

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January 2023

In the Chair:

Attendance:

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

Clerk: Judith Giles

Public: 0

1. PRAYERS

The Reverend Thomas Wharton led prayers.

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

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. S. Lamb, Cllr. K. Dunleavy and Cllr. J. Ray

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 11th November 2022 were duly confirmed

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Cairney

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr J.Burnage

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.35 P.M.

To receive formal presentations from individuals or organisations which are an identified agenda item:- Sgt. C. Challis gave a Police update. Currently black ice on the roads is a big issue and many have been closed. Generally crime is down in the area. The Police are aiming to attend every burglary. Cllr. I. Culley expressed concern with regards to cars speeding on the Fishlake Meadows Industrial Estate. Sgt. C. Challis said the police are working with the landowners to address this issue. The Police are working with TVBC Community Safety Team Youth Café.

Cllr. S. Wilkinson arrived – 7.44p.m.

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 - Cllr. M. Cooper reported HCC has announced Nightingale Living Well will end March 2023 as it is financially unviable. Cllr. M. Cooper outlined the issues the HCC gritters are dealing with due to the very wet roads.

TVBC Report – None

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. J. Critchley asked why the sluices from the water canal into the Fishlake hadn't been shut. Cllr. M. Cooper to contact the Environment Agency. Cllr. J. Critchley asked if the Traffic Regulation Enforcement Officers have now been told not to monitor the lading bays. Cllr. M. Cooper reported John Sorrell - HCC has confirmed they are enforcing the loading bays.

Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor

RE-COMMENCED 7.46 PM

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Burnage proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th October 2022, 10th November 2022, 8th December 2022 and 5th January 2023(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: 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 18th October 2022 and 6th December 2022(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Burnage

CARRIED

7. FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Critchley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee meetings held 8th November 2022 and 3rd January 2023(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. I. Culley

CARRIED

Interim Audit Report 2022-23

RESOLUTION NO. 23/22

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend Interim Audit Report to Full Council

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Cairney

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Interim Audit Report to Full Council

PROPOSED: Cllr. N. Daas

SECONDED: Cllr. N. Gwynne

CARRIED

8. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Cairney

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Burnage

CARRIED

9. NEW VOTING REQUIREMENTS – ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023

Noted.

10. PARKING, SPEEDING, DAMAGE – CHERVILLE STREET/GREATBRIDGE ROAD

It is **PROPOSED** by **Cllr. J. Critchley** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. N. Daas** Romsey Town Council write to HCC asking for an urgent discussion about problems in Cherville Street and Greatbridge Road with regards to parking, speeding and damage to parked vehicles.

Cllr. M. Cooper reported he has been in correspondence with HCC Mandy Ware, Team Leader – Safer Roads – Traffic, with regards to problems in Cherville Street and Greatbridge Road parking, speeding and damage to parked vehicles. She stated the speed limit on Greatbridge Road is set at a lower level of 30mph. The position with lower 20mph speed limits is that they are currently restricted to locations where there is a casualty reduction need in accordance with the Council's casualty reduction led policy. However, the outcomes of a review that considers whether there is scope in extending the scope for 20mph speed limits outside of this casualty reduction led policy is due to be reported to the Select Committee later this month which will assist with decisions on future policy later in the year.

In terms of traffic calming, residents have suggested build out features to provide a shield to the line of parking. However as there are private entrances into properties at the ends of the parking bays this approach is not feasible as the measures will obstruct access to premises. Placing measures further from the ends of these parking bays beyond the entrances will not offer any protection to the parked vehicles and may worsen the current situation as drivers will be squeezed into the gap between the feature and the parked vehicles with little space to manoeuvre. Physical

traffic calming features will also reduce the amount of much needed evening on-street parking space. On-street parking needs, accesses, and junctions limit the options for physical measures.

There are already some features on Greatbridge Road which assist in managing traffic such as a build out near to the roundabout junction with the A3057 and a Zebra crossing, and the route is signed as unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles with town centre traffic directed to use A3057. There are establishments that are accessed via Greatbridge Road that will require deliveries so there will be some larger vehicles that will have a legitimate need to use this route.

She will arrange a traffic survey to ascertain actual traffic speed as well as traffic flows and classifications. Furthermore she will explore the availability of external funding, as you suggest, as there may be minor measures that can be considered such as a school advisory 20mph and hatch markings to highlight the more vulnerable ends of the parking bays that will not obstruct the private entrances.

RESOLUTION NO. 23/23

It was **RESOLVED** Cllr. M. Cooper and RTC Chief Officer will draft a response to Mandy Ware, HCC

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL/ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED MERGER

Recommendation: to discuss celebration to mark the occasion of the merger of the two Councils.

Cllr. N. Gwynne confirmed a presentation will take place in the Town Hall on 6th April 2023 to mark the occasion of the merger of the two Councils. Cllr. N. Gwynne to contact Phoebe Merrick – LTVAS who hopefully will give a history of Romsey Extra Parish Council.

11. ROMSEY FUTURE

Cllr. J. Critchley reported several proposals have been endorsed at the last Romsey Future meeting. The next meeting will be held on 1st February 2023.

12. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. N. Gwynne reported Bartletts Almshouses are struggling with gas and electric bills. He will be asking RTC for a grant to help them cover these costs.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None

14. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Cllr. N. Gwynne reported his Mayor's At Home will take place on 31st January 2023 in the Town Hall where the Mayor's Awards will be presented. The Charity Concert will take place on 24th March 2023. The Mayor is planning a Charity Raffle for his two charities.

Meeting Closed 9.00p.m.

Next Meeting 21st March 2023