

ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Romsey Town Council.

Present:

Cllr John Parker (Chairman) (JP)
Cllr Sue Tippet (ST)

Cllr Matthew Southey (MS)

In attendance: Mrs Melanie Wathen (Locum Clerk & RFO) (MW)
County Cllr (Romsey Rural) also Blackwater Ward Nick Adams-King (NA-K)

Also present: No members of the public

81 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Janet Burnage (JB), Cllr Dorothy Baverstock (BD) and Cllr Mark Cooper (MC)

82 **Declaration of interests, Gifts & Hospitality**

No declarations were made.

83 **Public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

84 **County Councillor / Borough Councillor Reports**

NA-K as County Councillor reported that the Good Neighbourhood Network scheme was due to have a consultation as HCC were looking to try and reduce the funding they receive. At present they are not sure how this possible funding reduction would affect the service. It could be that they stop to cover the insurance of all of the schemes and the free DBS checks.

Hampshire deal – no details are forthcoming at present as it does not seem that the different councils are talking to each other.

JP as Borough Councillor reported that the Strategic development and Housing availability draft document has been released to Members only and that it will become a public document in due course for consultation.

85 NA-K left the meeting at 7.55pm.

86 **Council minutes**

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7 October 2021 with the following amendments.

69 – amend Expenditure to Externiture.

71 – add during school hours at the end of the paragraph.

The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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The Minutes for the Joint Planning Committee held on 14 October were received in draft.

Financial matters

87 **To note the monthly Bank Reconciliation for September 2021**

RESOLVED: That the Bank Reconciliation for September 2021 is approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

88 **Payments for approval October 2021**

RESOLVED: That the payment schedule below is received and approved.

Payment details	Authority	Total
Melanie Wathen – Locum fees & Mileage.	LGA 1972 s111	£695.60
Sentry – storage 6/10/21 – 2/11/21	LGA 1972 s111	£60.00
Marc Nokes – Landscape Maintenance September	LGA 1972 s111	£140.00
Smarty – monthly mobile phone fee	LGA 1972 s111	£18.00
Romsey Town Council – room hire 4/10/21	LGA 1972 s111	£40.00
HMRC – July to Sept 21 NI & Tax	LGA 1972 s111	£249.68
Externiture – 6 x bus shelter cleans	LGA 1972 s111	£204.00
Romsey Town Council – planning meetings & admin of	LGA 1972 s111	£450.80
Wathen Marine Catering Equipment Services – printing, photocopying etc	LGA 1972 s111	£60.00
Adobe Acrobat	LGA 1972 s111	£15.17
TVBC - Grounds Maintenance April - September	LGA 1972 s111	£646.80
Protect Rural England – membership	LGA 1972 s111	£17.50

89 **Payments received in September and October 2021**

RESOLVED: That the following payments received be noted.

Date	Received from	Reason	Amount
10.09.21	TSB	Gross Interest	£57.71
10.10.21	TSB	Gross Interest	£55.86
18.10.21	TVBC	Precept -2/2 2021/22	£28,178.50

90 **To set the Budget and Precept for 2022/2023**

RESOLVED: To accept the budget in draft. To bring the Precept request back to the December meeting along with the number of band D properties so that the % increase of setting a proposed precept of £79,721.19 can be calculated. Deferring the item will also allow more Members to be present to make the decision.

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Council administration**91 Newsletter**

RESOLVED: No update but please can any articles be forwarded to MC asap. **ALL**

92 Health & Safety reports

The Clerk reported that the Defibrilators had been checked and were all ok.

93 Death of Jeff Watkins, Parish Clerk 1991 – 1998

This sad news was noted and Cllr Parker confirmed that he will be attending the funeral as REPC's representative.

Footpaths & Roads**94 Speeding – SpeedWatch and SLR**

SpeedWatch – JP advised that there was no update.

SLR – the equipment is still with Simon Nightingale. A date to receive this still needs to be confirmed. **JP & MW**

Parish Amenities**95 Allotments**

A draft constitution is still being sought. **MW**

A letter to be drafted inviting all allotment holders to a meeting. **JP**

96 Bus shelters

The Clerk has contacted TVBC about how to remove graffiti from the shelters and they are looking into this. **MW**

The cleaning of the shelters has highlighted an error in that the shelter by Hilliers but on the Braishfield side is being paid for by us when it should be the shelter on the A27 Botley Rd. This is being corrected with the contractor. **MW**

97 Woodley Village Hall

The new Committee is working well. They are going to ask Marc Nokes if he is able to tidy the area to the right of the hall.

98 Planting of the Platinum Jubilee Oaks at Woodley Village Hall

RESOLVED: To request that Marc Nokes prepares a hole to plant the one of the trees in the location already identified within the open space area to the left of the hall. To request a meeting with Marc to discuss the location for the second tree. **JP**

Meetings attended and to receive any necessary feedback

99 Mountbatten School Autumn Concert – JP attend this superb evening.
Safe & Well Event – this was held at Crossfield Hall. It was aimed at older residents to provide information on safety and how to look after themselves.
Test Valley Partnerships – brings all different bodies together to discuss many different subjects. This meeting focused on mental health and climate change.

Exclusion of Press and Public

100 **RESOLVED:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media

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be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Update on the appointment of a Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)

- 101 **RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Burnage and Tippetts would arrange the interview date and hopefully these will be held in the Mayors Parlour at Romsey Town Hall.

General business at Chairman's discretion

- 102 No items were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....date.....