

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE  
MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT 8 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: J. S. Allan Town Mayor (in the Chair)  
Mrs R. Ransley  
S. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
N. Nutkins  
Mrs G. Haynes

Co-opted Members: Barr Kazer (Tring Environmental Forum)  
John Savage (The Ramblers Association)

**Also present:** Mr K. Gray (Town Clerk)  
Mrs Belle Daytonn (Deputy Town Clerk)  
6 residents

16233 **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies from Greta Brown (Chilterns Society) and Karen Smith (Beekeepers Association)

16234 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.  
No declarations made.

16235 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16236 **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

- Community Allotment Garden – the article promoting the garden was put into the Gazette but so far we have not had any interested persons. The charities we contacted are also not interested in a community garden scheme.

16237 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders so that members of the public might speak.

- Bulbourne resident reported that everyone was shutting and locking the Allotment site gate and this was working well. However, because more people are parking along the road and on the bend near the allotment site entrance this was causing residents difficulty when leaving the site. It was suggested that residents report this to the local police and see if the vehicles were causing an obstruction.
- Discussion took place on the problems of parking in the local pub car park and other places.

The Chairman resumed the meeting.

16238 **BULBOURNE ALLOTMENT SITE PARKING**

Councillors discussed the decision to close the car park to non-allotment holders. The Clerk confirmed that residents were closing and locking the gate and the arrangement seemed to be working well. It was therefore RESOLVED: That local residents could apply to the Clerk of the Council to use the allotment site car park and if successful, be issued with a security key at a cost of £25.00. The key remains the property of Tring Town Council. Residents must not issue the key to another person to use and must continue to close and lock the site gate at all times. Residents, when selling their properties, must return the key to Tring Town Council and not give the key to the new owner to use. The parking is at the discretion of the Town Council and not part of the properties in Bulbourne. Only one key will be issued to each household and this will be reviewed on an annual basis.

16239 **ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW**

Discussion took place on the need to raise rents. It was proposed by Cllr Ransley and seconded by Cllr Haynes that the full fee for a 10 pole allotment should be £40 and 5 pole at £20. The discount for those aged 60 years and those with a Dacorum Card will be £17.50. The new rents will start from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012. The Clerk will issue a letter to all tenants explaining the need to raise the rents.

16240 **BEEKEEPING**

RESOLVED: That bees be allowed to be kept on the allotment site at Duckmore Lane. The Clerk to arrange a suitable space for bee hives and discuss with Karen Smith (Beekeepers Assoc). The Clerk to monitor the situation and if a problem arises then the hives may need to be moved. Karen Smith to give a presentation to the Committee at a future date.

16241 **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Clerk gave an update on the work taking place at the Memorial Garden in Tring. He attended a meeting with the project officers from DBC and work is under way to formulate the application statement for the Green Flag award. The Clerk has contacted Lord Rothschild for a quote for the statement and the Town Mayor will also provide a statement.

16242 **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

John Savage gave feedback on the planning application for land near Icknield Way and, in his opinion, the proposed fencing would not affect the proposal for the footpath designation. A Modification Order Package is to be discussed with the Clerk. RESOLVED: John Savage and the Clerk will take this forward and meet in the near future to discuss the package and proposal.

16243 **TOWN COUNCIL PLAY AREAS**

The Clerk informed the committee that there were no problems with the play parks. Feedback from the committee was that the play parks looked well managed and were in good order.

16244 **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Barr Kazar stated that the hedge cutting work carried out by the Town Warden looked good and suggested that parts of the hedge needed re-laying. Cllr Hearn and Mrs Kazar to discuss the matter further and bring a proposal to Committee.

John Savage raised concerns about the Thames Water installation on Mansion Vista and the Clerk gave an update on the situation. Thames Water were not given permission and the Clerk has instructed them to remove the equipment.

John also reported that the old pumping station on Aylesbury Road was being used as rubbish dump and he has reported this to DBC.

16245 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

No matters to report.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all the members and especially the co-opted members for the work they do and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Chairman