

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD OF ROMSLEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 24TH MAY 2010 AT 8.00PM**

The meeting was attended by six Parish Councillors and one County Councillor.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were read. It was Proposed by Cllr. Mrs Tandy, Seconded by Cllr. Price and **RESOLVED** by those able to vote that they were a true record and signed accordingly.

2. To Receive Chairman's Report

Mr Hodgetts outlined the activities of the Parish Council during the year, as follows:-

"I begin my thanking Ruth, our Clerk, for her help and guidance during the last twelve months, assisting me to discharge my duties as Chairman. Ruth continues to attend courses and seminars as well as attending the many and varied CALC and Forum meetings. Her input is considerable and proving to be helpful and valuable to us.

Also, I wish to thank the very hard working and dedicated Parish, District and County Councillors for their continued help and support.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the Police for their year by year interest, commitment and efficiency in keeping us well informed, and in touch with any local information and incidents.

The Council met eleven times with sub-committees to deal with any matters arising in-between the set meetings. Several planning applications were dealt with and any points or objections put to Bromsgrove District Council.

Grants for the year went to:-

St Kenelms Church Hall refurbishing fund
CAB
St Kenelms School

In April 2009 the matter of waiting restrictions outside of an area in St Kenelm's Road was presented to Worcester County Council. On visiting the site, our County Councillor, Mr Moore, was then informed that they could not see a problem and that it would take about eighteen months to implement.

It was decided to enter the Lengthsman Scheme and this is working well.

The Hagley and Rural LNP was formed involving five parishes and have met several times.

In the summer a Sports Activity programme was organised for the holiday period and was a resounding success with over 40 children attending.

The driveway leading to the Scout Centre was drained and small ramps incorporated to direct any water into the ditch.

Several shrubs, plants and trees were planted in areas of the playing field and car park by the Rainbows. They did a fine job and our thanks go to the children and their leaders.

In November we had the very sad loss of Mrs Margaret Bayfield. Margaret was a loyal and dedicated member of this Council for many years and she is sorely missed.

In order to bring the Council up to full strength again Mr Keith Brough was co-opted and welcomed to join the team in January.

3. To Receive Financial Statements of the 2009/10 Accounts

These had been circulated to the meeting. There were no comments.

4. To Receive Report of the County Councillor Representative – Mr E Moore

Through money from the LNP we are to all have a mobile speed sign. Romsley are asked to provide the County Councillor with possible locations for the sign.

Confirmed that had been appointed to Vice Chairman of Worcestershire County Council and Councillors congratulated him on his appointment.

5. To Receive Report of District Councillor Representative – Mr D Hancox

None received.

6. To Receive Report of the Neighbourhood Watch Representative

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting held on 21st April 2010 had been circulated.

7. To Receive Report of the Tree Warden

During the last year I attended West Midlands Tree Warden's Forum at which time was taken discussing the incorrect blaming of adjacent trees for structural damage to property. Many thanks for your financial contribution.

Advice and participation in Rainbow tree planning on the playing fields was an interesting and enjoyable experience.

The cutting down of trees at the bottom of Hillcrest Road next to the old people's bungalows and next to 62 Hillcrest Road/Council garages access road caused considerable anxiety for neighbors'. In my opinion the District Council should notify the appropriate Parish Council before sending in a team for tree felling or heavy pruning.

8. To Receive Report of the Footpath Warden

None received.

9. To Review any Items of Parochial Interest

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.