

**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 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012 AT 7.50 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs G Haynes (Chairman)  
Mrs R. Ransley  
N. Nutkins  
N Hollinghurst  
S Tolley

Co-opted Members: R Wallis (Tring Allotments Association)  
J Savage (The Ramblers Association)  
B Kazar (Tring Environmental Forum)

**Also present:** Mr K. Gray (Town Clerk)

No members of the public

16424 **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies from Cllr S Hearn, Mr J Savage (Ramblers Association) and Mrs Bar Kazar (Tring Environmental Forum)

16425 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

16426 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2012 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16427 **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported that he and Mr Savage had not yet met to discuss the signage proposals for the footpaths with cost to come from the £1,000.00 grant which, hopefully, we were able to apply for bearing in mind that the grant had not been previously claimed for at the correct time.

16428 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To suspend Standing Orders so that members of the public might speak.  
No members of the public present so Standing Orders were not suspended.

16429 **MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Committee received an update from Cllr Hollinghurst on the planting of flowers as part of the work carried out by the Friends of Tring Memorial Garden group. The group were working well and it was encouraging to see everyone commit to such a worthwhile project.

16430 **VEHICLES ON ALLOTMENT LAND**

The Committee received an update from the meeting which was attended by Cllrs Haynes and Nutkins as well as the Clerk and Mr Wallis. The meeting was held to discuss the council's decision to install posts to stop vehicles accessing land near the Millennium Wood and also discuss what was required at the allotment site in respect of access by vehicles. After much discussion concerning vehicle access to the allotment sites it was RESOLVED: Unanimously, that no vehicles, except farm vehicles delivering manure, should be allowed on any of the allotment paths. Only the car park should be available to vehicles.  
RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange for fencing and posts to be installed at various parts of the site to stop any vehicles driving on the footpath areas. The Clerk would inform all tenants.

16431 **PUBLIC FOOTPATH CLAIM – (Field being used as footpath near Tring Canal)**

The Committee were asked to support the proposal to apply to Herts County Council for a Modification Order for a footpath across the field. There is clear evidence that the field is being used (over 20 yrs) as public footpath.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Clerk complete the applicaton form and issue to Herts County Council with supporting evidence for them to recognise and designate the footpath.

16432 **TRING ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

Committee were asked to consider the proposal that as part of the allotment fee, all tenants automatically be members of the Allotment Associaton.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, not to support the proposal.

16433 **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Mr Kazar updated the committee on matters related to Tring Environmental Forum and also spoke about the Farmers Market, which requests that the Town Council consider helping with publicity for the market in some way. Wildflowers continue to be planted across the town and it was suggested that Herts County Council be approached to give permission for wild flowers to be planted on the roundabout (from the dual carrigeway (Aylesbury area) leading into Tring). Cllr Hollinghurst was asked to contact HCC for permission. Mr Kazar also reported that the Apple Fair will be arranged for this year by Mr Martin Hicks.

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 8.30pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_