

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

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

26 members of the public

**18095. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members present.

**18096. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Mrs Hearn & Mrs Conway as members of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee took no part on item 18101

**18097. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

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

**18098. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Those matters not covered by items on the agenda:

Item 18027 Defibrillator. Use of the Costa Coffee site has been declined by Whitbread. Permission to use the Information Centre has been requested, but this does raise issues of planning permission and there is a question about the suitability for such an installation. Heirs & Graces Nursery was suggested as a possible site

Item 18065 Confirmation has been received that services provided at the Tring Clinic will be provided locally when the Clinic closes. Cllr Mrs Hearn & the Clerk are meeting the Chief Executive of Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust in February.

New town maps have been posted in the car park notice boards

**18099. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor did not attend any functions in his civic role.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following correspondence:

1. The agenda of the next meeting of the Hertfordshire Police & Crime Panel, including the Police & Crime Commissioner's budget proposal
2. A copy of the latest crime statistics
3. A letter from the new Chairman of NALC
4. An invitation from Tring Together to Members to a reception for the WW1 commemorative plaque
5. A request from Dacorum Borough Council for a Councillor to sit on the Standards Committee (Cllr Mrs P. Hearn to be the representative)
6. A copy of 'Hertfordshire Road Casualty Facts 2015' & 'Hertfordshire Transport Facts 2015' published by Hertfordshire County Council

**18100. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:40 to allow members of the public present to speak.

Eight members of the public gave their objections to planning application 4/00029/16/MFA (with others indicating their agreement with the objections raised):

- Overlooking & loss of privacy
- Loss of light
- Loss of trees subject to TPOs
- Inadequate parking provision
- Design out of keeping with neighbourhood
- Height of the proposed buildings
- Effect on water run-off
- The effect of increased traffic on an already busy highway

Seven members of the public gave their objections to planning application 4/00069/16/FUL (with others indicating their agreement with the objections raised):

- Overlooking & loss of privacy
- Over-development of the site
- Loss of habitat
- Inadequate parking provision with 'spill-out' onto a busy road with many young pedestrians
- The effect on water run-off and inadequate information on the provision for drainage

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 8:14

**18101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council considered planning applications that 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.**

4/00026/16/FHA      Creation of new chimney at 42 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR for Mr C Martin

The Council recommend refusal as the plans do not include the extension which appears to be part of the application.

4/00029/16/MFA      Demolition of all existing buildings, construction of 37 residential dwellings (including over 35% affordable housing), alterations to the existing vehicular access onto Aylesbury Road, landscaping and the introduction of informal public open space at Convent of St Francis De Sales Preparatory School, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DL for Mountleigh Development Holdings Ltd

The Council recommend refusal on the following grounds:

- The topography of the site
- The Ecology of the Site
- Traffic
- Design
- Protection of Existing Social Infrastructure

4/04114/15/LBC      Change of external paint colour of front elevation at 50 High Street, Tring HP23 5AG for Mr Mark Hall

The Council recommend no objection to this application

4/00069/16/FUL      Construction of six four bed dwellings on land rear of 27-33 Grove Road, Tring for Braybeech Homes Limited

**RESOLVED:**

To reject the Working Party's recommendation and recommend refusal of the application on the following grounds:

- The site is unsuitable because of its height and slope
- It would damage the amenity and setting of the dwellings on the existing plots
- Over-development of the plot
- Loss of privacy & overlooking
- Effects on the local ecology

**18102. 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.**

4/03690/15/FUL	Permission granted for demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two three-bed dwellings and one four-bed dwelling at 72 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DF
4/03962/15/TPO	<i>WITHDRAWN</i> - Works to tree at 8 Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5BD
4/03600/15/FHA	Permission granted for single storey and first floor rear extensions, loft conversion with rear dormer and front porch at 22 Gammel Terrace, Tringford Road, Tring HP23 4JH
4/03880/15/LDP	Permission granted for replacement of rotten window frames at 3 Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5BD
4/03011/15/FUL*	Permission granted for change of use from non-residential institution (former Salvation Army Hall) (D1) to Assembly and Leisure (Yoga Studio)(D2) and associated internal alterations including change of flooring and conversion of office space into reception area at Former Salvation Army Hall, Albert Street, Tring HP23 (amended plans)

\* This decision is contrary to the Town Council's recommendation.

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

**18103. PERMANENT & TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

None received

**18104. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- (ii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- (iii) Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

**18105. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Hollinghurst	Commented on the wealth of local musical talent having recently attended several local concerts
Cllr Bowden	Reported the installation of two new lampposts outside the Co-op on Silk Mill Way
Cllr Mrs Conway	Attended a meeting of Tring Charities
Cllr Mrs Hearn	Reported that the Women's section of the Royal British Legion was ceasing due to lack of numbers

**18106. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Youth Town Council meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were circulated prior to the Council meeting. Cllr Mrs Ransley will attend the rearranged Youth Town Council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and Cllr Nutkins the meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**RESOLVED:** To note the minutes

**18107. 2016/17 BUDGET & PRECEPT**

The Clerk explained the revisions to the budget made at the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January in light of the Council's comments when this item was first discussed. The recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee were accepted.

**RESOLVED:** (i) To set a precept of £123,587 - the result of a 2% increase in the Band D rate  
(ii) To accept the draft budget as presented

**18108. THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND TO CERTIFY THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk explained the basis of the out-turn forecast presented and highlighted the anticipated small over-spend as a result of the additional works undertaken.

The schedule of payments was circulated prior to the meeting.

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

**18109. THE TOWN CRIER APRIL 2016**

An update had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk give details of the costs of the Council's desired format.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation for the production of the Town Crier received from Ginger Promotions

**18110. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016/17**

**RESOLVED:** To note the draft schedule of meetings circulated

**18111. CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Members considered the report on the national celebrations planned for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**RESOLVED:** To take part in the Beacon lighting. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Tring Together