



EXTRA NEWS

SUMMER 2019

Message from Romsey Extra Parish Council Chairman John Parker



The local elections on 2nd May saw a new council in post. Several councillors stood down including the Chairman, Chris Wesson, and Vice Chairman, Andy Carter. Also standing down were Peter Westbrook and Karen Dunleavy. The council retains Dorothy Baverstock and Sue Tippet but adds some new faces, bringing a wealth of experience to the council. I return after a break of four years and am honoured to be elected Chairman for this council year.

I must pay tribute to the departing councillors for all the work they have done over the years and especially Chris Wesson who has been Chairman for the last five years. He has been a great asset to the council and the parish making a significant contribution to public awareness of the council by

his very visible presence at local events.

As we launch into the four-year term of this council one of the most significant things that will affect the parish will be the development of 1,300 new homes at Whitenap. The Ashfield Partnership, who are the developers, held a Pathfinder Day in May which I attended along with other councillors. The Partnership are open to listening to local views and will be consulting further in the autumn. We will ensure that the council continues to put forward the local view. We will keep you informed about the plans as they evolve.

As soon as one gets elected as Chairman the invitations to local events start to arrive. Already I have been to an Abbotswood coffee morning, NOMADS summer show, Mountbatten School summer concert, Mountbatten School Founder's Day service, Stroud School's production of Dr Dolittle Jr and Stroud School sports day. I am always impressed by the amount of talent in our parish and the strong sense of community.

The most recent event has been DEMFEST, the now regular annual event providing information and raising awareness about dementia

and run by our local ROMDAG. Set in the wonderful grounds of Harold Hillier Gardens to event featured music and other entertainment but as importantly provided a showcase for local organisations supporting those with dementia.

One of the strands of work we have picked up from the previous council is the parish business plan. This plan sets out the council's values, aims and objectives but also provides detail of the council's programme of work. We are just in the process of reviewing and updating the plan and in the next edition of this newsletter we will give details of our aspirations and work programme.

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about what the council does then please come along to one of our meetings. They are all public meetings and include an opportunity for public participation. They are normally held in Romsey Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15 in the evening. But do check our website for the actual dates as some have had to be moved to avoid clashes with other events.

Parish Council Meetings 2019

October 10th

November 7th

December 12th

Agendas & minutes are available on the website: www.romseyextra-pc.org.uk

History Spot - Crampmoor Lane — Phoebe Merrick



Crampmoor Lane is one of the rural roads in Romsey Extra where one can still walk fairly safely. Since the railway crossing was barred to traffic some years ago, the lane is of no use to traffic, except for vehicles going to the few houses there. Such traffic noise as there is comes from the nearby railway line that runs from Eastleigh to Romsey. This line was opened in March 1847 when it ran from Bishopstoke (Eastleigh) to Milford (Salisbury). The railway crossing was closed to traffic late in the 20th century.

It is difficult to tell how old Crampmoor Lane is. The first mention on it occurs in 1808 when it was described as a private road that branched out of the Turnpike Road from Romsey to Winchester (the Straight Mile) and led to ancient enclosures known as Crampmoor.

While the railway was under construction, an enterprising resident of Crampmoor Lane

opened his house for the sale of beer, under the name the Cricketers Arms. By 1859 it had changed its name to the Old House at Home when Emos Laurence was the licensee. It had closed as a business by 1936 and Vic Street was the last licensee. A former licensee was Edwin Colley who died in 1919. He had been a deep-sea diver with the Royal Navy for thirty years. It is possible that the beer house was known as Thatched Cottage in his time there. His obituary reports that he was the first diver to reach the stoke-hole of the Doterel which had exploded in the Straits of Magellan in 1881.

The house was a modest but brick-built cottage, although there was a mud-walled house in the front garden which may have been where the beer was brewed. The back of the main house shows a Guardian fire insurance mark, though one is left wondering where help would have come from. Both the old buildings have long gone.



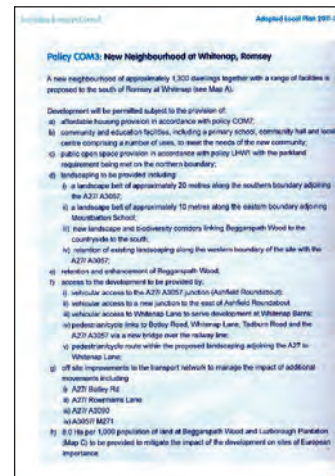
Planning Romsey Extra - Whitenap Development



employment land and a local centre. This development will be undertaken by the Ashfield Partnership, a partnership between the Ashfield Estate and three local builders. The Ashfield Partnership are currently developing a small estate at Luzborough Green next to the Luzborough House public house and will then go on to develop a 300-house site in North Baddesley at the end of Hoe Lane.

The planning application for the Whitenap development is not expected until next year but the developer has started a process of local consultation. At the moment the consultation strategy and programme are still being developed but it is expected that it will start this autumn.

The parish council will be working closely with the Romsey Future



The Test Valley Local Plan has allocated land at Whitenap – from the allotments to Mountbatten School and from the Whitenap Play Space to the Ashfield roundabout – to provide 1,300 houses,

Project, Romsey Town Council and Test Valley Borough Council to ensure that local residents and organisations get the opportunity to influence this major development.

Elections 2019 Meet Your New Councillors

In May the local elections saw both Dorothy Baverstock and Dr Sue Tippett return to Romsey Extra as Parish Councillors for a second term. John Parker a previous long standing councillor has returned to the council along with four new members.

Janet Burnage

Janet's association with Romsey goes back to the mid 1960s. Educated in Romsey she has always felt a close affinity with the town and its feeling of community. Her love of Romsey made her feel that she wanted to do more to help maintain and build on that community spirit, so in 2011 she was elected onto Romsey Town Council. She is a staunch supporter of the independent shops in Romsey and can be seen in the town most Saturday mornings.

Janet Cairney

London born; Janet lived in Southampton for many years before having the good fortune to move to Romsey to join her partner fourteen years ago. She is concerned with the wellbeing of the Romsey of today, so that it stays a good place to live for all its citizens despite the challenges of our times, but has also become a student of its history through her membership of the Romsey Local History Society, for whom she acts as Treasurer. A retired Tax Adviser, she now enjoys working her allotment on the Town Council site, especially if the local fauna leave her sufficient produce for her own use and for donations of the excess to Eastleigh Food Bank. Her other current enthusiasms are choral singing and printmaking.

Mark Cooper

Mark moved to Romsey in 1976 with his wife, Dr. Sue Tippett; they have five sons and five grandsons. They have lived in the Romsey Extra Parish since 1983. He has been a Romsey Councillor since June 1986, Romsey Town Mayor on three occasions and is Romsey's County Councillor. The HCC division covers Romsey Town and some of Romsey Extra in the Ganger Farm and Hunters Crescent area. At County and Borough he specialises in planning and regulatory matters. Mark is currently Deputy Mayor of Test Valley Borough Council and Chairman of TVBC's Southern Planning Committee.

John Parker

John Parker served as a Romsey Extra Parish Councillor for 29 years from 1986 until 2015 and during that time he was Chairman five times. He has now been re-elected to the parish council and is Chairman for 2019 - 2020. John's main specialism is planning having represented Romsey Extra at many planning appeals and examinations in public. One of his main projects over the tenure of this council will be the proposed Whitenap development to ensure that the development delivers what the community needs. He is married with two grown-up children and two granddaughters. Now retired, he was previously an IT consultant.

Matthew Southey

Matthew is a 46-year-old married man and father to a son William who at 8 years old who is almost certainly the future captain of the England Rugby Team. (In his father's eyes in any event!!). Matthew left the military in the late 1990's and has lived and worked in and around the Romsey area ever since. He now owns a small, local mortgage brokerage and has worked within the local property market for the last 22 years. It is Matthew's knowledge of the local property market and financial matters surrounding it that first motivated him to become a councillor. He has grave concerns over the Government's 'Help to Buy' Scheme and with so many new build developments around his beloved town, he is keen to ensure that those looking to use the scheme are fully informed of the potential impact their decisions today could have on their financial futures.

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Community Speedwatch

Community SpeedWatch is a scheme supported by the police which enables volunteers to use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic and then record the details, later adding them to a database. Vehicle checks are then undertaken by the police and letters are then sent to the registered keepers advising them of their speed, if excessive, and reminding them of why it is a community concern.

The parish owns a set of equipment to operate a Community SpeedWatch but needs to establish a team of at least six people to get it started. Members of the community need to be trained, be vetted and become Police Support Volunteers to join a SpeedWatch scheme.

If you would be interested in helping to set up a Community SpeedWatch scheme in our parish then please contact the Chairman.

