



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2024, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Antal, Cllr. Macaulay, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Strain, Cllr. Swift, and Cllr. Weston

ALSO, PRESENT: Ruth Mullett, Clerk, and seven members of the public

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 None.

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

3. DISPENSATIONS

3.1 To consider any requests for a dispensation from a member who may have a DPI or ODI to allow them to stay/speak in the meeting during the consideration of the item.

None

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

5.1 **Cllr. May**- apologies received.

5.2 **Cllr. Nock** – apologies received.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

6.1 **Cllr. May** – above 5.1 above

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7. FINANCE

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

HMRC	Payroll Taxes Due	£391.39
SLCC	Events	£54.00
Source for Business	Water charges allotments	£60.83
Peller Agency	St Kenelms Day	£500.00
G-Force Fireworks	St Kenelms Day	£300.00
Viking Direct	Printer ink	£133.34
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£304.00
Heritage Groundworks	Levelling for container	£420.00
J McCloskey	Newsletter distribution	£70.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Playground upgrades	£4115.78

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

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

7.3 **Grant to Romsley and Hunnington Show** – this item was deferred.

7.4 **Grant to Friends of Romsley and Hunnington** – this item was deferred.

7.5 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to set up a Finance Working Party with the remit (but not limited to) annual budget, precept, grant applications, future spending requests and cash flow consisting of Cllr. Weston, Cllr. Strain, Cllr. Swift, Cllr. Powell and Clerk.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 District Council Decisions

None

8.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	24/00209/FUL
Proposal:	Proposed extensions and new roof over garage
Location:	Foxgloves, Farley Lane
Decision:	No objections

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	23/001148/FUL
Proposal:	Two storey side extensions, single storey rear extension, loft conversion and extension of annexe to gym and outdoor kitchen and games room
Location:	Kenelmstowe, St Kenelms Road
Decision:	No objections

Planning Type:	Certificate of Existing Lawful Use/Dev
Planning Reference:	24/00228/CPE

Proposal:	Provision of four storage containers on the land for the purposes of commercial storage
Location:	Land at Backlane Farm, St Kenelms Road
Decision:	No objections

8.3 Appeals

None

9. PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS

9.1 Play area upgrade

- The weather has delayed the commencement of the project, and the ground is being monitored so we can reschedule a commencement date.
- Wicksteed have completed the repainting and repairs to the swings.
- Following a meeting with Miracle and Heritage Groundworks it was discussed that a simple drainage system in the play area would be needed and we are awaiting a quotation from Heritage.
- The wooden fence around the carpark needs replacing and again Heritage is to provide a quotation.
- There are also drainage issues with the actual playing field as it is completely waterlogged.
- The container was delivered today and councillors to support maintenance in moving everything over from the previous container.

9.2 **Memorial for Nigel Williamson** – two solutions for a memorial plaque were put to the council to decide and it was agreed to ask for a sample of the aluminium used and a mock-up of the sign.

9.3 **Litter Pick Putney Lane** – this is in progress, Cllr. Shaw is in the process of consulting with Severn Trent Volunteer Group, Friends of Romsley and Hunnington and Cllr. May.

9.4 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree the quotation from Wicksteed for the repair of the play area gate and new panels for the existing play unit.

10. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

10.1 Two complaints have been received about dumping rubbish on plots. Cllr. Shaw is to arrange a meeting with maintenance on site to ascertain a way of removing the rubbish.

11. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

11.1 A grant application for two VAS signs, one to be situated by the Swallows Nest the other opposite The Sun and we are awaiting confirmation.

11.2 A complaint had been received about a car dangerous parked on the corner of St Kenelms Road/Field House Lane – clerk to write to the residents.

12. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

12.1 **Lengthsman** – a meeting was held with the Lengthsman to gauge a better understanding of the role and we was agreed that as a parish council we need to be more initiative-taking to get a better utilisation of the Lengthsman's time.

12.2 **Maintenance** – Maintenance has agreed to a six-month continuation contract.

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13. **COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 The newsletter has now been distributed. There is a Communication Working Group scheduled for 11th April 2024.

14. **EVENTS PLANNING**

14.1 **Romstock**

- Mark Moran has confirmed the bands are all now booked.
- Social Eats are working on the final advertising layout which will be agreed by the Working Group.
- Tickets sales are going well but we have no comparison history to compare.

- 14.2 **St Kenelm's Day** – a suitable singer has been booked and everything is in hand for this event. It was stressed that we will need volunteers to help erect the marquee.

- 14.3 **Travelling Music Box** – nothing to report.

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

- 15.1 Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Antal – would be good to include in the newsletter information on the distinct roles of parish, district, and county council.

Cllr. Swift – confirmed she would be attending a Chums meeting on 17th April 2024.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 7th May 2024, 7.00pm at St Kenelm's Church Hall, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 20.01.