

# Romsey Town Council

Town Hall  
1, Market Place  
Romsey  
SO51 8YZ

## **BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
3. **MINUTES**  
To receive the Buildings and Community Committee Meeting Minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Matters Arising
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
5. **ARCHIVIST REPORT**
6. **REVIEW OF BOOKINGS**  
To review latest Bookings Graph
7. **FINANCE REPORT**  
To receive latest Finance Report
8. **BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT**  
Work completed/Work in Progress 2023/24  
Work Proposed 2023/24
9. **BUSINESS, EVENTS & TOURISM OFFICER'S REPORT**
10. **LETTER OF SUPPORT – FREEDOM CHURCH**
11. **HCC BENCHES IN ROMSEY**  
To clarify maintenance responsibility for HCC benches in the town centre
12. **MARSHALLING TRAINING**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** To fulfil insurance cover requirements the Chief Officer requests for Committee's approval to go ahead with "Chapter 8" training for Romsey Town Council Volunteer Marshals.
13. **GREENING CAMPAIGN**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N. Gwynne and seconded by Cllr. J. Parker to sign for The Greening Campaign.
14. **STREET GREENING PROPOSAL**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N. Gwynne and **SECONDED** by Cllr. J. Burnage accept the Street Greening Proposal
15. **PROTECTING GRASS VERGES IN WINTERBOURNE ROAD**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. J. Burnage and **SECONDED** by Cllr. N. Gwynn RTC to purchase the bushes – pyracantha which will be added to the RTC maintenance contract with TVBC
16. **ASSET IDENTIFIERS**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N. Gwynne and **SECONDED** by Cllr. J. Burnage to purchase Asset Identifiers at a cost of £500.
17. **WAYMARKERS**  
**RECOMMENDATION:** It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N. Gwynne and **SECONDED** by Cllr. J. Critchley to ask B&C Committee to confirm which quote they favour for refurbishment of the town's waymarkers.

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18. **PROJECTS LIST WORKING GROUP**

Update

19. **ROMSEY FUTURE**

Shared Prosperity Fund Update

20. **MARK EDGERLEY – BENCH**

It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. C Burgess and **SECONDED** by Cllr. J. Critchley to install a bench in the town in memory of Mark Edgerley – retired Town Centre Manager

21. **RIVER POLLUTION**

It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. C. Burgess and **SECONDED** by Cllr. I. Culley the Committee:-

1. Strongly opposes Southern Water disposing untreated wastewater into the River Test or its tributaries. The Council is therefore calling on Southern Water to fix the problem by improving its infrastructure more widely and at greater speed, and work with OFWAT and the Environment Agency to enable the required investment funding to be released. In addition, we are calling on all parties to inform and closely engage with affected communities and relevant agencies, including Romsey Town Council. Water quality must be frequently monitored, and transparency must be maintained by publishing all testing data promptly. This Council also condemns Southern Water for its disregard for the SSSI status of the River Test and for endangering the Public Health of the residents of Romsey.

*Note: This is based on the motion carried by Test Valley Borough Council on 29 February 2024.*

2. Join the Pan Parish River Pollution Forum of Test Valley Parish Councils setup to lobby Southern Water and central government.

*Note: Minutes of their last meeting showing the participating parishes and their action plan (para 6) are online at located here: [attachments.asp \(houghtonparishcouncil.org\)](#).*

*Invite Dr Nick Mills; Director of Southern Water's [Clean Rivers and Seas Task Force](#) to the next Full Council Meeting to present his company's plans to stop sewage overflows into the River Test.*

3. Ask the Environment Agency (EA) to share their tests of water samples taken from the River Test within our parish. Such tests should indicate whether there is a risk to residents and domestic and wild animals.
4. Adopts a proactive approach with this ongoing issue to safeguard the health and safety of residents and domestic animals. Such action may necessitate the Council to undertake its own testing when it believes there is an imminent risk to Public Health. If any test data indicate such a risk, residents will be warned.

*Note: Houghton PC is purchasing a river probe for continuous monitoring of the water quality of the River Test at Houghton and will share their data. The probe will send alerts when pollutants exceed certain levels. This will aid our proactive approach.*

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22. **MAYORAL AWARD SCHEME/ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**  
Nomination - RAODS
  
23. **GRANTS**  
Rotary Club of Romsey Test - £1,000  
Romsey Young Carers - £200  
Romsey Family Support Group - £750