

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS AND ASSETS COMMITTEE
OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE
MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 27th APRIL 2015 AT 8.00 pm.**

Present: Councillors: J. Allan (Chairman)
M. Hicks
Mrs D. Rance
Mrs R. Ransley (Deputy Mayor)
S. Tolley

Also present: Mr M. Curry (Town Clerk)
Ms C. Hill (Deputy Clerk)

1 member of the public

17766. APOLOGIES

None

17767. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17768. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2015 were confirmed as a true record with the addition of Councillor Mrs D. Rance to the attendees and signed by the Chairman.

17769. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported progress on the following items:

1. Finger Post for Church Square: delivered with installation arranged for w/c 4th May
2. New Fire Alarm system installed throughout Market House
3. Heating in Market House.

It has proved difficult to get a quote on effective a replacement of the existing electric system. A rough estimate from internet sources is £5,000 (4 x £200 for fan heaters in the chamber plus 6 x £700) for the actual heaters. Some additional devices will be required for the kitchen/toilets.

A plumber has been to inspect the premises and is giving a quote for a separate gas boiler for the 1st floor and radiators throughout (high level directed downwards in the Chamber)

4. Pond Close & Dacorum Borough Council.

The following papers were circulated to show the Town Council's holding at Pond Close as requested:

that there was to be no parking on either Church Square or Mansion Vista.

Old School Yard:	Whilst this generates a significant income for the Council, this should not rule out possible consideration in future plans as it is a prime location within the town centre.
Brook Street:	Any consideration of its future use should include the Local History Museum. The trial period for the market relocation gives an opportunity to explore all possible uses of the Market Square. No decision should, however, be made without public consultation. The site has services. Annual expenditure on the site is £15,371 (£1,884 rates – currently being reassessed – and £13,487 loan repayments – final payment 6 th March 2025).
Bulbourne:	
Grasskeep -	There is currently no commitments on this land.
Allotments -	Generally poorly used and little demand.
Community Garden -	The Council has supported a community garden project on part of the allotment site. This is in the early stages of establishing itself.
General -	The residents of Myrtle Cottages were allowed to use the car parking because this would possibly reduce the risk of accidents on that stretch of the road. But no right of access has been granted or should be granted to the Council's land from Myrtle Cottages.
Duckmore Lane:	
Allotments -	Nearly all plots are now taken.
Grasskeep -	This is a sizeable area of land in a prime location. No interest was shown previously with regard to its possible use as a community orchard/garden. There is concern about the current management ethos used on the land.
Millennium Wood -	The trees were planted in (non-specific) acts of remembrance with donations made to charity. The Council now has assumed responsibility for their maintenance by default. A recent assessment by the Sylva Foundation found the trees to be in good order and only minor work required. A management plan for the wood and the adjacent open space is required.
Pound Meadow Skatepark	The equipment was paid for through a fund-raising project led by Tring Youth Council, who continue to be active with regard to the skatepark. The cost of replacing the equipment in the future should be noted.

Pond Close:

Nora Grace Hall -

The Red Cross were given permission to build the Nora Grace Hall on part of the site. This was recently surrendered to the Council. The running of the hall is being done by Tring Together, initially under a three year agreement. Tring Together has presented their aspirations for the hall in the long run to the Council.

Land -

With the land surrounding the Nora Grace Hall this represents a significant holding and should be part of any consideration (See item XXXX).

17773. CHARTER 700

The minutes of the latest meeting of the Charter 700 Working Party were circulated prior to the meeting. Members thanked Mrs V. Child, Tring Together, for giving an excellent presentation on the Charter celebrations to the Annual Town Meeting.

17774. VALUATION OF COUNCIL ASSETS

The report was not received in time to circulate.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman