

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 18TH MAY 2011, 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr. I A Hodgetts (Chairman), Cllr. J Price, Cllr. Mrs Cooper, Cllr. Mrs Hemmings, Cllr. Brough, Cllr. Francis and Cllr. Cooke

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Cooper and Seconded by Cllr. Price that Cllr. Hodgetts be nominated as Chairman. There were no other nominations. With his agreement, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Mr Hodgetts be duly elected, and he signed a Declaration of Office accordingly

 2. **APOLOGIES**
 - 2.1 None

 3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**
 - 3.1 It was proposed by Cllr. Hodgetts and Seconded by Cllr. Price that Cllr. Mrs Cooper be nominated as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. With her agreement, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Mrs Cooper be duly elected.

 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
 - 4.1 Cllr. Mrs Cooper – Personal interest planning application 11/0377
Cllr. Price – Personal interest planning application 11/0334
Cllr. Cooke – Personal and prejudicial planning application 11/0334
- At this point the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public participation.**
5. **STANDING ORDERS**
 - 5.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Standing Orders with no amendments

 6. **CODE OF CONDUCT**
 - 6.1 All Councillors noted continued adherence to the Code.

 7. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
 - 7.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Financial Regulations with no amendments

 8. **TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS**
 - 8.1 Footpath Warden –Vacant

- 8.2 Tree Warden – Terry Hall
- 8.3 Gate Keeper – Alan Bagley
- 8.4 Safety Officer – Alan Bagley
- 8.5 Environmental Control/litter picker – Edward Sheppard

9. TO NOMINATE COUNCILLORS

- 9.1 Worcestershire CALC - The Chairman and Cllr Price agreed to attend these meetings
- 9.2 CPRE – Cllr. Mrs Cooper and Cllr. Francis agreed to attend these meetings.

10. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 10.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

11. FINANCE

- 11.1 It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to change our bank accounts from HSBC to Unity Bank Trust.

11.2 Accounts for Payment

E Sheppard	Environmental Control x 5	£206.25
Came and Co	Insurance	£1,200.08
South Staffs Water	Allotment water charges	£43.92
R Mullett	Mileage	£35.10
Worcestershire CALC	Subscription	£642.57
Npower	The Alders	£24.16
Viking Direct	Stationery and ink	£88.03

- 11.3 **To Approve Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements –** bank statements scrutinised and agreed by all Councillors
- 11.4 To confirm receipt of £646.37 Lengthsman Grant from Worcestershire County Council.
- 11.5 To confirm receipt of £18.00 temporary loan interest from Bromsgrove District Council.

12. PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

None

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

11/0326	42 St Kenelms Road, Romsley Two storey rear extension	No objections
11/0334	81 Dark Lane, Romsley Side and roof extensions, new dormers and chimney	No objections
11/0377	54 St Kenelms Road, Romsley Proposed new garage and porch Extension with bedroom over kitchen And loft conversion.	No objections

Appeals

None

Enforcement Issues

None

13. PLAYING FIELD/RECREATION AREA

- 13.1 Coloured plans have now been received from Wicksteed Leisure. Clerk to arrange printing and Councillors to distribute newsletter to the whole village ascertaining their views on this idea.

14. ROADS/FOOTPATHS

Speed consultation review received from Bromsgrove District Council to change speed limit from 30mph to 40mph and it was agreed to keep the speed limit at 40mph.

15. WINWOOD HEATH ALLOTMENTS

- 15.1 Both remaining plots have now been allocated. Sadly we have no parishioners from within Romsley or Hunnington requesting the plots so they have been let to two people in Rubery.

16. PARISH LENGTHSMAN/MAINTENANCE

- 16.1 Edward Sheppard, Lengthsman attended the meeting so gave an update on works he had completed in the parish.

17. OUTSIDE MEETINGS

- 17.1 Nothing to report.

18. TRAINING

- 18.1 Nothing to report.

19. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

- 19.1 Apologies received.

20. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- 20.1 County Councillor Moore gave his apologies.

21. TO RECEIVE CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

- 21.1 To confirm Councillor training to be held on 15th June and 12th July, 10.00am to 4.00pm at St Peter's Baptist Church, Worcester to be attended by Cllr. Mrs Hemmings and Cllr. Francis.

22. TO RECEIVE REPORT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

KB – commented now nice the village looked during the spring. Also complaint about a resident shooting rabbits and walking around Romsley with a shotgun on show, not in a case. Cllr. Cooper to have a word with the parishioner before the matter is reported to the Police.

JC - Countryside Service have been in touch with the land owner to install the new kissing gate.

Chairman and himself have visited Shutmill to look at the working being undertaken and have confirmed they are making excellent progress.

AC – service road behind phone box in St Kenelms Road is in desperate need of repair. To bring up with new District Councillor.

23. **CORRESPONDENCE**

24. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 13th June 2011, at 7.30pm.