

Romsey Town Council Allotments Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 07:30pm on the **27th November 2024** at the Court Room, Romsey Town Hall, Romsey.

Those present: Mr Mike Nobbs, Mr Chris Davies, Mr John Waterman, Mrs Eleanor Vamplew, Cllr Colin Burgess, Mr Roger House, Mr Elvin Mullinger, Mrs Clementine Kingstone.

Apologies: Mrs Lisa Fallowfield.

11.1 The Minutes of the last meeting on 22nd October were agreed and confirmed as accurate.

Any further matters arising will be discussed under various headings.

11.2 Correspondence:

11.2.1 CD has been asked to carry out a water meter reading for RTC, which will be carried out when the water is switched off (tomorrow 28th November).

11.2.2 Correspondence has been received from plot 109 indicating the intention to vacate.

11.3 Finance:

11.3.1 The accounts are appended to the rear of these minutes. Expenditure this year, to date, has been £2146 and income from rents and sales, to date, has been £3100 leaving a surplus of £954 with an earmarked reserve of £7972. It should be borne in mind that further expenditure will be necessary these coming months.

11.3.2 To date, there still remains 3 plots who have not yet paid their subscription.

11.4 Allotments:

Currently there is no waiting list of people wishing to obtain a plot.

11.4.1 This year fifteen (15) plots have resigned and been re-let to new tenants.

11.4.2 There are currently 9 vacant plots.

11.4.3 Plots numbers 45, 91, 98 and 100 were terminated recently after being given the required notice. These plots show a poor disregard to achieving the required levels of cultivation of 75%.

11.4.4 Plot 16 is currently under appeal to be reviewed in March 2025.

11.4.5 No further 'improvement required' notices have been issued since August 24.

11.4.6 The current vacancy situation is to be discussed at next meeting.

11.5 Distribution Centre:

The shop is open to tenants when a committee member is present on site.

11.6 Councillor's Report:

Car Parks: It is unlikely now that work will not proceed until March 31st due to delays with both Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Romsey Town Council (RTC).

A Meeting has been arranged with Kings Chase committee tomorrow evening (28th November 24) regarding an 'Allotment Portal' to clarify which plot payments have been made, or not, as some issues have been experienced with non-payers on both sites, and, to additionally enhance communications between the 2 allotment sites.

Defibrillator: CB suggested that the best possible solution was to locate the unit next to the notice board, all agreed. JW suggested that any support should be concreted-in to the ground to ensure it remained solidly supported.

11.7 AOB:

11.7.1 RH enquired the situation regarding the drilling of trial borehole. CD confirmed this is currently at 2.1m depth and on-hold due to the presence of an extremely hard gravel formation encountered after 1.95m depth. CD in process of obtaining/ manufacturing a gravel cutting head in order to progress this work, but drilling generally on hold until the new year.

11.7.2 Trees: JW to ask Lisa about trees to be pruned at plot 42 which are to be included in with the other tree surgeon work on site.

11.7.3. Vermin: Two additional electronic rat traps have been purchased by RH.

the meeting closed at 09:15pm.

Chris Davies

Committee Secretary

Date ... ***15/01/2025***

Mike Nobbs

Chairman

Next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 , 7:30pm at the mayor's parlour, Romsey Town Hall.

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Councillor's Report

Entrance Car Park

The Town Council has been advised by TVBC, that the repairs that they and HCC agreed to undertake at their expense will not now be completed until 31 March, 2025. This is due to slippage in the other project (pathway at North Baddesley) which needs to be undertaken at the same time. I believe the pathway needs to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Though disappointing, its perhaps for the better when the weather maybe more favourable for such work.

Defibrillator

A proposal for a combined solar and wind powered AED defibrillator will be presented to the Buildings and Community Committee (B & C) at their meeting on 10 December. The defibrillator would be supplied by Turtle Engineering Ltd and the specification can be found [here](#).

As there is no mains electricity supply within the allotment site, the main advantage of this solution is that the unit can be located anywhere within the site. This assumes of course that the chosen location has no obstructions to adversely affect both sources of power.

We also intend to apply to [London Hearts Foundation](#) (of Cardiff) for a defibrillator grant which would represent a saving of around £469.

Costs will be finalised before the B & C meeting. They are however, not expected to exceed £5,000.00. This will include the cost of the "package" from Turtle, installation and commissioning by a qualified engineer and the construction of a concrete base.

If the B & C approve the project, then the Town Council's Finance and Resources (F & R) Committee will need to approve funding at their meeting during February 2025.

All Council meetings are open to the public, should anyone wish to attend either of the above.

Assuming the Town Council approves the project, I would hope to see it completed by 31 March 2025.

Cllr Colin Burgess

26 November, 2024

ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL ALLOTMENT ACCOUNT

Statement of Income and Expenditure

01.04.2024 to 14.11.2024

Income	£	Expenditure	£	Budget £
Rents	2985.00	Broadland's Rent	1500.00	1100
Distribution Centre	115.20	Southern Water	579.00	750
		NSALG	55.00	55
		Card Reader Charges	12.00	0
		Dist Centre Stock		180
		Stationery/Post/Misc		0
		Maintnenace/Equip		150
		Hedge Cutting		220
		Rat Poison/Pest Control		250
		Skip Hire		
		Sundries/Dist Centre		
Totals	3100.20		2146.00	2705
Income less Expenditure	954.20			
Earmarked Reserve	7972			