Romsey Twinning

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 6 March 2026

1. Present: Denise Amery, Angela Bernhardt, Karen Bolton, Debbie Evenhand, Kathrina Gwynne, Roland Matthews, John Parker (Minutes Secretary), Judy Phillips, Phil Thomas

2. Apologies: none

3. Minutes of the meeting on 16 January 2026: Approved, subject to the following correction: Item 7, Twinning Visits 2026-2029. Sixth sentence - Kathrina pointed out, not Roland.

4. Matters arising:
   a) Signal Box display. Photos were attached to the agenda.
   b) Charters display. No useful advice from LTVAS as to framing to archival standards but suggested framing all in one large frame for impact. Roland **RM** to explore framing. Also to talk to King John's House about making high quality copies for archival purposes. Display in the Mayor's Parlour would be constrained as it is kept locked when not in use. Display in the Paimpol Room to be looked into now it had been cleared but could suffer similar access issues.

5. Treasurer's Report: JSP submitted his report. Current balance £2,898.51. Kathrina **KG/RM** to progress with registration with HMRC and opening a bank account with the Co-operative Bank.

6. Membership: New members Mr & Mrs Herriot. **JSP** to advise KG/RM of their email then **KG/RM** to contact them. **JSP** to update and issue membership list. Liz Morley has stepped down as a member for family reasons. **RM** to message her. Paul Gardner had died. **DA** to attend his funeral. Details are in the Romsey Advertiser.

7. Twinning visits:
   a) Paimpol - KB reported. 9-13 July proposed but yet to be confirmed by Paimpol. Party expected to comprise c15. Preliminary discussion about the group meal. Suggestion of barbecue on the Sunday (12th); Denise

(DA) offered their garden for this.
Contact made to Romsey from a person in Paimpol representing a sports umbrella organisation and suggesting some form of sports exchange. RAIN useful information source for this.
https://romseyareainfo.net/ KB to follow up.
No further news on email exchanges from Cupernham School.

b) Future Visits:
Romsey to Battenberg: preference is for 10/11 – 13/14 September.
Romsey to Treviglio: proposed for 1-5 October. Treviglio have said they can offer at present accommodation to 7 couples and 2 singles.
Committee expressed concerns about two outbound trips so close together. RM to email members to test the water.

8. Diary Dates:
a) Annual Dinner - Angela reported all on track for 20 March at the White Horse at Ampfield. Menu choices have been distributed. Unfortunately, the Romsey Mayor cannot attend. It was decided not to request a substitute as the appointment as President is personal.
b) AGM - Suggested date 28 October, 7 for 7:15pm. Venue to be explored: Crosfield Annexe or AGE Concern Linden Road suggested. Judy Phillips (JPh) to investigate.
c) Quiz Night - 7 or 14 November proposed. JPh to explore venue options. RM to ask Mike Bull if he would be willing to be quiz master.

9. Publicity and website: KB reported that there had not been much traffic to the website. Agreed that **all** messages, emails, newsletters, posters etc should include the website details.
Action to source a new banner or equivalent carried forward. KB

10. AOB

a)Bristol Twinning Conference - RM noted that a twinning conference was being held in Bristol on 29 April, but that he would not be able to attend. KB offered to attend. It was agreed that Twinning would cover travel and attendance costs.
b) Flags - JPh reported that she had purchased French table flags but that the large French flag could not be found. Mike Bull had bought some French table flags for use at a Male Voice Choir concert which he has said he would donate to Twinning afterwards. RM to follow up.

c) Badges - KB asked about the badges listed in the Treasurer's report. These are small lapel badges that JSP bought some time ago on the internet. JSP to send a photo to KB and to check current stock.

11. Next meeting: Friday 8 May 2026 2pm at Roland's - 70a Winchester Road.