

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015 AT 8.10 p.m.**

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

Co-opted members See below

**Also present:** Cllr Mrs P. Hearn  
Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Ms C. Hill, Deputy Town Clerk

**11816. APOLOGIES**

None

**11817. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**11818. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE  
COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt those members of the public previously serving on the Committee i.e. Tring Allotment Association (Mary-Lyn Moxon or Ian Brownell); The Chiltern Society (Greta Brown); Tring in Transition (Brian or Barr Kazer); and The Ramblers Association (John Savage)

**11819. TO CONFIRM THE WORKING PARTIES/SUB-COMMITTEES OF  
THE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:** To continue without any working parties or sub-committees

**11820. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

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

**11821. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**11822. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk reported correspondence received in relation to Streamside Walk, Footpath 41 and the Tring, Northchurch and Berkhamsted Urban Transport Plan Scheme 22.

He will call an onsite meeting of all parties involved so that the matter could be tackled holistically.

**11823. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**11824. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Deputy Clerk briefed Members on the outcome of the recent inspection at Duckmore Lane. There were many plots where action was required with the general state of the site being relatively poor. The amount of inappropriate material dumped in the area dedicated to non-compostable matter was totally unacceptable.

- RESOLVED:**
- (i) To clear the accumulated rubbish with assistance from Community Payback
  - (ii) To reduce the area allocated for non-compostable materials
  - (iii) To close the area at the end of September through to March
  - (iv) To tidy-up the balance of plot 54, effectively returning it to grass
  - (v) To install a windsock to show the prevailing wind direction
  - (vi) To investigate cost-effect means of controlling vacant plots

Ms. Moxon reported the success of the Allotment Association's stand at the eco-fair – attracting new members for the association and enquiries for allotment plots. Dundale School have approached the Association with regard a project to promote vegetable growing. The Association will be holding a plant and produce sale on Church Square on 13th June 2015.

A suggestion was put to the Association to hold a BBQ for plot holders on site.

**11825. TOWN WARDENS REPORT**

The Clerk reported the work the Town Warden & his assistant had undertaken since the last meeting:

- Allotments:
  - Arranged for the perimeter fence to be cut at Duckmore Lane
  - Cut the grass round the hedge
  - Have the paths cut, but an acceptable finish is difficult to achieve due to the ruts in paths
  - The lock at Bulbourne has had to be repaired repeatedly
  - Fly tipping was cleared from the car park on three occasions – the source of the material was thought to have be from within the allotments
- Playgrounds:
  - These are regularly inspected
  - They are generally in a good condition
- Other:
  - The bus shelter on Mansion Vista has been cleaned and is being

- repainted
- The status of the trees on Whytingham Road was investigated and it was discovered that they were covered by a tree protection order granted in 1956

There have been several requests for a second five-a-side goal on the Chapel Meadow play area

**RESOLVED:** To provide a second five-a-side goal on the Chapel Meadow play area (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19)

The accumulation of banners on the railings bordering Pound Meadow opposite Tesco's had been reported to the enforcement office, Dacorum Borough Council. The danger through the poor visibility of pedestrians intending to cross at this point was emphasized.

**RESOLVED:** To continue to lobby Dacorum Borough Council for the removal of the banners on the Pound Meadow railings and to ask for the hedges to be removed/cut back to improve visibility

**11826. COMMITTEE'S AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

There was a general discussion of the Committee's intentions for the period of the Council. It was agreed that there should be more emphasis placed on the environmental aspects of the Committee's Terms of Reference with a two part agenda – part I covering allotments and part II covering environmental matters.

The meeting closed at 8:58 p.m.

Chairman