

**Romsey Town Council**

Town Hall  
1, Market Place  
Romsey  
SO51 8YZ

**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**In the Chair:**

**Attendance:**

P Councillor D. Baverstock	P Councillor N. Gwynne
A Councillor J. Cairney	A 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
P Councillor N. Daas	A Councillor C. Wise
P Councillor J. Burnage	P Councillor S. Wilkinson

**Clerk:** Nicqui Chatterley

**Public:** 2

**1. PRAYERS**

The Reverend Thomas Wharton led prayers

**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr. J. Cairney, Cllr. S.Lamb and Cllr C. Wise

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and adjourned meeting on 24<sup>th</sup>  
May were duly confirmed and signed

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Burnage

**SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Ray

**CARRIED**

**Matters Arising**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavey

**SECONDED:** Cllr. N. Daas

**CARRIED**

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.35 P.M.**

**To receive formal presentations from individuals or organisations which are an identified agenda item:-** Sgt Chris Challis, gave a police update on the last 9 months with the area covered being Knightwood, North Baddesley, Nursling & Romsey. There has been an increase in crime of 2% in the last 90 days mainly directed to shoplifting in the Nursling area. Sergeant Challis encouraged individuals to report a crime to 101.

Beggars Fair was a great success from a policing perspective with minimal incidents to deal with.

Cllr Dunleavy raised the question of the Travellers recently in the Nursling area. There was a discussion on how the policing of the situation was handled and an explanation of the new Section 61 powers which make it easier for the police to move travellers on. There is an issue with resources when travellers descend on an area as it impacts on surrounding forces. It was suggested that joint up thinking and communication amongst surrounding Town & Parish Councils to warn of the potential for movement into an area might be useful. Chris is happy to advise or send an officer to advise on securing areas of concern. It was suggested that Parishes Councillors receive some form on training on Section 61 process to quickly assemble evidence, this could be through TVBC – Association of Parish and Town Councils.

The police are continuing a presence around Saddlers Mill to ensure members of the public are not swimming. The anti-social behaviour in the town has decreased however there has been one recently reported incident that the police are looking into. E Scooters were discussed with the increase in use into and around the town. The police are addressing this and a couple of final warnings have been issued to repeat offenders.

Cllr Baverstock shared her disappointment that three of the yarn bombs created by members of the public had been stolen.

**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 Cooper reported that the HCC Resilience re-surfacing of Winchester Road from the Plaza roundabout eastwards was scheduled for the current quarter. However, work has been deferred because Southern Water now has funding to replace the inadequate sewer in Winchester Rd; this needs completing before the resurfacing work takes place.

Cllr M. Cooper shared the consultation link in respect of 20mp zones.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>

Alternatively going on to HCC's website and typing in 'Hampshire 20mph consultation' will access the survey.

## **TVBC Report**

Cllr J. Parker reported TVBC Parks Department have made the barrier at the Whitenap Play Space more secure.

Cllr J. Parker gave an update on the Whitenap Development. Current proposals list access areas but could change drastically. There is no detail on the bridge or the proposed link to the Whitenap play space or positioning of the school. At this stage the papers are indicative and could change drastically. The Development of 8 houses at Winchester Road has been refused given the impact on the houses in Tadfield Road.

Cllr N. Daas reported that Louise Thorpe from the housing department at TVBC is aware of and addressing the issues in and around the Banning Street flats including the pruning of two large trees which he is trying to get pruned back in Banning Street as they are currently coming into residents' balconies.

Waste bins in around Dukes Mill have been relocated to more appropriate sites to reduce litter.

Cllr N. Daas reminded all Cllrs. to keep an eye on the development of the site adjacent to King John's House.

Cllr Daas suggested that a long-term strategy may be the way forward with the issue of travellers being pushed from County to County and a main point of contact in place to alert other towns and parishes of their movement.

## **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**

None

## **RE-COMMENCED 7.55 PM**

### **5. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr. J. Burnage proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Extraordinary Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (draft) and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 draft)

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Burnage

**SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Cooper

**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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (draft)

**Citizens' Award is still under discussion and will be ongoing**

**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 on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and 5<sup>th</sup> July (draft)

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Critchley

**SECONDED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson

**CARRIED**

## **8. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr. J. Parker proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker

**SECONDED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavy

**CARRIED**

## **9. COUNCIL CHAMBER PA AND LIGHTING UPGRADE**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. To authorise a Contractor to install new lighting and audio video equipment as per their quotation 220408-A1 for the sum of £32,190.00 ex VAT.
2. The existing Delegate Conference System will be repaired within the existing annual maintenance budget. This will provide 12 microphone stations.
3. This will provide an up-to-date facility compatible with the Court Room, which will further enhance the “saleability” of this space.
4. £20,000 is budgeted for in the Long Term Buildings Fund (Budget Code 4572). Remainder £12,290 to be taken from the General Reserve

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22/08**

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**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J Parker

**SECONDED:** Cllr. J Burnage

**CARRIED**

Cllr S Wilkinson will take back to the Building & Town Committee and report that it is important to track the progress on the spend

## **10. NEWLY APPOINTED BUSINESS, EVENTS AND TOURISM OFFICER**

Suzi Shilling introduced herself to the Full Council and reported the following:-

I started on the 27th June and have slowly been introducing myself to local businesses, retail and market traders and asking of their experience of Romsey and also the ShopAppy website. Whilst out networking I am promoting the business groups (Romsey Mutual Business Group and Romsey Chamber of Commerce) encouraging people to join them, so far four have joined and a few more have taken the information.

I am currently developing a tourism marketing strategy for Visit Romsey and Visit Test Valley liaising with partners TVBC and Tourism Southeast.

I have been introducing myself at local Community Meetings and gatherings and working with Unity to help gain an understanding of the wealth of work they do.

Thank you to those so far who have popped into the office for a chat – Please feel free to drop in or email me I would love to hear your ideas and future plans for Romsey and the surrounding area.

#### **11. ROMSEY FUTURE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** to endorse revised Romsey Future Vision Statement  
**RESOLUTION NO. 22/09**

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse revised Romsey Future Vision Statement

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker

**SECONDED:** Cllr. N. Gwynne

**CARRIED**

**Note - There is one key change not in the Vision document and that is the governance. Romsey Vision is moving from workstream leads to a more formal program board whose members should be more of a cross section of interests in Romsey.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22/10**

It was **RESOLVED** Cllr J Critchley be nominated the RTC representative of Romsey Future

**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J Parker

**SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Critchley

**CARRIED**

#### **12. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

Cllr S Lamb and Cllr D Baverstock to remain as Trustees of the Romsey Memorial Park Bandstand

Cllr J. Cairney to remain in place with the Allotments Committee (to be confirmed)

Cllr N. Gwynne will become a Trustee of the Kents Alms houses

#### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **14. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matthew Jones the Junior Macebearer has put a request forward for Sponsorship/Funding toward his place at the World Scout Jamboree being held in South Korea in 2023. Matthew has been selected to attend as part of the UK contingent of volunteers. Cllr N. Gwynne to consider a donation from the Mayor's allowance. Cllr J Ray suggested Matthew also contact the Carnival Committee.

Cllr K Dunleavey raised and the Full Council endorsed the amazing work Cllr J. Ray and his Carnival Committee have achieved this summer with the fabulous events they have hosted in the town.

**Meeting Closed 8.35p.m.**

**Next Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022**