**Romsey Town Council**

Town Hall

1, Market Place

Romsey

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**FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2021

**In the Chair: Councillor K. Dunleavey**

**Attendance:**

P Councillor D. Baverstock P Councillor N. Gwynne

P Councillor J. Cairney - Councillor S. Lamb

P Councillor M. Cooper P Councillor J. Parker

A Councillor J. Critchley P Councillor J. Ray

A Councillor I. Culley P Councillor M. Southey

A Councillor N. Daas A Councillor C. Wise

P Councillor J. Burnage P Councillor S. Wilkinson

 **Clerk:**  Judith Giles Public: 2

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| **1.** | **PRAYERS**Prayers were given by the Reverend Thomas Wharton |
| **2.****3.** | **APOLOGIES**Apologies received from Cllr. J. Critchley, Cllr. I. Culley, Cllr. N. Daas, Cllr. M. Southey and Cllr. C. Wise**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**None |
| **4.** | **MINUTES**To receive and approve the accuracy of the Minutes meetings held as follows:- The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2021 were duly confirmed and signed **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Burnage**SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Parker**CARRIED****Matters Arising**Cllr. N. Gwynne gave an update regarding the footbridge at the Memorial Park. On investigation HCC stated £10,000 would have to be spent before the work is carried out. The outcome could then be not to go ahead, so it was agreed to drop the idea. Cllr M. Cooper met with Cllr Russell Oppenheimer, the HCC Cabinet member for Highway Operations. HCC appreciated the need to enhance the pedestrian environment in The Hundred  and the importance of linking the Market Place to the proposed south of the town centre developments; he  was made aware of local support for part-time day-time closure of The Hundred. Cllr Humby  was confirmed as the HCC Cabinet member who would be involved in the decision making.Work will commence on the Southampton Road, Cycle Path on 4th October. Cllr. M. Cooper asked Councillors to let him know if they think an “A” Board is blocking the pavement. He will then ask HCC to arrange removal. Cllr. J. Parker reported suggested flotation aid on The Causeway will not be put in situ as the residents are not in favour and lifebuoys often end up getting thrown in the river by vandals. The Chief Officer to follow-up with TVBC formal request to extend the town’s CCTV coverage too offstreet car parks. Cllr. N. Gwynne reported Wilder romsey photos have been placed in shop windows for people to vote. A Canal Walk clean will take place on 22nd/23 October 2021.**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  |
|  | **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Burnage**SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Cooper **CARRIED** |
| **5.****6.****7.*****8.******9.******10.******11.*** | **MEETING ADJOURNED: 7.45 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****TVBC/HCC Report** Cllr. M. Cooper stated he has covered his update under “Matters Airing”Cllr. M. Cooper reported a big increase in planning application activity now that TVBC was selling nitrate credits to developers.Cllr. D. Baverstock reported Well Being Events are being organised throughout the Test Valley to encourage people to get back into the community after COVID-19 lockdown. Cllr. J. Burnage reported a Wilder Romsey Consultation is taking place at Great Woodley. Leaflets have been delivered asking residents to nominate areas for the Wilder Romsey project. Responses are starting to come in.**Questions from members of the public to Town Councillors**

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| Molly Roberts raised concerns with regards to the following: 1) speeding traffic on Braishfield Road/ Winchester Road 2) flooding due to blocked drains full of leaves which have not been cleared. Cllr. M. Cooper said both issues are the responsibility of HCC. HCC was stretched financially. £685 million had been removed from Government grants to the County over the last eight years or so and a further £80 million in cuts is expected over the next two years. Children's Services and Adult Services had to take priority resulting in a squeeze on highway budgets. The only cash available was from S106 developer contributions which had to be used for new capital items or if there was an accident injury record. The recent flooding was as a result of exceptionally intense rain events which would overwhelm the road drainage system even if they were full maintained. One or two of the drains in the area of the two railway bridges in Winchester Road had collapsed pipes and the repair work has been deferred because it would mean long term partial road closures. Cllr Cooper would check the timing of HCC's drain clearance programme in Romsey bearing in mind the coming Autumn leaf fall. Cllr. Cooper confirmed that the best way to get action from HCC was for both the public and Councillors to use the County website. |
| **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. Cairney asked if overhanging branches/hedges on a public highway is the responsibility of the owner. Cllr. M. Cooper confirmed it is.**Questions from Town Councillors to County Councillor**None |

 ***RE-COMMENCED 8.00PM*****PLANNING COMMITTEE**Cllr. J. Parker proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24th June 2021, 22nd July 2021, 19th August 2021 and 16th September 2021 (draft) **PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker **SECONDED:** Cllr. J.Ray **CARRIED****BUILDING AND TOWN COMMITTEE** Cllr. K. Dunleavey proposed that the Full Council accept the minutes of the Building and Town Committee meetings held on 15th June 2021 and 17th August 2021(draft)**PROPOSED:** Cllr. K.Dunleavey**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 6th July 2021 and 7th September(draft)**PROPOSED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock**SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Cairney**CARRIED** **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**Cllr. J. Cairney proposed that the Full council accept the minutes of the Allotments Meeting held on 29th August 2021**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Cairney**SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Ray **CARRIED**The Chief Officer to contact Cllr. N. Adams-King with regards to moving the 50mph signs to the South of the Allotments entrance.**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE** None received. Cllr. J. Parker requested for this Agenda item to be removed in view of no meetings planned in the foreseen future.**ANNUAL RETURN 2020/21****RECOMMENDATION:** Full Council approve Annual Return 2020/21**RESOLUTION NO. 21/14**It was **RESOLVED to approve Annual Return 2020/21****PROPOSED:** Cllr. S. Wilkinson **SECONDED:** Cllr. J. Parker**CARRIED****ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL****RECOMMENDATION:** The following is **PROPOSED** by Cllr. N. Gwynne and **SECONDED** by Cllr. M. Cooper1. **Support** the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
2. **Inform the local media** of this decision;
3. **Write an open letter to Mrs Caroline Nokes MP** (shared with our residents through local and social media) urging her to sign up to support the Bill; and
4. Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](http://www.ceebill.uk), (now known as Zero Hour), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk).

**RESOLUTION NO. 21/15****It was RESOLVED** Romsey Town Council 1. **Support** the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
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| **12.****13.****14.****15.****16.****17.****18.****19.** | **PROPOSED:** Cllr. N. Gwynne**SECONDED:** Cllr. M.Cooper**CARRIED****BOUNDARY REVIEW**Cllr. N. Gwynne reported TVBC has agreed to hold a Local Governance Review. TVBC Officer will outline the process and timetable at the TVBC November meeting.**RTC BUSINESS PLAN****RECOMMENDATION:** Cllr. J.Critchley **PROPOSES** and Cllr. D. Baverstock **SECONDS** Council approve review of the “Aims” as part of the Business Plan for RTC **RESOLUTION NO. 21/16**It was **RESOLVED** to approve review of the “Aims” as part of the Business Plan for RTC **PROPOSED:** Cllr. D.Baverstock**SECONDED:** Cllr. M. Cooper**CARRIED****STANDING ORDERS****RECOMMENDATION:** to receive Standing Orders for review which will be approved at next Full Council meeting on 16th November 2021**RESOLUTION NO. 21/17****It was RESOLVED** to receive Standing Orders for review which will be approved at next Full Council meeting on 16th November 2021**PROPOSED:** Cllr. J. Parker**SECONDED:** Cllr. D. Baverstock**CARRIED****ROMSEY FUTURE**Cllr. J. Parker reported Romsey Future is currently going through a structure refresh, which will include moving away from Standing Workstreams and will incorporate all stakeholders to ensure everyone is represented,**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**Cllr. J. Burnage – Kents Almshouses, Cllr. K. Dunleavey – Kents Almshouses, Cllr. Baverstock TVBC/TV Association Annual Conference, Cllr. J. Parker - TVBC/TV Association Annual Conference, romsey future Visioning Workshops **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 14th NOVEMBER 2021**The Chief Officer reminded Councillors Remembrance Sunday will take place on 14th November 2021**CORRESPONDENCE**None**MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**The Mayor reported her diary is getting busier. She thanked Cllr. M. Cooper - TVBC Mayor for inviting her to his Civic Service in Romsey Abbey.**Meeting closed at 20.51pm.** **Next meeting 16th November 2021** |
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