

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TRING TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKET HOUSE, TRING,
ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2005 AT 8.09 p.m.

Present: Councillors: L. J. Harris (in the chair)
J. S. Allan
Mrs P. J. Hearn
M. J. James
M. W. Rogers

Co-opted: Mr C. Gray (Tring Safety Group)
Mrs B. Kazer (Tring Environmental Forum)
Mrs M. Parnell (TADRA)
Mr B. Planton

Also present: Councillor: N.A. Hollinghurst

Mr C. Jones, Town Warden
Ms J. Thurley, Assistant to the Clerk
2 members of the public

12869. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs O. Conway and Mr B. Kazer

12870. **CO-OPTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2005/06**

RESOLVED:

That the following be co-opted members of the Committee until its dissolution or the next Annual Meeting of the Council, whichever was the earlier:

Mr C. Gray (Tring Safety Group)
Mr B. Kazer/Mrs B. Kazer (Tring Environmental Forum)
Maureen Parnell (TADRA)
Mr B. Planton

The Committee agreed to invite The Chiltern Society to nominate a representative to be a co-opted member.

12871. **WORKING PARTIES 2005/06**

RESOLVED:

That the following be members of the Committee's Working Parties until the Annual Council Meeting or until the Committee's dissolution, whichever was the earlier:

Tring Transport Plan

Cllr P. Coneron
Cllr L. Harris
Cllr N. Hollinghurst
Mr C. Gray

The Clerk's Assistant would contact Councillor Coneron to ascertain whether he was still willing to serve.

Parish Paths Partnership

Cllr L. Harris
Cllr Mrs P. Hearn
Cllr N. Hollinghurst
Ms Greta Brown

Mr C. Gray
Mr B. Planton
Mr J. Savage

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12872. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

12873. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2005 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

12874. **MATTERS ARISING**

Arising from Minute 12701(iii), there had as yet been no response from Dacorum Borough Council regarding the siting of the air quality monitor in Brook Street. The Clerk's Assistant was requested to chase this up by phone.

Arising from Minute 12700(12531), Councillor Hollinghurst confirmed that although he had contacted Herts Highways, the policy regarding field barriers was still unclear to him.

Arising from Minute 12709, regarding the planting carried out by Tring Together, the Committee requested the Clerk's Assistant send a letter of thanks on its behalf to DBC Councillor Townsend.

12875. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The following correspondence was noted:

- (i) A letter from Mrs C. Webster from Marsworth regarding the area around Tringford Road/Gammel Bridge. Councillor Hollinghurst agreed to include the points raised with regard to parking and hazard to pedestrians in his correspondence as a Herts County Councillor to Trevor Land at Herts Highways.
- (ii) A letter from Tring Environmental Forum thanking the Council for its grant which, amongst other things, enabled Tring Task Force to continue its work.
- (iii) A letter from Bucks County Council, providing an update on the Central Chilterns Area Traffic Management Project and confirming that sign B had been selected for approval by the Department for Transport for use on designated Quiet Lanes.

12876. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs Hearn, **SECONDED** by Councillor Allan and **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 67 so that members of the public might speak.

12877. **CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT BILL**

The Committee agreed that there were presently insufficient resources within the Council to take on the new duties now available to parish councils. It considered the responsibilities should remain with Dacorum Borough Council.

12878. **A41**

Following discussion on the letter received from TADRA dated 22nd April 2005 and the subsequent reply from Herts Highways dated 5th May 2005, the Committee requested the Clerk's Assistant respond to Herts Highways with the following:

1. To stress the need for re-engineering the slip roads
2. To encourage the police to enforce the speed limit.
3. To reduce the speed limit around the areas of the slip roads
4. To install speed cameras

A copy of the letter would be sent to TADRA.

12879. **CHAPEL MEADOW OPEN SPACE**

It was agreed to order one five-a-side goalpost to be supplied by Wicksteed Leisure in the sum of c.£250.00. The Chairman and Town Warden would agree the siting of the goalpost. After installation there will be a review to consider if a second goal post should be erected as per minute 12706 (i).

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12880. **TRING TRANSPORT PLAN**

There had been a meeting of the Tring Transport Plan Working Party with Trevor Land of Herts Highways on 15th June 2005. Discussion encompassed a number of specific identified projects and the possible High Street repair. It had been made clear to Mr Land that considerable work had been done by the Tring Environmental Forum and the Town Council, and Chris Gray promised to send a copy of the existing Tring Transport Plan to him. It was agreed all future work on the Tring Urban Transport Plan (TUTP) would be through the Working Party and the Environment Committee; and that the Working Party would invite relevant participants to its meetings. Councillor Hollinghurst undertook to collate a list of transport issues relevant to the TUTP and communicate these to Trevor Land. The plans for traffic calming in Grove Road, arising out of the recent consultation exercise, would be available for inspection in the Information Centre from 4th July 2005 for two weeks.

12881. **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)**

The Chairman confirmed that three kissing gates had been installed under the 2004/5 scheme. The Chairman would arrange a meeting of the Working Party as soon as possible to discuss proposed projects for 2005/6.

12882. **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Mr Gray reported that following its recent AGM, the new Chairman of Tring Safety Group was Peter Coney. The Group hoped to examine its aims and objectives with a view to increasing its membership.

Barbara Kazer reported that a litter pick had taken place alongside the Brook Street stream on 20th March 2005. The proposed planting of wildflowers along this stretch had not taken place due to permission not yet having been sought from Dacorum Borough Council. The Group hoped to finish planting wildflowers in the Millennium Wood in September. A River Bulbourne walk was being organised by the Chilterns Chalk Streams Forum on 24th July 2005.

Mr Planton reported that he had met with Jane Randrup of Tring Together. Flowers had been planted around the town and hanging baskets lowered for ease of watering.

Maureen Parnell was concerned at damage to hedgerows and loss of screening in front of new properties on the industrial estate at Icknield Way. As these were planning matters Ms Parnell was advised to contact the planning department at Dacorum Borough Council with these concerns. Ms Parnell was also advised to contact parking enforcement at DBC regarding the problem of cars parked on grass verges.

The meeting ended at 9.37 p.m.

Chairman