



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2024, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Strain and Cllr. Weston  
**ALSO, PRESENT:** Ruth Mullett, Clerk,

**1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Swift and approved by all councillors.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 Chair 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

**CHAIR ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR AN ‘OPEN SURGERY’ TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES WITH THEIR COUNCILLORS AND IDENTIFY MATTERS OF CONCERN RELATING TO THE AGENDA, THIS DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE FORMAL MEETING – NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.**

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

**4. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

4.1 **Cllr. May** – apologies given.

**Cllr. Nock** – apologies given.

**5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

5.1 **Cllr. May** – as 4.1 above.

**6. FINANCE**

6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to ratify payments made in December 2023.

6.2 **Accounts for payment** - it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£407.44
JRB Enterprises	Dog gloves	£592.80

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Cllr. Weston and Cllr. Strain to approve the online payments.

6.3 **Bank Reconciliation Statement** – scrutinised and agreed by all Councillors.

6.4 **Budget 24/25** – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the budget and precept on Bromsgrove District Council the sum of £55,675.00. Resulting in no increase on last year's precept.

## 7. **PLANNING MATTERS**

### 7.1 **District Council Decisions**

None

### 7.2 **Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments**

None

### 7.3 **Appeals**

None

## 8. **PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS/MARLHOLE**

### 8.1 **Play area upgrade**

- Orders have now been placed with Miracle for the new play equipment and playground surface and with Wicksteed for the play equipment renovations and repainting.
- A meeting was held with Heritage on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to discuss the excavation works and these will commence week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Wicksteed to commence work around the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, depending on weather.
- Miracle will then start on site week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with completion expected within 2-3 weeks.
- Council to discuss with Maintenance the removal of the obsolete equipment.
- New signage for the play area has been agreed and details to be forwarded to Miracle.

8.2 **Marlhole** – it was agreed to take this item off the agenda for the time being.

8.3 **Birmingham Erratic Boulders Glacial Boulder Trail 5** – it was agreed to take this item off the agenda for the time being.

8.4 **Memorial for Nigel Williamson** – it was agreed that a memorial sign would be installed dedicating the new play area in memory of Nigel Williamson. Clerk to liaise with the family on a choice of wording.

8.5 **Severn Trent Volunteer Support** – it was agreed that a project for the Severn Trent Volunteer Team could be to tidy the allotments. Cllr. Shaw to discuss the idea with the Volunteer Team.

## 9. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

9.1 There is a large amount of rubbish to be removed from the site. Cllr. Shaw to investigate the possibility of locating a skip in the entrance way or on the road outside the site.

## 10. **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

10.1 **Parking issues within the Parish** – this item was deferred.

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**11. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

11.1 **Lengthsman** – nothing to report.

11.2 **Maintenance**

In additional to point 8.1 above to discuss the best way forward for the removal of the obsolete play equipment, a general discussion with Maintenance is needed regarding ongoing maintenance support. Cllr. Shaw to take this discussion and include as an agenda item at the next meeting for feedback and discussion on next action.

**12. COMMUNICATION**

- It was agreed for Cllr. Strain to republish the councillor vacancies advert on social media.
- The next newsletter was agreed for the end of February. Cllr. Strain agreed to take the lead on producing the newsletter with input from councillors. He is also looking at a new design layout.

**13. EVENTS PLANNING**

13.1 **Romstock**

- Mark Moran is in the process of working with the bands to agree the line-up for this year and Chair to contact him for an update next week.
- A review meeting to be arranged with Social Eats.
- Cllr. Shaw is in the process of contacting the landowner for use of the field as a carpark.
- Ticket prices and schedule were agreed.

13.2 **St Kenelm's Day** – proposed dates for this event were 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> August or 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Clerk to liaise with Stourport Brass Band.

13.3 **Carol Singing** – this item was deferred to the next meeting.

14. **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT** – nothing to report.

15. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS** – nothing to report.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7.00pm at St Kenelm's Church Hall, 7.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 20.35.**