

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH JULY 2009 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Mr I A Hodgetts (Chairman), Mr D Hancox, Mrs M Bayfield, Mr J Price and Mrs J Tandy.

1. **To Receive and Accept apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Councillor's Mrs Cooper and Mr Richards and these were accepted.
2. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** – None at this stage.

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 8th June 2009 Meeting** - it was proposed by Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Hancox and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed as a correct record with the inclusion of Cllr Price who was present at the meeting.
4. **To Consider Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda** – Cllr. Mrs Bayfield asked if Mrs Dunham's problem with flooding had been dealt with, County Councillor Moore to follow this up with Highways. Clerk was asked to write to Richard Clewer, Worcester County Council in support of Mrs Dunham's problem.
5. **To Approve Payment of Accounts**
It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Tandy, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bayfield and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

Viking Direct – Ink	£34.91
Wicksteed Leisure – Inspection	£51.75
Martin Male – repairs/restore to benches/posts	£125.00
Npower – feeder pillar	£2.15
Environmental Control	£165.00
Npower – street lighting	£24.42
E Shepphard – Lengthsman June	£149.61
6. **To Approve Quarterly Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements** – bank statements scrutinised and agreed by all Councillors.
7. **To Discuss Sports Activity Programme** – this has been arranged for week commencing 10th – 14th August to be held at St Kenelms Primary School and they have already received quite a keen response. Clerk to put posters around the shops and playing field advertising the event and Councillors Mrs Cooper will be around during the week to monitor. Chairman thanked Councillor Mrs Cooper for all her hard work in organising this event and hoped it would be a great success.

8. **To Discuss Revised 007 Bus Timetable** – Worcestershire County Council have found an alternative bus service provider, Midland Rider. They are to provide a bus service from Bromsgrove Bus Station to Halesowen Queensway every 90 minutes and new timetables have been displayed in all bus stops and a representative from Worcestershire County Council is to be present on the buses for a while talking to passengers about the new revised timetable and changes.
9. **To Discuss Letter Received from Resident Regarding Installation of Orange Telecommunications Mast** – a letter had been received from a local resident who had been contacted about a telecommunications mast being erected in her back garden. The resident was very concerned as she did not want the mast, nor did she want to mast anywhere in close proximity in the village. Parish Council to write to the mast provider expressing our concerns and asking to meet to discuss alternative sites. Clerk also to write to Mrs Roberts to thank her for her letter and tell her what our actions are.
10. **To Agree Clerk's Attendance at SLCC Regional Conference 3rd December 2009** – it was Proposed by Councillor Price, Seconded by Councillors Mrs Tandy and unanimously **Resolved** that Clerk attend this Conference at a cost of £49 of which 50% of these costs would be claimed back in the form of a Clerk's Bursary.
11. **To Receive Update on Parish Council Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009** – this was attended by Chairman and Clerk. The main topics covered were –
- a Parish Council Charter Working Group is to be formed of which the Clerk has been invited to attend.
 - a joint county wide Scrutiny Group on flooding is to be set up, asking Parishes to look at their Action Plan on flooding and bring their comments to the next Forum Meeting.
12. **To Consider Matters Relating to Winwood Heath Allotment Site** – Clerk is still awaiting rent from one plot holder.
13. **To Discuss Matters Relating to the Playing Field** –
- Wicksteed Leisure has now replaced the zig zag spinner in the play area.
 - Councillor Mrs Bayfield discussed that the skateboard ramp was now coming to the end of its life. It was agreed that all Councillor's monitor how much the skateboard is used and to put on the October Agenda to discuss whether we replace the ramp or put something else in its place.
 - A letter had been received from Andrew Shepherd, Group Scout Leader expressing their concerns about the new drainage that had been installed in the playing fields. Clerk to contact the original Contractors and arrange to meet with the Parish Council to discuss some concerns we have. Clerk also to write to Andy Shepherd

acknowledging his letter and will contact him when we have met with contractors.

14. **To Receive Update on Waiting Restrictions Outside Newsagents, St Kenelms Road** – Nothing to report.

15. **To Discuss Parish Lengthsman Scheme** – nothing to report.

16. **To consider Planning Matters**

District Council Decisions

09/0175 Field House, Bromsgrove Road – Pond to Rear Granted

09/0233 26 Dark Lane, Dormer Windows Refused

Parish Council Recommendations

New External Fire Escape/Fire Exit to Hall – St Kenelms School No Objections

Enforcement Issues

07/0287 Backlane Farm, St Kenelms Road

This has been resolved

06/0109 The Hawthorns, Dayhouse Bank

This has been resolved

17. **To Receive Report of District Councillor, for information only** –

District Councillor Hancox stated that BDC would be holding a Promotion of Warmer Worcestershire Open Day to be held at the Council House on 22nd July, 4-6pm and the website is www.warmerworcestershire.com.

18. **To Receive Report of County Councillor, for information** – County Councillor Moore confirmed that no Petitions from Romsley residents had been lodged with Worcestershire County Council and Councillors are concerned with the amount of petition residents are signing in the Post Office when no further action is being done with them.

19. **To Receive Report of Parish Councillors and Report Items for Future Agendas** –

JT – The gully Dark Lane to the Hedgerows needs cutting back, **Clerk to contact District**. Also the steps at the bottom of the rolling hills public footpath are loose, **Clerk to contact County Council**.

MB - The gully, leading from St Kenelms Road to Eastleigh Drive there is a large bump which is a serious trip hazard. **Ed Moore to inspect with Highways**.

DH – The Gannow public footpath over the motorway bridge is overgrown. **Chairman to instruct Lengthsman to cut back**.

JP – stiles on footpaths going towards Hunnington need attention as they are quite dangerous. It was suggested that kissing gate be installed. Councillor Price to let Clerk have footpath numbers to report.

IH – People are stacking horse manure on the boundary on the brook course and it is washing into the brook at the side of Spring Farm which is polluting the stream. Clerk and Chairman to investigate and report to the Environmental Health Officer.

MB – The Crossing Lady at St Kenelms School is getting very concerned about the speeding vehicles that are passing stopped cars. Councillor Mrs Bayfield instructed her to report to the Police and her own Supervisor.

20. **To Receive Clerk's Report for information only** –

- Clerk is receiving a large number of Emails from Mr Francis, a local Parishioner some of which are quite personal about her political preference. If anymore are received along these lines, Clerk was instructed to write and state that *she was a Professional, working the Parish Council and would not get involved in any political party correspondence*. It was also agreed to answer all emails with *“Your correspondence has been noted with interest and we would like to extend the invitation for you to discuss this at our next meeting to be held on .Please note failure to attend will assume the matter is resolved”*.
 - Clerk had also received a request from Mr Upton, 38 St Kenelms Road for access onto the playing field to remove rubbish from his garden. Clerk had contacted Mr Upton to ask him to put the request in writing but was awaiting a response.
21. **To Note Correspondence Received, for information only –**
BDC – Review of Gambling Act 2006
Peter McHugh – feedback on Bordesley Park Development.
22. **To confirm date of next meeting –**
Monday 14th September 2009 – Full Council Meeting

Romsley Parish Council Meeting - Monday 13th July 2009 at 7.30pm

Notes on the Public Section of the Meeting

PC Chris Lord and one member of the public were present who asked the following questions.

1. PC Lord gave an update on recent crime in the area
2. Who benefited from the Youth Group Funding last year? *County Councillor Moore answered Young Farmers and Hagley Youth Activities*
3. Why is the website not up and running? Due to Councillor Richards being ill, this question could not be answered.