

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2016 AT 8.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs O. Conway, in the Chair
H. Grace
S. Hearn (ex officio)
M. Hicks (ex officio)
P. Hills
G. Wilkins
R. Ransley
N. Nutkins

Co-opted members Mrs G. Brown
Mrs B. Kazer
Mr I. Brownell
Mr. J. Savage

Also present: Cllr Mrs P. Hearn
Mrs. D. Slade, Deputy Clerk
1 member of the public

18270. APOLOGIES
None received

18271. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest made.

**18272. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 30th NOVEMBER 2015**

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

18273. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the following resolutions:

- The fence panel at the Nora Grace Hall has been replaced
- The tree survey will be carried out on 5th April 2016
- The bench on Aylesbury Road has been repaired
- The undergrowth and hedge has been removed in the corner of the allotments at the junction of Aylesbury Road and Duckmore Lane and replaced with a wooden fence

18274. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The following correspondence was noted:

- Wendover Arm News Spring 2016
- DENS Spring Newsletter
- Tring Job Show on 7th May 2016 in Victoria Hall
- Dacorum Mayoress` Coffee Morning on 8th April 2016 in Bulbourne Room (in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care)

- Proposed bench between Silk Mill Way and New Road

18275. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this time.

Part 1 Allotments

18276. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion with the Allotment Association, the possibility of providing a welcome pack for new allotment holders will be considered.

The Town Warden's report was also circulated before the meeting. The remaining vacant plots are in a very poor state and help will be required to prepare them for future tenants.

18277. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Mr Brownell raised the following points following discussions within the Association:

- Attendance at Eco Fayre was great success
- A plant sale will be held on Church Square on 18th June 2016
- A summer barbecue is being planned
- An Autumn Vegetable Show may be organised
- The removal of the compostable waste area is great but regret damage to Car Park
- The removal of waste from plots is a problem. It was requested that 3 members of the Association are given keys to access the site with cars to assist plot holders.

RESOLVED: to liaise with Town Warden regarding access for the removal of waste from allotments.

Part 2 Environment

18278. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT

Members noted the actions included in the report circulated prior to the meeting.

18279. RIGHTS OF WAY

Mr Savage reported that Footpaths 87 and 88 were open and complete with gates and steps installed.

The footpath between Bulbourne and Marshcroft Lane has been closed by CRT as the steps are unsafe. It was noted that work may have started to widen the steps so the situation will be monitored.

Footpath 76 in Stubbings Wood should be returned to public use as it is shown as a track on the original survey form from 1950.

P3 forms have been submitted for signs marking paths out of the town to surrounding villages.

Mrs Brown reported that conifers are being planted on land between Wingrave Road and Bulbourne Road farm by the boundary hedge. The Council agreed to monitor the situation. At High Scrubs Wood, it was reported that Footpaths 14 and 15 are affected but that DBC are aware of the situation. An Article 4 has

been placed on the site so no further work should take place.
Footpath 41 is to be resurfaced by HCC. The surrounding area will be replanted in late autumn.

18280. TRING IN TRANSITION'S REPORT

Mrs Kazer reported that the Eco Fayre was a great success and the event will be repeated next year. She expressed a wish to work with the Council on the newly cleared ground at the Duckmore Lane allotments to create a community area.

RESOLVED: to set up a meeting with other interested parties to decide on a project for community use of the reclaimed allotment area at Duckmore Lane

18281. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

The minutes of the two previous meetings of the Dacorum Environmental Forum were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Hills had attended the meeting held on 25th February which was long but informative.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the Dacorum Environmental Forum

The meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.

Chairman