

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Ms C Hill, Deputy Clerk

1 member of the public

17877. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Townsend (illness)

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the apologies for the reasons given

17878. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17879. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2015

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

17880. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Those matters not covered by items on the agenda:

- a) A letter was sent 26th June to the Police & Crime Commissioner as directed. No response received to date.
- b) The Council's response to the Car Park's Review was sent to Dacorum Borough Council
- c) A letter of thanks was sent to Elaine Winter, Tring Charities

17881. 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:

22nd June – Fly the Flag for Armed Forces Day, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead

27th June – Tring Carnival

29th June – Charter 700 – visit to all schools during the day, evening events at Council Chamber and St Peter and Paul Church

30th June – Charter 700 – Tring School trek – attended as Mayor along with 3000 school children for aerial photo

1st July – Tring Local History Society - speaker evening event
The speaker was Julian Hunt, and the subject, “Aylesbury, Tring , Berkhamsted- Three Medieval market towns” to support Charter 700

The Herts County Council & HAPTC Conference Papers - the intended papers for the conference that was cancelled were circulated prior to the meeting.

Copies of the following were circulated to members for information:

- HCC's Trading Standards' alert on scams
- The latest Crime Statistics
- A picture of the Mayor at the Charter 700 Trek

An update on the progress of the Site Allocations document was received from Laura Wood, Team Leader – Strategic Planning & Regeneration at Dacorum Borough Council.

The original the intention had been to report the results of consultation held at the end of 2014 to Cabinet in July 2015, with a referral to full Council in September. Provided this report was agreed, the Site Allocations DPD would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in October, with the examination itself probably taking place in early 2016.

Now on the advice of external legal advisor changes have had to be made to the document which will necessitate an additional round of consultation, adding 3 months approx. to the adoption process.

The change to the draft relating to Tring that caused the extra consultation is the proposed removal of the cemetery extension land and adjacent gypsy and traveller site from the Green Belt. The reasons for this amendment is due to legal advice received based on a recent High Court decision. There is no actual change to what is proposed on the ground in terms of development.

Consideration of the comments received on the draft masterplans for LA5 and the other Local Allocations has been added to the Cabinet agenda for September

RESOLVED: To hold an extra-ordinary Council meeting to consider just the modifications to the Site Allocation Draft

17882. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:48 to allow members of the public present to speak.

A neighbour made the following comments with regard to application 4/02296/15/FHA:

- 1) Over development - the changes to the roof are very dramatic and change the scale of the property completely
- 2) Loss of light - The development will impact on the quality of light, casting shadows over the garden at times

- 3) Not in keeping with street scene - The over bearing number of velux windows draw attention to what is already a large expanse of roof. Velux windows do not feature significantly in the area, and particularly not on the street elevation
- 4) Number 5 sits forward of numbers 1-4, so is the first property to expose its flank elevation. The extent of brickwork in a relatively blank elevation, is dramatically magnified. Perfect matching of the bricks and mortar would be critical
- 5) Object to the additional chimney stack on the rear of the property.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7:52

17883. 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.

4/02402/15/TPO Holly Tree (T1) fell due to disproportionate size and shape to surrounding tree. Replant with 1 standard Beech in same location at 5 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mr C Wall

RESOLVED: To recommend refusal of the application the following grounds: (i) The holly tree is not of excessive size and is a species that can be managed easily (ii) A holly tree is beneficial to the ecology (iii) The substitute tree – a beech – has pervasive roots, will grow significantly larger and is harder to manage.

4/02489/15/FHA Single storey side and rear extension, loft conversion and removal of chimney at 42 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR for Mr C Martin

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02459/15/FHA Single storey rear extension at 22 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DG for Mr and Mrs Queralt. This is an amended plan

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02461/15/FUL Installation of a telecommunications cabinet located on existing roof-top for the British Natural History Museum, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AP for H3G UK Ltd

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02588/15/TCA Works to trees at 15 Dunsley Place, Tring HP23 6JL for Mr J Jones

RESOLVED: To recommend refusal of the application the grounds that there was insufficient information provided to assess the quality of the tree(s) involved

4/02296/15/FHA Loft conversion including roof enlargement at 5 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mr C Wall

RESOLVED: To recommend refusal of the application the following grounds: (i) Over development – the proposed changes alter the the scale of the property unacceptably (ii) Loss of light to neighbouring properties (iii) Not in keeping with neighbouring properties especially the velux windows to the front

4/02536/15/TPO Fell T1 - Cupressus Macrocarpa tree at 1B Evans Way, Tring HP23 5UJ for Mr Fawcett

The Council had no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officers Report

4/02308/15/LDE Use of property as residential flat E, 25 High Street, Tring HP23 5AH for Mr M Edmunds

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02497/15/FHA Single storey rear extension at 8 Harcourt Road, Tring HP23 5JJ for Mr and Mrs Cobby

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02555/15/FHA Rear and side extension and internal alterations at 31 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JS for Mr and Mrs Waring

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02546/15/FHA Side extension to garage at Redwing Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 5JH for Mr M Redman

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02523/15/FUL Temporary change of use for 12 months from D2 to mixed use (D2 and D1) at 1st Tring Scouts Association Hall, Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DG for Mrs A Walshe, ABC Pre-school (Akeman Street Baptist Church)

The Council had no objection to this application

**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.

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| 4/01340/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a first floor side and rear extensions at 6 Deans Furlong, Tring HP23 4AR for Mr and Mrs Swain |
| 4/01831/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey rear extension at 8 Treehanger Close, Tring HP23 5JE for Mr and Mrs Packwood |
| 4/01411/15/LBC | Permission granted subject to conditions for the restoration of existing outbuilding to form garden bar and first floor living accommodation at the Kings Arms, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE for Mr R Muirhead |
| 4/01407/15/FUL | Permission granted subject to conditions for the restoration of existing outbuilding to form garden bar and first floor living accommodation at the Kings Arms, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE for Mr R Muirhead |
| 4/01111/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey rear extension at 50 Upper Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4HZ for Mr and Mrs Rutter |
| 4/02117/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey rear extension at 104 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4EX for Mr Purser |
| 4/01454/15/OUT (*) | Permission granted subject to conditions for the demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of two detached houses at High Drive, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DJ for Mr E Whetham |
| 4/01837/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey rear and first floor side extension at 31 Drummond Ride, Tring HP23 5DF for Mr and Mrs Abslom |
| 4/01826/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey front and rear extensions. New pitched roof over front extension, bay window and existing side storage area at 56 Goldfield Road, Tring, HP23 4BA for Mr I Ewers |
| 4/01853/15/FHA | Permission granted subject to conditions for the demolition of existing poor quality conservatory and 2 walls of adjoining dining room. Construction of a single |

storey rear extension with flat roof with parapet and skylights and glazed doors to garden at 31A Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DP for Mrs H Veeroo

4/02057/15/ADV (*) Permission **granted** subject to conditions 1 x non illuminated 1 off set individual letter on brass locators 1 x externally illuminated traditional hanging sign at 68 High Street, Tring HP23 4AG for Lloyds Pharmacy

(*) These decisions were contrary to the Town Council's recommendation. The Clerk gave details of the Case Officer's Report and Conditions of permission

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council

LIST OF APPEALS LODGED IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS

APPEAL REF. NO.

4/00365/15/FUL & 4/00438/15/ROC

Land to the rear of 17 Station Road, Tring and the Land to the rear of 14 & 15 Station Road, Tring for Braybeech Homes Development of 2 semi-detached houses and variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 5 (CILL heights)

RESOLVED: To note the appeals lodged with Dacorum Borough Council

17884. LICENSING ACT 2003

No applications received

17885. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

No orders received

17886. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Building & Assets Committee held on 6th July 2015
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 6th July 2015

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

17887. 'MEET YOUR COUNCIL' AT TRING CARNIVAL:

Members reviewed the list of points raised at the Council's Carnival stall circulated prior to the meeting. Two further comments were added to the list, made to members whilst attending the Carnival: (i) concern over the ownership/use of parking bays between the Church and Dolphin Square (ii) additional play equipment at Pond Close (this will be raised at a focus group of mothers with young children to be held by the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee).

17888. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Hicks The Carnival, presentation of the Washington Family Tree, the Charter 700 Civic Service and FOTCH evening

Cllr Mrs Ransley

The Community Centre Management Committee. A programme of replacing bulbs with LED lights has begun with finance from Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council. There is to be a Tring Community Day at the Centre on 25th August. That afternoon there will be free tea for the elderly.

A meeting held by Dacorum Borough Council's Tourism Officer; the representation from Tring organisations was very good.

Cllr Nutkins Attended the Youth Town Council. The WI exchange had been very successful. Cllr Nutkins felt that more responsibility could be given to the Youth Town Council.

Cllr Mrs Conway

The Carnival, the Charter 700 Civic Service and FOTCH evening

Cllr Mrs Hearn

Reported on the continuing success of the Tring Youth Project with between 50-60 attendees per week. There will be a refurbishment of the hall with the help of Tesco staff. The Project were grateful for the support of Tring Town Council and would like to see match funding from Hertfordshire County Council, given that the service provided by the Project is unique in Tring

17889. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council received the minutes of Youth Town Council meeting held on the 24th June 2015. The request for an honours board was approved and a suggestion made that Russell Able would be a suitable person to perform an unveiling ceremony.

RESOLVED: (i) To note the Minutes
(ii) To approve an honours board for the Youth Town Council

17890. CHARTER 700 CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Mrs Ransley reported on the meeting of the Charter 700 Working Party held on Monday 13th July 2015. The Working Party reviewed the events held on the basis of lessons learnt for the future, and monitored the progress of items still to happen:

- The heritage app is on schedule for availability end of August/early September
- A permanent memorial to the Washingtons will be erected
- Selfie' points along the trail have been suggested
- The promotional coins are still available

- Whilst details are still being finalised on the display of the Charter, the expectation is it will be here by the end of November/beginning of December
- Town gateway signs – the procedure for approval has been identified
- The photographic competition is well underway, although the bulk of entries are not expected until near the closing date

The Working Party will continue to meet until the obligations to the Heritage Lottery Fund have been fulfilled.

The Council expressed their gratitude to Cllr Mrs Ransley for her vision for the Charter 700th anniversary, her work in bringing everyone together and the overwhelming success of the celebrations. The Council extended their thanks to all those involved in Charter 700, especially Tring Together and Vivianne Child, in particular, for pulling everything together and promoting the concept. Their input was vital for the celebrations to take place.

17891. TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TO CERTIFY THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk outlined the financial position for the first quarter relative to the budget, explaining any variances. The exception item for surveyor's fees was effectively an accrual because of the project's over-run.

Members reviewed the circulated schedule of payments, noting the payment of annual grants.

RESOLVED: To confirm and certify the schedule of payments as presented. Grant payments to Tring Youth Council (£300), Tring Youth Project (£5,000) and Tring Together's Office Grant were made under the powers granted by S. 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

17892. REPORT FROM THE TOWN PLAN & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

(i) To receive a report of the audit of the Christmas Lighting Infrastructure

The Clerk explained the background to the report circulated prior to the meeting. Members agreed the necessity of having a display that worked and was of a quality befitting a town the size of Tring.

RESOLVED: (i) To approve the expenditure necessary to upgrade the Christmas Lighting Infrastructure, subject to Dacorum Borough Council providing the additional lights
(ii) For Cllr Wilkins and the Clerk to explore opportunities for a sponsored Christmas tree in Church Square

(ii) To receive a verbal report of the Streamside Walk & Footpath 41 workshop
Cllr Mrs Hearn detailed the conduct of the workshop and the engagement of all those present in a project to improve the whole of Streamside Walk & Footpath 41. There are issues e.g. ownership of land but there was a willingness to tackle the problems and for the local community to get involved. The potential

of a link to the canal with the new footpath was also considered, subject to suitable crossing facilities. The need for detailed, accurate maps was noted.

The project will be progressed through the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to purchase mapping software to use the Ordnance Survey data available under the Public Sector Mapping Agreement

(iii) To receive the latest version of the Town Plan & Infrastructure Action Plan
The Clerk circulated an update to the Town Plan & Infrastructure Action Plan to members prior to the meeting

17893. HERTFORDSHIRE RAIL STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Cllr Townsend's brief on the Council's response to this consultation was circulated prior to the meeting. The Mayor thanked Cllr Townsend for his work.

Councillor Hollinghurst, in his role as County Councillor, outlined delays to aspects of the strategy as a consequence of the Government's recent announcement on railway funding, notably the Croxley Link (Easter 2020 completion) and the possible Cross Rail Extension (from 2020). He also explained the £25 million Government grant to London Midland for infrastructure upgrades was timed constrained (the end of the franchise period) and fines would be levied if not used. Tring is on the list for upgrading including disabled access, a waiting area and safety on the stairs.

RESOLVED: That the Council's response to the consultation be based on Cllr's Townsend's report plus specific references to the items required in the upgrade to Tring Station

17894. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: To hear item 21 with the press and public excluded on the basis given in the agenda to hear matters that are of a confidential nature

17895. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE ATC WITH REGARD TO THEIR NEW PREMISES

The Clerk briefed members on the progress of this project by the ATC to improve their facilities at New Road. Members recognised the quality of the local ATC squadron and their contribution to the community.

RESOLVED: To agree the terms of a new lease as presented