

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2022

In the Chair:

Attendance:

A Councillor D. Baverstock	P Councillor N. Gwynne
P Councillor J. Cairney	P Councillor S. Lamb
P Councillor M. Cooper	P Councillor J. Parker
P Councillor J. Critchley	P Councillor J. Ray
P Councillor I. Culley	- Councillor M. Southey
A Councillor N. Daas	P Councillor C. Wise
P Councillor J. Burnage	P Councillor S. Wilkinson
	P Councillor K. Dunleavy

Clerk: Judith Giles

Public: 0

1. PRAYERS

The Reverend Thomas Wharton led prayers.

7.34p.m. Cllr. J. Critchley and Cllr. J Parker joined the meeting

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. J. Cairney, Cllr. S. Lamb

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To receive and approve the accuracy of the Minutes meetings held as follows:-

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2022 were duly confirmed and signed subject to Cllr. K. Dunleavy been added to attendance list

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Ray

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROPOSED: Cllr. K. Dunleavy

SECONDED: Cllr S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.35 P.M.

To receive formal presentations from individuals or organisations which are an identified agenda item:- None

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

HCC Report - None

TVBC Report – Cllr. N. Gwynne reported he is now Leader of the Liberal Democrats at TVBC

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

Cllr. K. Dunleavey raised concerns with regards to food aromas being strong in the town and asked if it was not best practice to have chimney in place? Cllr. N. Daas to investigate and report back.

Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor

Cllr. I. Culley asked if the bin collection move to every 3 weeks can be reconsidered.

Cllr. M. Cooper said this is not an option as it is a government instruction. Medical waste can be arranged by contacting TVBC. Food waste will be collected weekly.

Cllr. S. Wilkinson asked if anything can be done about the lack of car park spaces in Romsey. Cllr. K. Dunleavey reported although the car parks in the town centre get full at busy times, the car parks at the Library and Crosfield Hall often have empty spaces.

Cllr. I. Culley raised concerns regarding the chairs and tables placed outside The White Horse Hotel which is a busy thoroughfare. Cllr. M. Cooper to email HCC.

Cllr. J. Parker reported the entrance to the Rapids has flooded and he has reported to Nick Adams-King, TVBC who will inform relevant officer. Cllr. M. Cooper said he reported this issue two weeks ago but has not received a reply to date.

Cllr. N. Daas asked if there is any progress with the Pan Hampshire Deal. Cllr. M. Cooper reported no progress, however a meeting is to be held next week.

RE-COMMENCED 7.46 PM

7.47pm Cllr. M. Cooper left the room

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Burnage proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18th August 2022 and 29th September 2022(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. Cllr. J. Parker

CARRIED

6. BUILDING AND TOWN COMMITTEE

Cllr. S. Wilkinson proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Building and Town Committee meetings held on and 16th August 2022 and 18th October 2022(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Burnage

CARRIED

With reference to the Mayor's Award, Cllr. N. Gwynne requested organisations/individuals recommended for the award at the next Building & Town Committee Meeting on 6th December 2022 be circulated to all Councillors for approval, so awards can be given at next Full council Meeting on 17th January 2022. All councillors agreed this course of action.

It was agreed the RTC Design Award be given to those who were involved with the design of the Piazza in the Market Place.

7. FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

i) Cllr. J Critchley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance Resources Committee meetings held 5th July 2022 and 6th September 2022(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

8.02pm Cllr. M. Cooper returned to the meeting

ii) Merged Romsey Town Council/Romsey Extra Parish Council Budget 2023-24

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance & Resources Committee recommend Full Council approve merged Romsey Town Council/Romsey Extra Parish Council budget for 2023-24 on 15th November 2022 subject to creating an Earmarked Reserve (EMR) for projects. Carried forward Romsey Extra projects will be added to list for consideration.

PROPOSED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Parker

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 22/20

It was **RESOLVED** to approve merged Romsey Town Council/Romsey Extra Parish Council budget for 2023-24 with 2% increase resulting in £473.455 precept request for 2023-24 (Option 3 – Table attached)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY CLLR. S. WILKINSON

For	Against	Abstentions
Cllr. D. Baverstock	Cllr. J. Parker	Cllr. K. Dunleavey
Cllr. J. Burnage	Cllr. C. Wise	Cllr. N. Daas
Cllr. M. Cooper		
Cllr. J. Critchley		
Cllr. I. Culley		
Cllr. N. Gwynne		
Cllr. J. Ray		
Cllr. S. Wilson		

8. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Burnage proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 5th September 2022

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Parker

CARRIED

9. ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL/ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED MERGER

Cllr. J. Parker reported the merger of Romsey Extra Parish Council with Romsey Town Council is on track. In principle the transfer of assets has been agreed. No asset transfer to Awbridge. Romsey Extra reserves will be split as follows: Romsey Town Council 97.3%, Awbridge 2.7%. Cllr. N. Gwynne suggested a celebration to mark the occasion of the merger of the two Councils. A proposal will be discussed at Full Council Meeting on 17th January 2023.

10. ROMSEY FUTURE

Cllr. J. Critchley reported Romsey Future meeting is taking place in November 2022.

Cllr. I Culley asked if Romsey Future should consider the back of the Post Office area. Cllr. J. Parker reported there are no current plans to close the Post Office.

11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr S. Wilkinson - Bartletts Almshouses

Cllr. J. Parker report himself and Cllr. D. Baverstock will be attending a Tourism Meeting on 1st March 2023.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor Cllr. N. Gwynne reported his Charity Show at The Plaza raised £1,500.

The light switch-on events will take place on 26th November 2022.

Meeting Closed 8.25p.m.

Next Meeting 17th January 2023