

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT: Mr I A Hodgetts (Chairman), Mrs M Bayfield (Vice  
Chairman), Mrs A Cooper, Mrs Tandy and Mr J Price.**

1. **To Receive and Accept apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Councillor Hancox and Councillor Richards due to illness, both these apologies were accepted.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** – The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item no. 7.

**At this point, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation. Notes are appended to these Minutes.**

3. **To Sign as a True Record the Draft Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 Meeting** - it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bayfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs Cooper and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.
4. **To Consider Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda** – Councillor Mrs Bayfield asked if Clerk had an update on item 18, parked cars obstructing the footpath. **Clerk to contact PC Chris Lord for further clarification.**
5. **To Approve Payment of Accounts**  
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bayfield, seconded by Councillor Price and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:  
GJH Electrical Services Ltd – installation of Christmas Lights £240.35  
Rosedale Lighting Limited – Christmas lights £760.73  
Alan Bagley – Safety Officer/Gate Keeper Annual Salary £455.00  
Streetmaster – new bench for The Common £485.30  
NPower – electricity for feeder pillar £136.78
6. **To receive update on kissing gate** – Chairman confirmed he had now received the hoops for the kissing gate. **Clerk to contact Martin Male to arrange installation.**
7. **To discuss Backlane Farm/Romsley Store planning enforcement** – Chairman gave his comments on this item and then left the room. It was discussed that sections 5 and 6 of the Particulars of Decision on Planning Application no. B/2007/0287 had not been adhered to and the Parish Council expressed concern to this fact. Due to the gates having not being set back, delivery vehicles are having to park on the road as they are unable to gain access to the premises. This is causing visibility and obstruction problems on St Kenelms Road. The view on exit is also obstructed in both directions by permanent advertisement signage placed on the grass verges. **Clerk to contact Bromsgrove**

**District Council Enforcement Officer.** The Parish Council wanted it stressed that they were not trying to cause trouble but were merely looking at the safety of the village as a whole. **Clerk was also instructed to contact Bromsgrove District Council to ascertain whether business or agricultural rates were applicable on these premises.**

8. **To discuss correspondence received from Romsley Scout Group** – Romsley Scout Group have contacted the Parish Council to ascertain whether they would be willing to make a financial contribution towards drainage issues caused by water running from the playing fields car park. Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotes, Andrew Shepherd, Group Scout Leader to obtain one and **Clerk to obtain the remaining two.**

9. **To receive update on introduction of a Romsley Parish Council website** – due to Councillor Richards being unable to attend, it was unanimously agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

10. **To consider Planning Matters**

**District Council Decisions**

08/0896	St Kenelms Church Hall	Granted
08/0906	Yew Tree Nursing Home	Granted
08/0911	45 St Kenelms Road	Granted

**Parish Council Recommendations**

08/1092	Arqiva Transmitting Station	No Objections
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**Enforcement Issues**

08/0657	Erection of Fence, 29 Bromsgrove Road An appeal has been lodged of which have Six months to reply.
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11. **To Receive Report of District Councillor, for information only** – Nil.

12. **To Receive Report of County Councillor, for information** – County Councillor Moore confirmed that the County Council had started drainage work on St Kenelms Road. The Chairman also raised the issue of whether it would be possible to have double yellow lines in Hillcrest Road from the junction of Waverley Crescent to St Kenelms Road. County Councillor Moore to investigate

13. **Receive Report of Parish Councillors and Report Items for Future Agendas**

**MB** – reported potholes on bottom of Dayhouse Bank and Bromsgrove Road, County Councillor Moore to report to Highways.

**AC**- reported potholes in Poplar Road, **County Councillor Moore to report to Highways.** Had received a number of complaints from residents about Ludlows buses being missed out. **Clerk to contact Ludlows.** Also a hole on the footpath, St Kenelms Road just before the Newsagent, County Councillor Moore to report to Highways.

**JT** – Dog bin on the top of Hillcrest Road needs replacing. **Clerk to report to BDC.** Overhanging trees in the walkway leading from Dark Lane to The Hedgerows. **Clerk to report to BDC.** Councillor Tandy also discussed if there was anything that could be done about the

number of cars obstructing driveways and it was agreed that this was a Police matter.

**JP** - Two stiles on Romsley footpaths need replacing, **Councillor Price to let Clerk have footpath numbers.**

**IAH** – Due to the recent burglary at Fairfield Post Office it was stressed that 24hr CCTV would be a good idea around our Post Office and shops. **Clerk to progress further.**

19. **To Receive Clerk's Progress Report, for information only**
  - Clerk reported flying tipping on Romsley Playing Fields.
  - Clerk reported a burnt out car and debris on St Kenelms Church car park.
  - Clerk confirmed that Rev Georgina would be attending the February meeting to discuss financial assistance towards the refurbishment of the Church Hall.
23. **To Note Correspondence Received, for information only –**
  - West Mercia Police Authority – Your Police Service 2009 and Beyond.
25. **To confirm that of next meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 7.00pm.**

**Romsley Parish Council Meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at  
7.30pm**

**Notes on the Public Section of the Meeting**

1. PC Lord confirmed there had been a fatal burglary at Fairfield Post Office. There had also been three burglaries in the village and one incident of anti-social behaviour.
2. Jane Dunham of Shut Mill Barn attended to discuss what a terrible time she is having with joy riders racing around her barn during the evening. Mrs Dunham had a car crash into the corner of her barn last year and is somewhat concerned that something like this could happen again. PC Lord is to take the matter further with the Police and County Councillor Moore is to chase her Armco barriers being installed.