

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 8.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs R. Ransley, in the Chair  
B. Batchelor  
S. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
N. Nutkins

Co-opted members Mrs B. Kazer  
Ms M-L. Moxon  
Mr I. Brownell

**Also present:** Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Ms C. Hill, Deputy Town Clerk

**17748. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Councillor J. Allan (Holiday), Councillor Ms G. Roberts (Family circumstances), Mr J. Savage (Prior commitment), and Mrs G. Brown (Holiday)

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee accept the apologies for the reasons given

**17749. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**17750. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

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

**17751. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**17752. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**17753. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## 17754. REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS

*Mrs B. Kazer:*

- Preparations for the eco-fair were well in hand
- There would be a diverse range of stalls – over 40 in total
- The Council's grant had been put to good use; an account of the expenditure would be presented after the event
- The partnership working with Tring Together had been very productive

*M-L. Moxon:*

- Introduced Ian Brownell as the replacement joint representative of the Allotment Association. Members asked the Clerk to write to Mr. R. Wallis to thank him for his work with the Committee. There were five new members of the Committee (including Mr Brownell)
- The Association has a new website and the Association has promoted the availability of plots
- The the ban on bonfires passed by resolution 17327(iv) was raised. Following discussion the Members supported strict criteria such as the bonfire not being left unattended and the bonfire being extinguished before leaving the plot were required, and supported rigorous enforcement. This confirmed resolution 17592 made in the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014

In an ensuing general discussion of the Duckmore Lane site the following points were noted:

- the hedges have been trimmed
- the paths mown, but were rutted in places
- rubbish was being left in the car park
- plots were being cleared and compostable material being dumped in and around the area designated for non-compostable materials
- a possible incident of fly tipping in that area

It was agreed that the allotment newsletter should spell out the responsibility of allotment holders with regard to rubbish, composting and the bonfire trial.

*The Clerk read an update from J. Savage:*

- He attended the Footpath 87 & 88 inquiry and is anticipating that the orders will be upheld
- There was a successful task force in Dundale to clear areas and to clear the stream that was supported well by the local community. A second task force event in the autumn will complete the work. The renewal of the fence has been completed

**17755. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT:**

(i) *To receive a report from the Deputy Town Clerk on allotment lettings*  
The increasing trend in the number of vacant plots had been reversed with only 8 vacant half plots and five enquiries being processed currently. The availability of plots would be advertised at the eco-fair on the Association's stand. A waiting list was seen as being a stimulus to new plot holders to make the necessary commitment and to encourage prompt relinquishing of plots.

**RESOLVED:** To note the report

(ii) *To receive a report on the work of the Town Warden*  
Matters related to the Allotments were covered under item 7. The signage relating to no dogs on Chapel Meadow play area are being replaced.

**RESOLVED:** To note the report

**17756. DACORUM LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVE – UPDATE ON THE USE OF BULBOURNE ALLOTMENTS SPACE**

The report (circulated prior to the meeting) on the progress of this project was noted. Members were asked to provide details of possible sources of woodchips to Tring in Transition.

The meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman