

Romsey Town Council

Town Hall
1, Market Place
Romsey
SO51 8YZ

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2008 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Romsey

In the Chair: Councillor M.G. Cooper

Attendance:

P Councillor D. Baverstock	P Councillor J. Gethin
P Councillor K. Dunleavy	P Councillor D. Johnson
P Councillor M. Bramley	P Councillor S. Lamb
P Councillor J. Burgess	- Councillor C. Lewis
P Councillor C. Collier	P Councillor M. Curtis
P Councillor J. Ray	A Councillor L. Broomfield
P Councillor I. Richards	P Councillor M. Wenman

Clerk: Mrs. Judith Giles

Public in Attendance: 1

1. **PRAYERS**
The Reverend Tim Harling led prayers.
2. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received from Cllr. L. Broomfield
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
Personal: None
Pecuniary: None
4. **MINUTES**
Confirmation
(a) The minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2008 were duly confirmed and signed.
PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Curtis
SECONDED by Cllr D. Johnson
CARRIED
(b) **Matters Arising**
None
5. **THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8.15 P.M.**
 - (i) **To receive formal presentations from individuals or organisations which are an identified agenda item**
None
 - (ii) **Questions from members of the public to Town Councillors**
None
 - (iii) **Questions from members of the public to Borough Councillors**
None
 - (iv) **Questions from members of the public to the County Councillor**
None

(v) Questions from Town Councillors to Borough Councillors

None

(vi) Questions from Town Councillors to the County Councillor

Cllr. D. Baverstock raised concerns about non-communication within the Hampshire Highways Department in regards to Latimer Street. She stated roadworks in this area have been carried out on several occasions and felt less disruption would have been experienced if more planning had taken place into what works were to be carried out and when.

Cllr. D. Johnson said the flagstones in front of the Charter Stone and opposite the Post Office have been put back in an appalling fashion. He also questioned the quality of the tarmac "dabbing" in the Church Street gutters. Cllr. M. Cooper said he will raise Councillors concerns with Dave Irving, Hampshire Highways West and suggest a "walkabout" with him.

Cllr. J. Burgess asked when the yellow lines will be painted between the Southampton Rd and Plaza roundabouts. Cllr. M. Cooper replied information he has received states the yellow lines are scheduled to be painted in April 2008.

Cllr. I. Richards raised concerns with regards to the poor diversion signage currently in the town due to major road refurbishment. Cllr. K. Dunleavy agreed and said lorries were having to mount the pavement along Cherville Street as the road was not wide enough. Cllr. M. Cooper said he will also raise this with Hampshire Highways West.

Cllr. S. Lamb suggested the warning lights at the end of Malmesbury Road may not be in the right place as lorries are still not heeding the signs and getting stuck under the railway bridge. Cllr. M. Cooper said it is very difficult to get the signage in the right place as if it is too soon drivers tended to ignore them. Cllr. Cooper to report problems and inform Council of outcome at next Full Council meeting on 20th May 2008.

THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED 8.35P.M.

6. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor M.Curtis recommended that Council accepts the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3rd January 2008, 24th January 2008, 14th February 2008 and 6th March 2008(draft)

PROPOSED by Cllr. J. Ray

SECONDED by Cllr. K. Dunleavy

CARRIED.

7. TOWN COMMITTEE

i) Councillor J. Gethin recommended Council accepts the minutes of the Town Committee meetings held on 21st August 2007 and 29th January 2008(draft)

PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Bramley

SECONDED by Cllr. K. Dunleavy

CARRIED

ii) **RESOLUTION NO. 08/53**

It was **RESOLVED** not to take on the responsibility for the bollards in Church Place from Hampshire County Council due to their poor state and the cost of maintenance,.

PROPOSED by Cllr. J. Gethin

SECONDED by Cllr. I. Richards

CARRIED

8. BUILDING COMMITTEE

Councillor K. Dunleavy proposed that Council accepts the minutes of the Building Committee meetings held on 8th November 2007, 17th January 2008 and 13th March 2008(draft)

PROPOSED by Cllr. K. Dunleavy

SECONDED by Cllr. M. Wenman

CARRIED

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor M. Cooper proposed that the Council accepts the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 19th February 2008(draft)

PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Cooper

SECONDED by Cllr. J. Burgess

CARRIED

10. STAFFING COMMITTEE

Councillor C. Collier proposed that Council accepts the minutes of the Staffing Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2008(draft)

PROPOSED by Cllr. C. Collier

SECONDED by Cllr. S. Lamb

CARRIED

11. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Councillor M. Curtis proposed that Council accepts the minutes of the Allotments Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2008

PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Curtis

SECONDED by Cllr. M. Bramley

CARRIED

Cllr. M. Curtis stated that many of the allotment holders have written to Test Valley Borough Council with objections to the Core Strategy Plan

12. QUALITY STATUS

The Town Clerk furnished Council with a summary of the Benefits of being a Quality Status Council.

13. COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT – BORROWING APPROVAL APPLICATION

The Town Clerk stated that although a loan has been received from Test Valley Borough Council for £25,513, the Council's Internal Auditors and Accountants have requested an application for loan sanction be completed and sent to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

RESOLUTION NO. 08/54

It was **RESOLVED** that Council approve Application for Borrowing the sum of £25,513, towards the Security Costs of the Queen's Visit.

PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Curtis

SECONDED by Cllr. M. Bramley

CARRIED

14. RECONFIGURATION OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Council received a copy of the draft summaries for the proposed reconfiguration of Committees as follows:- (1) Planning (2) Finance and Resources (3) Buildings and Town

RESOLUTION NO. 08/55

It was **RESOLVED** as from the Annual Council Meeting to be held on 20th May 2008, a three Committee Structure will be in place

PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Lamb

SECONDED by Cllr. K. Dunleavey

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 08/56

It was **RESOLVED** the Committees review their Terms of Reference at the earliest opportunity

PROPOSED by Cllr. S. Lamb

SECONDED by Cllr. K. Dunleavy
CARRIED

15. STANDING ORDERS CHANGE

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Agenda items to be in writing to the Town Clerk 10 clear working days before the next meeting and not 14 as currently stated

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with Standing Order 78, this item to stand adjourned without discussion until the next Full Council Meeting on 20th May 2008.

PROPOSED by Cllr. M. Cooper

SECONDED by Cllr. D. Johnson

CARRIED

16. VACANCY ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr. I. Richards volunteered to be the Council's representative with Cllr. M. Curtis.

17. PLASTIC BAG CAMPAIGN – PACKAGING

Cllr. D. Baverstock outlined her concerns with regards the packaging of goods. Cllr. M. Cooper invited Cllr. D. Baverstock to put together a formal package of suggestions as a motion which can be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on 20th May 2008.

18. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER 17

No motions submitted.

19. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) Council was asked to ensure apologies are given to the Town Clerk if they cannot attend a Council meeting.

ii) The Collation and Induction of the Reverend Timothy Sledge is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd April 2008 at 7.30p.m. A Town Committee meeting is also taking place at the same time. Please inform the Town Clerk if you have been invited to the Induction and are also a member of the Town Committee.

iii) The new Town Guide will be published in May 2008.

iv) A total of 120 chairs have now been sponsored. 50 more are required. Please contact the Town Hall Office should you wish to sponsor a chair

20. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr. M. Curtis – Citizens Advice Bureau

21. CORRESPONDENCE AVAILABLE IN TOWN HALL RESOURCE ROOM

The Prince's Foundation – sustainable Growth for Romsey & North Baddesley Scoping Workshop 22 – 25th April 2008. Council agreed that attendance was beneficial.

Meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th May 2008 at 7.30p.m. in the Council Chamber