



**MINUTES OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH
NOVEMBER 2024, 7.00PM AT ST KENELMS CHURCH HALL**

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

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

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr. Strain and Cllr. Weston and reasons 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

Cllr. Swift Governor at St Kenelms School

Cllr. Swift County Appointed Government at Clent School

**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 May** – apologies received.

Cllr. Nock

- A motion was put to Bromsgrove District Council which was carried
concerning the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance.
- There has been a political shift at Bromsgrove District Council: -

11 Conservative

6 Labour

7 Independent

- A boundary review for district wards has taken place as there is no real change for Belbroughton and Romsley Ward.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

5.1 **Cllr. May** – apologies received.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 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.

Ruth Mullett	Expenses	£145.35
HMRC	Payroll taxes	£569.76
Andyloos	Romstock toilet deposit	£865.62
Andyloos	St Kenelms Day toilet deposit	£129.36
Jacob McCloskey	Leaflet Distribution	£70.00
John Weston	Meeting refreshments	£9.50
Stourport Brass Band	St Kenelms Day Band deposit	£50.00

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

7.3 **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.

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

7.5 **Budget v Actual** – this item was deferred.

7.6 **To confirm receipt of: -**

HMRC	VAT Refund	£19687.68
Worcs CC	Divisional Fund	£1250.00

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 District Council Decisions

Planning Type:	Full Application
Planning Reference:	24/00051/FUL
Proposal:	Replace small wooden garden shed with larger wooden shed
Location:	1 Farley Barn, Farley Lane, Romsley
Decision:	Refused

8.2 Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

Nothing to report.

8.3 Appeals

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Nothing to report.

9. **PLAYING FIELD/COMMUNITY AREAS**

9.1 It was mentioned that the playing fields were being well maintained and thanks was given to Maintenance.

9.2 **Parish Path Warden Update** – a meeting was held with the Parish Path Warden as he had expressed concerns with physical capacity in maintaining our footpaths. The parish council recognise what a fantastic job Stuart Smith and his wife in maintaining our parish footpaths and the parish council are keen to support them in anyway they can. It was agreed to keep this item on the next agenda to debate ways in which we can support him.

10. **WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS**

10.1 The clear up of the allotments is still in progress with maintenance taking rubbish away from site. JS is still doing regular visits to the site and there is a suggestion of starting an Allotment Committee who could consult with the Clerk.

11. **PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE**

11.1 **Lengthsman** – no report given.

11.2 **Maintenance** – nothing to report.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Nothing to report.

13. **EVENTS PLANNING**

13.1 **Romstock**

An Events Working Group was held on 22nd October 2024. Progress is being made on organising bands and confirming arrangements for Romstock 2025. The next stage is to organise a meeting with Social Eats for early New Year.

13..2 **St Kenelms Day**

This has been confirmed for 19th July 2025. We have confirmed the Stourport Brass Band but are looking for an alternative music entertainer.

14. **ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

14.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to commence the process of listing the BT Exchange Building as an Asset of Community Value. LS, JS, and Clerk to arrange a meeting to work through the listing.

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

15.1 The NALC payscales for 2024/25 were noted by council.

15.2 **Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order** – this was not discussed as the consultation date had ended.

15.3 **Double Yellow Lines Corner of Popular Lane** – it was agreed to ask County Councillor whether double yellow lines in this location would be agreeable by County before any further discussion takes place.

- 16. **TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS –**
JS – there had been some rumours regarding the Severn Trent Volunteer Group and the parish council working at the school. These are to be ignored. The County Councillor has secured funding to continue with this project and we are awaiting confirmation from the school as to their plans for the outside space.

- 17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** 7th January 2025, 7.00pm at St Kenelms Church Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.08.

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