

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE OF THE TRING TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MARKET HOUSE, TRING,
ON MONDAY 12th MARCH 2007 AT 8.46 P.M.

Present: Councillors: M.J. James (in the chair)
J.S. Allan
L. J. Harris
N.A. Hollinghurst (ex officio)

Co-Opted: L. Hobley
Ms ML. Moxon
Dr. I. Stretton

Also present: Councillor: P. Coneron

Ms J. Thurley, Assistant to the Clerk
5 members of the public

13872. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batchelor, Mrs Conway and Mrs Hearn.

13873. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

13874. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2007 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13875. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

13876. **DUCKMORE LANE ALLOTMENTS – MANAGEMENT**

- (i) The Assistant to the Clerk reported that all allotment plots had now been taken up and there was a waiting list. Work had commenced in-filling the hedges with plants obtained through the grant awarded under the Chilterns AONB 40th Anniversary Fund.
- (ii) Councillor Hollinghurst reported that the Allotments Working Party had met in October 2006 with a subsequent meeting in February 2007 to discuss the proposed compost toilet (reported under item 13877).

Councillor Allan requested that the rules and regulations should be updated to include a ruling about planting trees. The Assistant to the Clerk was requested to seek clarification on the ruling.

Councillor Harris reported that the Environment Committee had deferred their decision to provide a new gate at the Duckmore Lane entrance to the allotment site until such time as work to the vehicular track was in hand.

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so that members of the public might speak.

Mr K. Heap of Bulbourne wished to speak regarding parking on the Bulbourne Allotment site. The Chairman wished to defer discussion until item 13878.

Mr L. Smit of Grove Road wished to thank the Committee for their support on the compost toilet issue.

The Committee went back into session.

13877. **DUCKMORE LANE ALLOTMENTS – ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

- (i) A report by the Tring Allotments Association on the proposed compost toilet for the Duckmore Lane site had been circulated and the Committee wished to thank the Association for the preparation of this comprehensive report. After a brief discussion on the design of the toilet, the Committee agreed that a ceiling of £800 be granted towards fees for the preparation of the plans. The Assistant to the Clerk was requested to inform Lynda Hobley how the Council should be invoiced.

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so that members of the public might speak.

Mr Smit requested the Committee to provide him with information as to where the water pipes were located. The Assistant to the Clerk was requested to ask the Town Warden.

The Committee went back into session

- (ii) Tring Allotments Association had written to the Council with a list of planned events for 2007. The Assistant to the Clerk was asked to respond. The Chairman congratulated the Association on their proposed initiatives.

13878. **BULBOURNE ALLOTMENTS**

The Assistant to the Clerk reminded the Committee of the new parking arrangements for Bulbourne Allotments with effect from 1st April 2007. Councillor Hollinghurst thought the whole issue of allowing parking on the site should be discussed in depth.

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so that members of the public might speak.

Mr Heap of Bulbourne challenged the decision of the Committee not to allow him to park his van on the Bulbourne Allotment site as from 1st April 2007. Sandra Booth of Bulbourne also spoke regarding the decision of the Committee not to allow vans to be parked on the site and the issues surrounding the danger of parking vehicles along Bulbourne Road.

The Committee went back into session.

Councillor Hollinghurst was of the opinion that a meeting between members of the Allotments Committee, Building and Assets Committee, Bulbourne allotment holders and local residents should take place to discuss the whole issue of parking on Bulbourne Allotment site.

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so that members of the public might speak.

Sandra Booth of Bulbourne requested the Committee defer the implementation of the new permits.

The Committee went back into session.

The Committee agreed that the issue of new permits would be deferred for one month until 1st May 2007. The Assistant to the Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting of the relevant parties to take place as soon as possible.

13879. **REPORTS FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Lynda Hobley reported that the Allotments Association, together with Tring Environmental Forum, were proposing to create a wildflower area next to the car park at the Duckmore Lane entrance to the allotments. The Committee gave permission for this work to be carried out but permission would have to be sought from the Environment Committee regarding proposals for the Millennium Woodland area.

The meeting ended at 9.37 p.m.

Chairman