

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2024

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Parker

Attendance:

P Councillor C. Birkett	P Councillor N. Gwynne
P Councillor J. Burnage	P Councillor R. Kohli
P Councillor M. Cooper	P Councillor J. Parker
P Councillor J. Critchley	P Councillor J. Ray
P Councillor I. Culley	- Councillor J. Urquhart
P Councillor S. Gidley	P Councillor S. Wilkinson
P Councillor A. Goddard	P Councillor C. Burgess
A Councillor R. Theron	

Clerk: Judith Giles

Public:

1. PRAYERS

Rev Thomas Wharton said prayers.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr. R. Theron

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To receive and approve the accuracy of the Minutes of meetings held as follows:-
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 were duly confirmed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Ray

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Birkett

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 were duly confirmed.

PROPOSED: Cllr. M. Cooper

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Gidley

CARRIED

Matters Arising

Agenda item 34 - Romsey Future Cllr. J. Critchley asked if Romsey Future Meeting has been delayed until after Citizens Assembly on 20th July 2024. Cllr Parker confirmed it has.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 7.35P.M.

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Critchley

CARRIED

To receive formal presentations from individuals or organisations which are an identified agenda item: Police Report

PC Mark Pannell reported a special police team has been set up regarding several ram raids experienced in the town and three people arrested. An individual has been charged with twelve burglaries leading to a conviction and sentence of 15 months in prison. There could be another eight charges which will be confirmed shortly. Cllr. J. Parker conveyed his thanks to the investigating team. Not as many anti-social behaviour reports at the moment. There are now 2 Response Officers per shift based in Romsey 24hrs a day, 7 days a week. With reference to the major incident in the Cornmarket where a vehicle went out of control and ploughed into a Market Stall and through the glass window of Morrisons. PC Pannell asked if

something could be done to protect pedestrians and shops. The Chief Officer reported a meeting is to be held with Hampshire Highways to discuss options. Cllr. C. Burgess asked if Romsey Police Station front desk may be re-opened in the future. PC Pannell said he had not heard anything.

To receive verbal reports from Borough and County Councillors of what has been happening at Borough and County level which is of interest to Romsey Town Councillors

TVBC Report

Cllr. J. Parker reported TVBC Officers are progressing the Whitenap Planning Application which should come forward in October 2024.

A Citizens' Assembly looking at the requirements for community facilities for Romsey is being held on 18th and 20th July 2024. The Assembly will be run by independent facilitators supported by TVBC Officers

HCC Report

Cllr. M. Cooper reported he has received 477 requests from residents for a pelican crossing on Cupernham Lane, similar to the one on Dutton's Road. Cllr. J. Burnage thanked Cllr. M. Cooper for his work on this project. .

Questions from members of the public to Borough Councillors

None

Questions from members of the public to the County Councillor

None

Questions from Town Councillors to Borough Councillors

None

Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor

Cllr Critchley reported the paving alongside Boots the Chemist already has a cracked slab after only recently being repaired. Cllr. M. Cooper agreed to follow up. Cllr. C Burgess asked Cllr. M. Cooper for an update on the review of Casbrook Recycling Centre possible closure. Cllr. M. Cooper to email HCC for an update.

Public participation ended – 20.14

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Critchley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th April 2024, 9th May 2024, 30th May 2024, 20th June 2024(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Ray

CARRIED

Cllr J. Critchley reported the Appeal on Edwina Mountbatten site starts on 13th August – Crosfield hall.

6. BUILDINGS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Cllr. J Parker proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Buildings and Community Committee meetings held on 9th April 2024 and 4th June 2024(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Birkett

CARRIED

7. FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr. N. Gwynne proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee meetings held on 30th April 2024 and 18th June 2024(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

8. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Southampton Road

Cllr. C. Burgess proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 10th April 2024

PROPOSED: Cllr. C. Burgess

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Gidley

CARRIED

Kings Chase

Cllr. J. Parker proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 4th June 2024

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Burgess

CARRIED

9. INVESTMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDATION: Investment Policy to be approved at Finance & Resources Committee Meeting on 20th August 2024 with recommendation to Full Council on 17th September 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 12/24

It was **RESOLVED** Investment Policy be approved at Finance & Resources Committee Meeting on 20th August 2024 with recommendation to Full Council on 17th September 2024

PROPOSED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

10. ROMSEY FUTURE

Cllr. J. Critchley reported he attended a Teams Meeting with Louisa Rice, TVBC, and Cllr. C. Burgess regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund. The passageway down the side of Boots the Chemist is in the pipeline among other projects. Romsey Town Councillors met informally with Romsey and District Society to hear their views regarding the South of Town Centre proposals. Cllr. J. Parker said the TVBC view is that the Masterplan is not up for re-opening. It was suggested that the RDS proposals should be presented at a future Romsey Future meeting.

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. S. Gidley reported she has had concerned members of the public on her doorstep and questioning the lack of consultation regarding the proposed installation of telegraph poles to support the roll-out of high-speed broadband by BT. She is following up with TVBC Planning Officers. It was suggested to invite BT to a Town Council to explain.

Cllr. C. Birkett – Kents Almshouses. They are looking for another Trustee.

12. COUNCILLORS COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE 2023-24

Noted

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported a successful Bed Race 5th July 2024

The Mayor's Picnic in the Memorial Park was a great success.

CHIEF OFFICER – RETIREMENT

On behalf of Romsey Town Councillors, the Mayor congratulated the Chief Officer – Judith Giles on her retirement – 31st August 2024. Council thanked her for 20 years of dedicated service.

Meeting Closed: 20.35hrs

Next Meeting 17th September 2024