**Romsey Town Council**

Town Hall

1, Market Place

Romsey

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**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on 24th November 2020

**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 - Councillor M. Southey

- Councillor N. Daas P Councillor C. Wise

A Councillor K. Dunleavey P Councillor S. Wilkinson

**Clerk:**  Judith Giles Public: 0

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| **1.** | **PRAYERS**  None |
| **2.**  **3.** | **APOLOGIES**  Apologies received from Cllr. K. Dunleavey  **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**  None |
| **4.** | **MINUTES**  The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2020 were duly confirmed and signed  **PROPOSED: Cllr. S. Wilkinson**  **SECONDED: Cllr. J. Ray**  **CARRIED**  **Matters Arising**  None  **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** |
|  | **PROPOSED: Cllr. J. Parker**  **SECONDED: Cllr. N. Gwynne**  **CARRIED** |
| ***5.***  ***6.***  ***7.*** | ***MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.35P.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 HCC has received a £3 million Government grant which is available across Hampshire so that market towns can enhance the quality of Covid-19 related street furniture etc. HCC are currently designing a scheme for Romsey. Cllr. M. Cooper will provide details to the Council when they are available. He has requested a daytime closure of between 10.00a.m. and 4.00p.m. which is being looked at. HCC is aware of the traffic rat-running issues in Portersbridge Street since The Hundred is closed to traffic and is proposing 'No Access' signing. Cllr. I. Culley asked if road humps maybe be preferable to signage. Cllr. M. Cooper said he would not recommend road humps as they are unsustainable causing vehicles the brake then accelerate and could be noisy as vans passed over them.  **TVBC Report**  Cllr. M. Cooper reported he has requested TVBC empty litter bins as they are full due to increased use of disposal coffee cups during lockdown. He also requested TVBC clear a large amount of leaves that have fallen this year on pavements and in gutters.  **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. Lamb asked if the retailers were happy with The Hundred being closed. Having visited the retailers it was reported Cllr. S. Gidley and Cllr. N. Daas said overall the retailers are happy with the closure and some reported increased business.  **Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor**  Cllr. J. Ray said the Market Traders have reported chaos outside the White’s Opticians on market days due to cars turning round as The Hundred is closed. Cllr. J. Parker reported the agreed space with HCC at both ends of The Hundred to allow mobility scooters through is not happening. Cllr. M. Cooper to email HCC to restore gap for mobility scooter access.  Cllr. I. Culley asked for the flooded public footpath to be cleared on Greenhill. Cllr. M. Cooper asked Cllr. I. Culley to confirm exact area preferably using 'what3words' and he will investigate.  Cllr. I. Culley asked if speeding checks could be made by the Police at the bottom Cupernham Lane in preference to the top. Cllr. M. Cooper said Hampshire Traffic Police are only prioritising motorways and A roads during the Covid-19 pandemic, however he will try again. |   ***RE-COMMENCED 19.56PM***  ***PLANNING COMMITTEE***  Cllr. J. Ray proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee  10th September 2020 (virtual),1st October 2020(virtual), 22nd October 2020(virtual), 12th November 2020(virtual)(draft)  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Ray  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **CARRIED**  **BUILDING AND TOWN COMMITTEE**  Cllr. C. Wise proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Building and Town Committee meetings held on 11th August 2020 (virtual) 13th October 2020(virtual)(draft).  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. C. Wise  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Ray  **CARRIED**  **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**   1. Cllr. D. Baverstock proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee meetings held on 1st September 2020 (virtual) and 3rd November 2020 (draft)(virtual)   **PROPOSED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock  **SECONDED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson  **CARRIED**   1. **Annual Return 2019/20**   **RESOLUTION NO. 20/18**  It was **RESOLVED** to approve Annual Return 2019/20 and recommend to Full Council  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavey  **SECONDED:** Cllr. S Wilkinson  **CARRIED**  **RECOMMENDATION:** Full Council approve Annual Return 2019/20  RESOLUTION NO. 21/22  It was **RESOLVED** to approve Annual Return 2019/20  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Cairney  **CARRIED**  Council thanked the Chief Officer for her hard work and diligence in achieving approved Annual Return with no comments.   1. **Draft Budget 2021/22**   **RESOLUTION NO. 20/19**  It was **RESOLVED** to approve draft budget 2021/22 of £316,381 an increase of 2.26% and recommend to Full Council.  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **SECONDED:** Cllr. K. Dunleavey  **CARRIED**  **RECOMMENDATION:** Full Council approve budget 2021/22 of £316,381 an increase of 2.26%  **RESOLUTION NO. 21/23**  It was **RESOLVED** to approve draft budget 2021/22 of £316,381 an increase of 2.26%  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock  **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **CARRIED** |
| **8.**  **9.**  **10.**  **11.**  **12.**  **13.** | **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**  No minutes received. Cllr. J. Cairney report two informal meetings have been held at the Allotments.  **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE**  None received  **CORRESPONDENCE**  **None**  **JOINT WORKING WITH ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL**  The Council acknowledges the report and recommendations from the Joint Working Group on Closer Working and agrees the following actions:-   1. That Romsey Town Council and Romsey Extra Parish Council should operate a joint three-weekly Planning Committee with effect from 1st January 2021 2. That the existing Joint Neighbourhood Plan Committee should be used to discuss and formulate joint responses to central government and local planning-related consultations and other matters of planning policy on an ad hoc basis 3. That Romsey Town Council and Romsey Extra Parish Council should operate a joint two monthly Finance and Resources Committee with effect from 1st January 2021   That Romsey Town Council Chief Officer, Romsey Extra Parish Clerk, the Chairperson of Romsey Town Council and the Chairman of Romsey Extra Parish Council should draw up the necessary proposals for implementation including changed procedures and staffing arrangements.  **RESOLUTION NO. 21/24**  It was **RESOLVED** to approve recommendation above with the deletion of Point No. 3.  **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker  **SECONDED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock  **CARRIED**  The Chief Officer was requested to set up a meeting before Christmas 2020 withRomsey Extra Parish Clerk, the Chairperson of Romsey Town Council and the Chairman of Romsey Extra Parish Council to draw up the necessary proposals for implementation including changed procedures and staffing arrangements.  **REPORTS** **FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**  Cllr. J. Parker HALC Annual General Meeting  Cllr. J. Parker – Test Valley Association Annual Conference  Cllr. D. Baverstock - Test Valley Association Annual Conference  **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**  The Mayor reported she switched on the Romsey Christmas Lights on 21st November 2020  **Meeting closed at 8.12p.m.** **Next meeting 19th January 2021** |
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