

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING  
ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: S. Hearn  
H. Alison  
J. Allen  
B. Batchelor  
Mrs P. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
N. A. Hollinghurst  
N. Nutkins  
Mrs D. Rance  
Mrs R. Ransley

**Also Present:** Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk

No members of the public

**17677. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S. Tolley (prior commitment) and Cllr Ms G Roberts (family circumstances).

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

**17678. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**17679. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

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

**17680. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported:

- that letters were sent to DBC & HCC seeking support for the Forget-Me-Not nursery project. The responses, which made reference to standard bidding processes, have been sent to the nursery.

**17681. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR  
MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr S. Hearn attended, in his role as Mayor, the Quiz Night for the Mayor of Dacorum's Charity (Chiltern MS Centre) on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the members:

- The Christchurch Road streetlights have been repaired thanks to the intervention of the Town Warden
- Correspondence has been sent to:
  - Nat West Bank re. redecorating the building
  - Brian Planton's family offering condolences

- The Labour Party about not using Church Square
- Forget-Me-Not Nursery about the element of self-funding for its project
- Tring Together was passed the comment about the lack of local food suppliers at the Christmas Festival
- Hertfordshire Highways was contacted about the bushes at Francis House
- The Buildings & Assets Committee considered the Nora Grace Hall and the Market Square
- Figures on the Market costings were produced

**17682. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

**17683. 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.**

4/00365/15/FUL      Construction of two semi-detached houses: land to the rear of 17 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr S Booth of Braybeech Homes Ltd

**The Council recommended refusal of this application on the grounds that:**

- (a) The development is out of keeping with the surroundings. The scale, particularly the height, would be out of proportion and overbearing with reference to the houses behind
- (b) It is inappropriate to have an access point for such a development crossing a busy pavement and cycleway. These are heavily used by school pupils. The access point is also close to a bus stop. As a minimum the entrance splay needs to be increased (the property for this is outside land for the proposed development)
- (c) There is concern that the ownership of this land should have been declared when application 4/00024/14/FUL was made. The drawings submitted with application 4/00365/15/FUL refer to the proposed dwellings as plots 5 & 6. Plots 1-4 are those in application 4/00024/14/FUL.

4/00491/15/FHA      Side extension and alterations to The Bungalow, Cholesbury Road, Wigginton, Tring HP23 6JQ for Ms T. Bugden

**The Council had no objection to this application**

4/00454/15/ADV Signage 4 Dolphin Square, Tring HP23 5BN for Dophin Square Pharmacy

**The Council had no objection to this application**

4/00453/15/FUL Single storey side extension to 4 Dolphin Square, Tring HP23 5BN for Dophin Square Pharmacy

**The Council had no objection to this application**

4/00438/15/ROC Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) and Condition 5 (Rooflights, Cill Heights) of Appeal reference APP/A1910/A/14/2221190 attached to Planning Permission 4/00024/14/FUL Construction of four semi-detached houses on land at 15 & to the rear of 14 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for the Beechwood Partnership

**The Council had no objection to this application, but would ask that permission, if granted, be on the condition that the gabled windows are fixed and use opaque glass**

4/00234/15/FHA Loft conversion with rear dormer at 34 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE for Mr & Mrs M. Hughes

**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.**

4/00139/13/TPO **Refusal** to fell Horse Chestnut at 33 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EF for Mr C Brown

4/00084/15/FHA Single and two storey rear and extensions, loft conversion, replacement roof, attached garage and associated internal alterations at 79 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR *Withdrawn*

4/02375/13/FHA Two storey side and rear and single story front and rear extensions at 5 Deans Close, Tring HP23 4AS *Withdrawn*

4/01155/14/FUL Permitted change of use from Sui Generis to residential (c3), demolition of existing depot, retention of existing perimeter wall, construction of two-storey residential accommodation comprising of four 2-bedded flats and one three-bedded dwelling with associated car parking, cycle shelter, refuse/recycling store, fencing, landscaping council depot at Queen Street, Tring HP23 6BQ

4/02940/14/FHA	Granted subject to conditions a two storey rear and side extensions at 16 Adams Way, Tring HP23 5DY
4/03563/14/FHA	Granted subject to conditions a detached garage at Corner Cottage, 104 Dundale Road, Tring HP23 5BZ
4/03758/14/FHA	Granted subject to conditions a single storey front extension, rear dormer at 11 Grove Park, Tring, HP23 5JL
4/03176/14/RET	Refused permission for the retention of single storey side extension, loft conversion and extension. Extended and altered driveway at 8 Manor Road, Tring HP23 5DA

**RESOLVED:** To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council.

**LIST OF APPEALS NOTIFIED TO DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

The Council noted that the following application had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate

**APPEAL REF. NO.**

APP/A1910/D/14/2229923

Retention of Ancillary Outbuilding at 4 Myrtle Cottages, Bulbourne, Tring HP23 5QE

**17684. MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION UPGRADE, LAND ADJACENT TO RAILWAY LINE, STATION ROAD, TRING PRE APPLICATION CONSULTATION**

It was agreed that the site was remote and screened by hedges and trees.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council had no objection to the proposed development.

**17685. LICENSING ACT 2003:**

No applications received

**17686. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

- Three have been received for comment
  - Restriction of Waiting Order 2014 – by what was the Pheasant Pub
  - TRO7997 affecting the A41
  - On members places – Goldfield Road

Members felt that on balance the restrictions were beneficial on the grounds of road and pedestrian safety. However, there are concerns that the restrictions could simply transfer the general problem of parking in the area, aggravating the problem elsewhere as residents search for a place to park. The problem of parking in the area needs to be tackled holistically.

**RESOLVED:** To note the temporary traffic regulations and waiting order as presented.

**17687. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 9th February 2015 (enclosed)
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee held on 9th February 2015 (enclosed)

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes listed above, subject to adding Cllr Mrs D. Rance to the list of attendees at the Buildings & Assets Committee meeting.

**17688. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Hollinghurst had attended the FOTCH fundraising concert on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015.

**RESOLVED:** To remove the Tring Arts Trust and Wendover Arm Trust from the list of outside bodies with Council representation.

**17689. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To note the minutes circulated.

**17690. CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Members reviewed the Clerk's Report and the circulated reports.

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

**17691. THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

A draft agenda for the Annual Town meeting to be held on the 20th April 2015 was considered. The draft followed the usual format with one exception: Mrs Braddock Jones would no longer be giving the environment award.

**RESOLVED:** (i) That the draft agenda was accept as presented  
(ii) That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Braddock Jones for her support of the town's environment through sponsorship of the award.

**17692. CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

The Clerk explained that there was a possibility that there would be insufficient cheque signatories after the election. Given the delay in making changes to the bank authorisation it was proposed that an additional member be added to the list of signatories as a contingency measure.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs Mrs P. Hearn be a signatory to the Council's Current account as a temporary measure.

**17693. PROJECT TO RENOVATE THE WAR MEMORIAL**

Papers giving the background to the project were circulated prior to the meeting. In light of the pending elections, nominating a member to attend the project meetings was deferred. It was hoped that in addition to the restoration the project would give clarity on the ownership of the war memorial.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council welcomed the project.

**17694. COMMEMORATION OF WWI VCS**

The Clerk and Cllr Allan gave members an update on the events in Tring and at Ypres to commemorate Private Edward Barber.

**17695. MINUTE BOOKS**

The Clerk explained that when the existing stock of minute paper runs out it cannot be replaced. The stock is sufficient for the end of the council year, at which point the Council has to switch to a new format. The alternatives open were outlined.

**RESOLVED:** That the following council year minutes would be kept in perfectly bound A4 minute books.

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Chairman