

## **RAPS AGM**

Sunday June 7th 2026, 11.30 am at Marriott Portsmouth

### **MINUTES**

Attendance: 28

#### **1. Chair's welcome**

Chris Clark (Chair) welcomed members to the AGM and introduced the other members of the Committee: Angela Britton and Peter Lang. A special welcome was extended to Councillor Joe Standen attending his first RAPS AGM. The Chair noted that Amanda Martin MP had been expected to attend.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: Vicky Stephen, Peter and Carolyn Selley, Patricia and Terrence Salt, Jane and Mike Collins, John and Jo Crooks. The Chair noted that this was the first AGM in many years that John Crooks, his predecessor as Chair, had been unable to attend.

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 AGM**

The minutes of the 2025 AGM were presented for approval. Proposed by: Marian Clark  
Seconded by: Helen Ewers  
Resolved: That the minutes of the 2025 AGM be approved.

Matters Arising: A question was raised regarding the anticipated election of a Hampshire Mayor in 2026. Councillor Joe Standen reported that the mayoral election originally planned for May 2026 had been postponed until May 2027, subject to Government confirmation.

#### **4. Chair's report**

Chair read the report that had been posted on the RAPS Website.

#### **5. Treasurer's report**

Angela Britton presented the Treasurer's Report. Key points included:

- expenditure during the year included AGM costs, newsletter production and biannual website charges;
- funds had been transferred from reserves to cover operating costs;
- Association reserves currently stand at approximately **£11,973**;
- reserves are being maintained to fund potential legal costs.

- Work continues to update and improve membership records.

## **6. Election of auditors**

The Treasurer reported that Pat Harvey is experiencing health issues. No new auditors were nominated and existing arrangements are to remain in place pending further review.

## **7. Election of Officers and Committee Members**

All three current committee members indicated their willingness to continue in office for a further year. Approved by the members.

## **8. Social events**

Members reiterated interest in a visit to the Houses of Parliament following the invitation extended by Amanda Martin MP at the previous AGM.

Discussion included:

- travel arrangements by train rather than coach, or members making independent travel arrangements;
- support from MP Amanda Martin's office in terms of available tour dates and details of arrangements.

The Chair reported ongoing difficulties in reinstating regular quiz nights following the closure of Botanical. Members expressed disappointment at their absence. Action: Committee to continue seeking a quiz-master and venue.

## **9. AOB**

The Chair drew attention to the RAPS [Risk Register](#) and to two risks in particular: parking and the Portsmouth Plan relating to Port Solent.

The Chair reported a particular concern about street parking raised by a resident of Cadgwith Place. Discussion by the members highlighted:

- increased vehicle ownership and larger vehicle sizes;
- conversion of garages reducing available parking capacity;
- parking on pavements, yellow lines and near junctions;
- impact on pedestrians and general quality of life;
- concerns regarding commercial vehicles parked in residential areas;
- arrangements for shared parking;
- reduction of landscaping in favour of more parking places.

Julian Shaw, Chair of POSOL, explained that:

- many original carports are no longer suitable for modern vehicle sizes;
- roads and most parking areas in Port Solent are council-adopted;
- legal advice confirmed that residents associations have no authority over parking regulation on adopted roads;
- enforcement of restrictions rests with the local authority.

Councillor Joe Standen advised he will seek to increase council warden patrols in Port Solent.

While no formal proposal was put forward members agreed that parking pressures remain a significant issue and would be given higher priority in the risk register. The Committee will continue engagement with POSOL and relevant authorities regarding parking concerns.”

The Chair advised members that a Statement of Common Ground (SGC) relating to Port Solent had come to light since the Agenda had been circulated. The matter was identified as an emerging issue for the Association and had already been added to the Committee's risk register for monitoring. The Chair explained that the initial step was to confirm the status of the SGC and to find out more about the timescale and the schedule of major decision stages.

Councillor Joe Standen advised that he too had only recently received information relevant to this. He said he would raise the matter at the July City Council meeting and keep RAPS informed. He explained that proposals with regard to local government re-organisation may come before the City Council during July or August and noted that this created uncertainty about the roll-out of the Portsmouth Plan.

Action: Committee to continue monitoring developments, review relevant planning documents and keep members informed of any significant developments. [*Since the AGM a meeting of RAPS Committee with the PCC Planning Team was arranged for Tuesday 16th June*].

A question was raised about the recurring work along Lock View by Southern Water. The Committee agreed to find out more about the nature and duration of the work, which is assumed to involve issues with drainage and sewage.

**Chair closed the meeting at 12:28 pm**