

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July 2023

In the Chair: Cllr. J. Ray

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	P Councillor J. Urquhart
P Councillor S. Gidley	P Councillor S. Wilkinson
P Councillor A. Goddard	

Clerk: Judith Giles

Public: 1

1. PRAYERS

The Reverend Thomas Wharton led prayers.

2. APOLOGIES

None

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 16th May 2023 and adjourned meeting on 23rd May 2023 were duly confirmed

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker

SECONDED: Cllr. M. Cooper

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

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

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 27th June 2023 were duly confirmed

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Burnage

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Birkett

CARRIED

Matters Arising

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 7.35P.M.

PROPOSED: Cllr N. Gwynne

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

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

Sgt. Tristan Pugh gave a report of anti-social behaviour in Romsey. The old cemetery located at the back of the Town Hall was discussed in detail as issues with anti-social behaviour are upsetting the residents in that area and there are also still problems at the Salmon Leap with loud and disruptive behaviour

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. J. Parker reported he attended a Community Resilience Team Meeting where Chief Executive TVBC – Andy Ferrier reported it is planned to re-invigorate community resilience organisations. Cllr. N. Gwynne reported he is to attend an OSCOM Andover Vision meeting on 19th July 2023

Questions from members of the public to Borough Councillors

A member of the public requested the benches in the old cemetery be removed due to anti social behaviour in that area which is having a detrimental affect on local residents

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. J. Burnage reported the pavement down Winchester Hill is covered due to overgrown hedges. Cllr. M. Cooper suggested sending a letter to the owners of the hedges to ask if they will cut back. He also suggested Cllr J. Burnage report to HCC online.

Cllr. J. Ray asked when groundwork sign at the top of Bell Street is going to be removed as it has been there about 18th months. Cllr. M. Cooper to investigate

Public participation ended – 8.35p.m.

It was agreed to move forward Agenda item 10 – Removal of Benches

4. REMOVAL OF BENCHES

It is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. C. Burgess and **SECONDED** by Cllr. I. Culley to remove the two benches located in the old burial ground by Abbey Water between 1st July and 31st August 2023

Cllr. J. Ray requested a recorded vote

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

13 VOTES – STAY 2 VOTES – REMOVED

CARRIED

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Critchley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20th April 2023, 11th May 2023, 1st June 2023 and 22nd June 2023(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. J. Parker

CARRIED

7. BUILDING AND TOWN COMMITTEE

i) Cllr. S. Wilkinson proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Building and Town Committee meetings held on 18th April 2023 and 6th June 2023(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

SECONDED: Cllr. A. Goddard

CARRIED

8. FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr. J. Critchley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee meetings held on 2nd May 2023 and 27th June 2023(draft)

PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Critchley

SECONDED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson

CARRIED

9. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Southampton Road

Cllr. C. Burgess proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 24th April 2023

PROPOSED: Cllr. C. Burgess

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Birkett

CARRIED

Kings Chase

Cllr. C. Birkett proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 25th May 2023

PROPOSED: Cllr. C. Birkett

SECONDED: Cllr. C. Burgess

CARRIED

Cllr. J. Parker asked for a progress report with regards to the new gate at Kings Chase Allotments. The Chief Officer to ask RTC Building Manager for an update and will inform Cllr. C. Birkett before Allotment Meeting on 3rd August 2023.

10. COUNCIL MEETING USE OF IPADS/LAPTOPS

The Chief Officer reported Councillors have furnished her with their preference. She is currently waiting for TVBC Policy on the use of Ipads/laptops so RTC can adopt the same. Update will be given at next meeting on 19th September 2023

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

The Chief Officer reported the paperwork to dissolve REPC is still ongoing. Hopefully by the end of October 2023 all REPC funds will be transferred to RTC.

12. ROMSEY FUTURE

Concerns were raised with regards to the lack of action. It was agreed to formally discuss the following at the next Full Council meeting on 19th September 2023:-

RTC supports the broad concepts defined in the South of the Town Centre project, but wishes to see a project timeline for its various components including:-

1. The design construction and commissioning of the new Crosfield Hall
2. The re-development of the old Crosfield Hall site for retail and stacked car parking
3. The redevelopment of the bus station site for retail and residential
4. The parallel creation of pedestrian permeability across Broadwater Road
5. The improvement of pedestrian links between the Town and the new Crosfield site

13. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. J. Burnage – Kents Almshouses, Cllr. R. Kohli – Abbottswood Community Trust Meeting, Cllr. J. Parker – Chamber of Commerce AGM ,Romsey Tourism Group, Romsey Forum, Twinning Visit from Treviglio

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None

15. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Meeting Closed 9.20p.m.

Next Meeting 19th September 2023