



**MINUTES OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024,
7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr. Antal, Cllr. Powell, Cllr. Shaw, Cllr. Strain, Cllr. Swift,
and Cllr. Weston (Chair)

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Macaulay and reason for absence 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

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. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

4.1 Cllr. Nock

- Bromsgrove are in a new administration season and are in the process of going through the various committee changes.
- Has been appointed Vice Chair of the Audit Committee.
- Since appointed on Overview and Scrutiny and in this role has a keen interest in overseeing the filing of the council's accounts. 2020/21 accounts should be going on the district website this week with, 2021/22 being ready to go on the website next week. 22/23 accounts are still in the process of being audited.

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- Consultants have been engaged to look at the parking issues within the district.
- Worcestershire Regulatory Services have taken over planning enforcement.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 5.1 **Cllr. May** – confirmed she had been appointed Cabinet Member for Communities.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 be signed as a correct record, the Chair duly signed.

7. FINANCE

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

HMRC	Payroll taxes	£375.34
Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£74.50
Corporate Card	Various	£121.87
Wicksteed	Play area upgrades	£2105.58
John Benner	Internal Audit	£200.00
Steve Tromans	Maintenance	£2621.50
John Weston	Chair's Allowance	£140.00
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Ruth Mullett	Band payment	£3900.00
E Sheppard	Lengthsman	£479.75
Flushaway	Romstock	£1272.00

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

To confirm receipt of: -

Allotment Rent - £40.00

- 7.2 **Bank Reconciliation Statement** – the bank statement and accounts had been scrutinised by Cllr. Strain as part of the internal control process and all councillors agreed to their accuracy.

- 7.3 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** for Cllr. Strain to conduct the internal control check for this month.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 District Council Decisions

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	23/01375/FUL
Proposal:	Retention of boundary fence
Location:	Land at Backlane Farm, St Kenelms Road, Romsley
Decision:	Refused

8.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	24/00413/FUL
Proposal:	Two storey extension, groundworks including external staircase, changes to fenestration and demolition of existing stable building
Location:	Tangled Oak Barn, Spring Lane, Romsley
Decision:	No objections

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	24/00355/FUL
Proposal:	Rear extension to dwelling
Location:	Anderson House, 78A Bromsgrove Road, Romsley
Decision:	No objections

8.3 Appeals

None

9. PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS

9.1 Due to work commitments from the previous contractor it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to use an alternative company, Eastleigh Landscapes Limited to conduct the play area groundwork. Work will commence week commencing 17th June 2024 due to be completed within two weeks. The new play area surface and equipment will begin to be installed on 1st July 2024. With full installation hopefully completed before the school summer holidays.

9.2 The Severn Trent Volunteer Group, together with the parish council are in negotiations to undertake a project at St Kenelms Church to clear the area around St Kenelms Well.

10. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

10.1 The clear up of the allotments is still in progress with maintenance taking rubbish away from site. Once completed Cllr. Shaw and Clerk to look at letting any vacant plots.

11. ROADS/FOOTPATHS/TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

11.1 Fly-tipping

- Cllr. May confirmed that district was spending over 100k on fly -tipping within the district.
- To date no prosecution has been made.
- From 1st June there has been a new Worcestershire Regulatory Services Legal Team appointed who will have to remit to prosecute offenders of fly-tipping.
- Cllr. May confirmed that the booking system was to continue due to the dangerous traffic issues when the system was not in place.

- It was discussed as to whether we are suffering more from fly-tipping as a parish due to our proximity to the tip.

12. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

12.1 Lengthsman –

Report submitted – “Most jobs continue as normal with the rain having caused a lot more block grids, sometimes blocking again within two or three days along with the grips. The junction with Chapel Lae and St Kenelms Road still leaks from the blocked side drain and the pipe under the highway which keeps lifting from the tarmac. They have been reported for the last two years and county need to get them.

The large ash tree is still there with the rotten top, and I would ask whether the council had informed the landowners to cover themselves as now the leaves have developed. The next one along towards Fox Farm also looks like it is failing and may need taking down. I will start painting some street signs next month which have faded.”

12.2 Maintenance – in attendance but nothing to report.

13. COMMUNICATION

13.1 Nothing to report. Another Working Group meeting will be arranged in the autumn.

14. EVENTS PLANNING

14.1 Romstock

- It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve band costs/MC of £3,700.00.
- We have managed to source a field for parking which should hold 30/35 cars and will receive confirmation on Friday which is weather dependant. Once we have the final confirmation this will be communicated on social media and through the ticketing site.

14.2 St Kenelm’s Day

It was agreed for a meeting to be arranged after Romstock for the final arrangements.

15. SCHEME OF DELEGATION

15.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the Scheme of Delegation.

16. TO RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT

16.1 A request had been received from a resident to fund a memorial bench at the top of the gully from The Hedgerows to Dark Lane. This was unanimously agreed subject to Highways approval.

17. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS –

AA – could we still consider the school in the remit for the Severn Trent Volunteer Team.

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 2nd July 2024, 7.00pm at St Kenelm’s Church Hall, 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 19.57.

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