marking to be added at the gate entrance.
 - Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS’s) are to be provided for use in: -
 - Dayhouse Bank/Old House Lane and.
 - Bromsgrove Road (covering the top of Romsley Hill to the Sun pub).
 - The solar charged signs would be able to be relocated between the stretches of road periodically as required.
- The “gate” on the entrance to the Parish on Dayhouse Bank to be refreshed to highlight its presence.
9. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**
- 9.1 Lengthsman’s report – to be requested to supply a report for the meeting.
- 9.2 Maintenance –
- Grass has been cut and hedge trimmed at the playing fields ready for Romstock.
 - Allotment plots have been cleared.
 - In the process of rubbing down and revarnishing the noticeboards.
 - Confirmed the barrier in the car park has been hit and has fallen.
 - Bench outside the park has been damaged and will be fixed.
10. **COMMUNICATION**
- 10.1 **To receive update on website enhancements** – the website is now ready to go live and will link the Register of Interest Forms.
11. **EVENTS PLANNING**
- 11.1 **Romstock** – All procedures are now in place for Romstock.
- 11.2 **St Kenelm’s Day** – it was suggested whether we could livestream St Kenelms Day, Clerk to gain permission from the acts.
12. **CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

12.1 This item was deferred.

13. **ROMSLEY TOGETHER**

13.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for the pledges to be included on the agenda until such a time that we agree they have been or are being completed.

14. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

14.1 **Cllr. May –**

- Congratulated everyone on their election and thanked them for their continued support.
- Has reported the uncut grass outside Yew Tree Place to Bromsgrove Housing Trust. Clerk to report as well.
- There is no overall control at Bromsgrove with 11 Conservative, 8 Labour, 7 Independent and 5 Liberal Democrats.
- Honoured to have been re-elected as Leader of the Council.
- Overview and Scrutiny are looking at going to a committee's system as opposed to Cabinet.
- The bungalow at Old House Lane, BDC need the address of the owner to continue enforcement action.

14.2 **Cllr. Nock –** congratulated the Parish Council on their election. He confirmed that both Cllr. May and himself had been elected to represent Belbroughton and Romsley Ward and thank everyone for their support. Cllr. May was the only member to increase her number of votes since the last election and received more votes than any other candidate. He received the second largest number of votes. Confirmed he is happy to meet with any parish councillor to help make Romsley Parish Council a success as believes that Parish Councils are the heart of a community.

15. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT**

15.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Clerk to attending the SLCC National Conference on 11th and 12th October 2023.

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

Cllr. Swift – Attended Bromsgrove Area CALC Meeting and found it very interesting. A presentation was given on the cost-of-living issue and a fund that was available. It was agreed for this to be included on the website and Cllr. May agreed to source leaflets to be inserted into the next newsletter.

Cllr. Swift – Would like to observe BDC Health and Wellbeing Group and Cllr. May confirmed this was possible.

Cllr. Gray – an agenda item, gravel on drives

Cllr. Shaw – Severn Trent presentation will be held on 13th July at 11.00am.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** 18th July 2023, 7.00pm at St Kenelms Church Hall, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 20.50.

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June 2023

Signature