**Romsey Town Council**

Town Hall

1, Market Place

Romsey

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**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 23rd March 2021

**In the Chair: Councillor J. Burnage**

**Attendance:**

P 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 P Councillor M. Southey

P Councillor N. Daas A Councillor C. Wise

P Councillor K. Dunleavey P Councillor S. Wilkinson

Lisa Mortimer - TCM

**Clerk:**  Judith Giles Public: 0

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| **1.** | **PRAYERS**  Prayers were given by the Reverend Bryan Taphouse |
| **2.**  **3.** | **APOLOGIES**  Apologies received from Cllr. C. Wise  **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  None |
| **4.** | **MINUTES**  The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021 were duly confirmed and signed  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Critchley  **CARRIED**  **Matters Arising**  None  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** |
|  | **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Ray  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Critchley  **CARRIED** |
| **5.**  **6.**  **7.** | **MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.33 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 –** Cllr. M. Cooper reported he has written to Cllr. R. Humby, HCC requesting The Hundred re-open when Covid restrictions are lifted. Cllr. Humby replied saying once results have been analysed he will reply in full, but currently the Hundred will remain closed until at least 21st June 2021.Cllr. Cooper reported Nightingale Lodge is nearing completion and could possibly open early July 2021. HCC have carried out white lining in the town.  .  **TVBC Report**  Cllr. M. Cooper reported a Tree Preservation Notice has been served on a tree in Riverside Gardens.  **Questions from members of the public to Town Councillors**   |  | | --- | | 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. S. Wilkinson asked for clarification with regards to RTC objection to an Indian Takeaway on The Plaza, Romsey. Cllr. Cooper said RTC objected due to the quality of life for resident’s living close by; parking; inadequate ventilation.  Cllr. I. Culley raised concerns regarding cattle located on derelict land on Sandy Lane/Cupernham Lane. Cllr. J. Parker said the relevant agencies have looked at this and found no issues. It was suggested Cllr. I. Culley contact the RSPCA.  Cllr. J. Parker reported a tree has been felled in Tadburn Meadow with a swing on it. He will follow-up with TVBC Tree Officer. Cllr. S. Wilkinson asked what consideration is being given with regards to global warming and new housing. Cllr. N. Gwynne said it is hoped that all new housing will be net zero ready by 2025.  **Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor**  Cllr. I. Culley said he has written to Cllr. M. Cooper regarding the restriction of traffic on The Hundred and the possibility of ANPR machines being used. Cllr. Cooper said he is waiting for HCC decision regarding The Hundred after the completion of their consultation. He also stated ANPR machines are not usually used in town centre locations.  Cllr. S. Wilkinson raised concerns with regards to flooding under the Sun Arch. Cllr. M.Cooper said it is a HCC matter and Cllr. Wilkinson should report it online. He stated HCC are aware a drain has collapsed and also repairs are required to the road under the Sun Arch. As the road would have to be closed for several days HCC will carry out all works at the same time, hopefully in the summer 2021. |   ***RE-COMMENCED 7.56PM***  **PLANNING COMMITTEE**   1. Cllr. J. Ray proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee   7th January 2021 (virtual), 4th February 2021(virtual) 25th February 2021(virtual)(draft)  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Ray  **SECONDED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson  **CARRIED**   1. **Joint working with Romsey Extra Parish Council**   **RESOLUTION NO. 21/31**  **I**t was **RESOLVED** to approve Terms of Reference of the Joint Planning Committee  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Cooper  **CARRIED**  **BUILDING AND TOWN COMMITTEE**  Cllr. I. Culley proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Building and Town Committee meetings held on 15th December 2020(virtual) 9th February 2021(virtual)(draft).  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. I. Culley  **SECONDED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson  **CARRIED**  **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  Cllr. D. Baverstock proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee meetings held on 12th January 2021 (virtual) and 9th March 2021(draft)(virtual)  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **CARRIED** |
| **8.**  **9.**  **10.**  **11.**  **12.**  **13.**  **14.**  **15.** | **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**  No minutes received.  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE**  None received  **DIGITAL PLATFORM PROJECT**  Lisa Mortimer – Town Centre Manager gave an overview of proposed Digital Platform Project in Romsey. The bricks and clicks project will develop a multi-vendor retail/business website and App  along the lines of the example developed by Princes Risborough Town Council (see link below), using the proven Shopify platform <https://risboroughbasket.co.uk/>  That way we are creating a virtual high street to run alongside the bricks and mortar – hence the “Bricks and Clicks” So consumers can “visit” a number of local businesses through one website/App and make multiple purchases with one payment and delivery option.  This project will allow local businesses to harness the power of technology to reach out to consumers providing an additional income stream alongside consumers wishing to make physical purchases. The message being “Shop Local and Support Local Businesses”  We are also proposing to reach out to businesses outside the Town Centre for instance those businesses situated on the Abbey Park Industrial Estate, such as Lemon & Ginger etc.  **RECOMMENDATION: Cllr. I Culley PROPOSES and Cllr. J. Critchley SECONDS** the Equal Opportunities Policy be replaced with an Opportunities and Diversity Policy and proposes a nominated person to be the Opportunities and Diversity Officer responsible for these matters**.**  **RESOLUTION NO. 21/32**  It was **RESOLVED** an Equal Opportunities Policy be replaced with an Opportunities and Diversity Policy and the Chief Officer organises for Councillors and Town Hall staff to have Diversity Training  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **SECONDED:** Cllr. I. Culley  **CARRIED**  **CORRESPONDENCE**  None  **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  **RESOLUTION NO. 21/33**  It was **RESOLVED** to cancel the Annual Parish for 2021 due to COVID-19  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **SECONDED:** Cllr. I. Culley  **CARRIED**  **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**  None  **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  The Mayor thanked Councillors, the Chief Officer and staff for all their support throughout her 2 mayoral years. Cllr. K. Dunleavey and the Chief Officer thanked Cllr. J. Burnage for carrying on the mayorality into a second year in these Covid stricken times.  **Meeting closed at 20.54pm.** **Next meeting 18th May 2021** |
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