

**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE  
TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKET HOUSE, TRING  
ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009 AT 8 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs R. L. Ransley (Chairman)  
B. F. Batchelor (sub. for Cllr L.J. Harris)  
W. D. Berdinner  
Mrs M.V. Booth  
M. J. James

**Co-opted:** Chris Gray (Tring Safety Group)  
Mary Lynn Moxon (Tring Allotments Association)

**Also present:** Mrs S. Johnson, Clerk of the Council  
Ms J. Thurley, Assistant to the Clerk of the Council  
C. J. Jones, Town Warden  
No members of the public

14815. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harris and Mrs Hearn; Greta Brown (The Chiltern Society), Brian and Barbara Kazer (Tring Environmental Forum) and John Savage (The Ramblers Association)

14816. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

14817. **CO-OPTEEES**

- (i) The Committee noted the resignation of Lynda Hobley. The Clerk's Assistant was asked to write a letter of thanks to Lynda in appreciation of her work over the last few years.
- (ii) The Committee had no applications for additional co-optees to consider. The Clerk's Assistant was requested to prepare a notice to be displayed at both Duckmore Lane and Bulbourne, inviting allotment holders to become co-optees.

14818. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Allotments & Environment Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment: Minute 14651, end of second paragraph to read '... as Chairman of the Allotments Association from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.'

14819. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

There were none.

14820. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

14821. **MEMORIAL GARDEN BEDDING PLANTS AND HIGH STREET PLANTING REVIEW**

The Clerk reported on the situation. Following the decision of DBC to cease to maintain the six flower beds within the Memorial Garden, the Town Council had decided (Minute 14673 Council meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008) to take on their maintenance from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. A budget to carry out this work was being placed in the Estimates for 2009/10. The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** that the Council would enter into a Licence to Cultivate Agreement with Dacorum Borough Council for one year (with six months written notice of withdrawal following) to enable it to carry out maintenance to the bedding plants in the Tring Memorial Garden from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009. The Licence to Cultivate would only be completed following confirmation of the Estimates and Precept at the Council meeting due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009. The Clerk also reported that the number of hanging baskets provided by DBC in the High Street would be reduced by 50% (from 16 to 8) in 2009. She was asked to obtain costings for supply of the shortfall of hanging baskets, with a view to the Town Council funding this operation. A sum had already been proposed in the Estimates 2009/10. The tubs provided by Tring Together were not affected.

14822. **DUCKMORE LANE ALLOTMENTS: PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES**

Following the decision of the Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Minutes 14644 and 14645) to postpone the provision of an additional water tank at Duckmore Lane, circumstances had changed. The sequence of events had been set out in a report from the Clerk's Assistant circulated with the agenda. In association with the Chairman, the Clerk had authorised additional net expenditure of £379 to enable not only a tank to be installed but also the opening up of six additional half plots. The Committee confirmed the decision to fund the additional expenditure to increase the number of allotment plots and the provision of a new water tank at the Duckmore Lane site in the sum of £379. The Town Warden reported that the new allotment plots had already been cleared and the trench dug for the new water tank. It was hoped that the new plots would be ready for occupation by the end of January 2009.

14823. **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)**

The Clerk's Assistant confirmed that the application for funding for 2009/2010 had been submitted. Clayton Rae, the Rights of Way Officer for Dacorum Borough Council, had offered his assistance in getting the bench installed on Footpath 26.

14824. **MILLENNIUM WOODLAND**

The Town Warden reported that the cutting around the Woodland had now been completed. The contractor had suggested that the first Millennium Woodland planting be thinned out this year; and the Town Warden was requested to obtain quotations for this work. An amount had been placed in the Estimates for 2009/10 to cover the work.

14825. **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Chris Gray had nothing to report on behalf of Tring Safety Group.

Mary Lyn Moxon, on behalf of the Tring Allotments Association, reported that their membership numbers had dropped and the Annual General Meeting had been poorly attended. There had been no active work undertaken with regard to the compost toilet. The Association were grateful for the assistance given by Tring in Transition at a recent event in Victoria Hall.

14826. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee noted the following communications:

- (i) Notification from Herts Highways regarding the proposed waiting restrictions in Mortimer Hill
- (ii) Notification from Herts Highways regarding the temporary closure of footpath 39 to enable work to be undertaken in relation to the Safer Routes to School scheme

The following brochures/papers were available for perusal in the Clerk's office:

- (i) Campaign to Protect Rural England: The Hertfordshire Society Newsletter November 2008, Countryside Voice Autumn 2008, Fieldwork December 2008 and Stop the Drop litter and fly tipping toolkit
- (ii) Chilterns Conservation Board: Management Plan 2008-2013
- (iii) Chiltern News December 2008
- (iv) CDA for Herts: Newsletter October 2008 and Annual Review 2007-2008
- (v) Countryside Management Service: Newsletter Autumn 2008
- (vi) Cycle Digest
- (vii) The Field in Trust Newsletter Autumn 2008
- (viii) Hertfordshire County Council: Towards better transport in Hertfordshire – Annual Progress Report August 2008
- (ix) Open Space Autumn 2008

The meeting ended at 8.29 p.m.