

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: M. Hicks
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
Mrs P. Hearn
S. Hearn
P. Hills
N. A. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
G. Wilkins

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D Slade, Deputy Clerk

9 Members of the public

18416. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Bowden (prior appointment), Mrs R. Ransley (family circumstances), and C. Townsend (illness).

18417. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Hearn & Cllr Mrs Conway explained that they would not take part in item 18369 as they are members of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

18418. FOR THE MAYOR TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION PRIZES

The Mayor, Cllr Hicks, presented a cup and certificate to the winners:

- Coulter Cup (Eight Acres) Derek and Johannah Connell
- Trevor Marwood Cup (Small Garden) Sandra Caterer and Valerie Harrowell
- Tring UDC Cup (Overall) – Mrs Janine Rance who sent her apologies

18419. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2016

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes and for the Mayor to sign them.

18420. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following matters:

18374 Youth Council Honours Board: the Board has been made and has been taken to the sign writer.

18381 Bulbourne: a more detailed option paper for the future use of the land at Bulbourne will shortly be available.

18421. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Functions that were attended in the civic role as Mayor:

4th Sept Wendover Arm Trust Open Day at Drayton Beauchamp
10th Sept Akeman Street Baptist Church Official Opening Service

The following items of correspondence were received:

- The crime statistics for August
- A letter of thanks from Tring Youth Project for the grants given by the Town Council
- An invitation from Aston Clinton Parish Council to a neighbourhood plan feedback session
- A reminder of the invitation to attend the High Street Baptist Church's new Friday café
- A letter of thanks from FOTCH for the support Tring Town Council gives local charities
- A letter of thanks from St Peter & St Paul's Church for the support Tring Town Council gave to the commemoration services held this year
- A letter from the Department of Transport advising that the Stakeholder Briefing document on the West Midlands Rail franchise tendering is now available
- Dacorum Borough Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement [with regard to planning]. This will be discussed at the next Plannign Committee meeting

18422. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were **suspended by resolution** at 7:52 pm.

The applicant (4/02328/16/FHA) explained the reason behind the need to renew the application.

A neighbour to application 4/01967/16/FHA detailed his objection because of loss of on street parking and the possible structural implications for his property.

The applicant (4/01967/16/FHA) clarified the use of materials and recognised the care required with regard to the proposed excavation of the cellar

Standing orders were **resumed by resolution** at 8:00 pm.

18423. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered planning applications which had been referred by Dacorum Borough Council for observation of this authority. It was decided to request the Local Planning Authority to take the following comments into consideration when determining the under-mentioned applications.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/01967/16/FHA Single storey rear and side glass extension. Single storey first floor side extension. Excavation of cellar to create parking at 27 Park Road, Tring HP23 6BN for Mr Andy White

The Council recommended **no objection**, but with a comment highlighting that the development was in the conservation area and drawing attention to the use of non-reflective glass

4/02252/16/FHA Two storey side extension. Alterations to window openings at 20 Goldfield Road Tring HP23 4AZ for Mr and Mrs Piddington

The Council recommended **no objection**.

4/02315/16/FUL Conversion of existing stables and outbuildings to house and garage on land adj South Acres, Chesham Road, Wigginton, Tring HP23 for Mr and Mrs Thakker

The Council recommended **no objection**

4/02328/16/FHA Three storey rear extension with dormer and balcony (renewal of planning permission 4/01973/13/FHA) at 20 Western Road, Tring, Herts HP23 4BB for Mr Stephen Byrne

The Council recommended **no objection**

4/02196/AGD Forestry Building land at High Scrubs Wood, opposite Ambers Farm, Kiln Road, Hastoe, HP23 6LT for Mr K. Boone

The Council recommended **rejection** of this application to maintain the integrity of the woodland

**LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN
RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/01949/16/FHA	Permission granted for two storey side and part two storey rear extension at 24 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HH
4/01965/16/TPO	Permission granted for works to trees at Beech House, 1 Beech Grove, Tring HP23 5NU
4/02005/16/TPO	Permission granted for works to trees at 7 Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5BD
4/01971/16/FHA	Permission granted for two storey side/part single storey side extension. Internal alterations and part conversion of garage to utility room at 21 Bunyan Close, Tring HP23 5PS
4/01340/16/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 30 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE
4/01431/16/LBC	Withdrawn - Replacement and restoration of windows at the Kings Arms, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council

18424. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details of TRO9713 Brook Street, Tring and TRO9693 Grove Road, Tring were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the temporary traffic regulation orders presented

Cllr Hollinghurst explained the background to the formal consultation with regard to parking orders in Miswell Lane & Wingrave Road

18425. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 15th August 2016
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 5th September 2016
- (iii) Allotments & Environment Committee held on 5th September 2016

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

18426. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Wilkins	The Allotment Society BBQ and the Queen St social housing opening
Cllr Hills	A meeting of the Dacorum Environmental Forum
Cllr Conway	The Akeman Street Baptist Church official opening service and the Queen St social housing opening
Cllr Hicks	The Allotment Society BBQ and the Queen St social housing opening

18427. 'MEET YOUR COUNCIL' FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

The following comments were received:

- Compliments on the flower displays
- That the Market Place be used for car parking
- An enquiry on the progress of the planning application at Oakfield Drive
- A request for no-parking restrictions along one side of Western Road
- A compliment on the Council's work
- A complaint that the No. 164 bus no longer goes to Leighton Buzzard
- Notification of the death of Sheila Richards, the local historian

18428. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council received the minutes of Youth Town Council meeting held on the Wednesday 13th July 2016. Cllr Hearn will attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes received

18429. THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TO CERTIFY THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The monthly financial statements and the Clerk's report were circulated prior to the meeting and were reviewed at the meeting by Members, who also reviewed the schedule of payments.

The Clerk highlighted the submission of the first full VAT claim since registration.

RESOLVED: To confirm and certify the schedule of payments as presented.

18430. TO REVIEW THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION AT THE LA5 PUBLIC EXAMINATION

The Mayor welcomed Mr Standen, the Council's legal representative for the public examination.

The Clerk outlined the preparations for the public examination and Mr Standen explained the basis of the Council's case against elements of the development. He then answered member's questions.

There were discussions of the Council's representation at the public enquiry and the budget (Mr Standen left the chamber for the latter).

RESOLVED: That the Council's representation at the public enquiry be as recommended with approval for any necessary expenditure beyond the initial budget for the project

18431. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DAY SERVICES CONSULTATION WITH SERVICE USERS & CARERS

The consultation document was reviewed. Members recognised the difficult financial situation being faced by Hertfordshire County Council Social Services, but expressed unease at the lack of detail e.g. the level of usage and the reason behind a drop in numbers, if any.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write requesting further background information, the provision of transport for users should the service be relocated, and consideration of alternative provision in Tring

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman