

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON  
MONDAY 25th JULY 2011 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: J. S. Allan, Town Mayor (in the Chair)  
H. Alison  
Mrs G. Haynes  
Mrs P. J. Hearn  
S. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
N. A. Hollinghurst  
N. Nutkins  
S. Tolley  
Mrs D. M. Rance  
Mrs R. Ransley

**Also Present:** Mr Keith Gray, Town Clerk  
4 Members of the public

16059. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillor Batchelor.

16060. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations made.

16061. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16062. **CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported/gave an update on the following matters:

- **Tring High Street – Street Furniture.**  
The Town Warden has been asked to arrange for the cleaning/painting of the bus shelter and various pieces of street furniture such as benches and litter bins.
- **Memorial Park**  
A meeting has been arranged for the Mayor, Cllr P Hearn and the Clerk to attend an update meeting with DBC officers on the refurbishment of the Memorial Park. Plans have been seen and the park is to have a complete refurbishment involving new landscape design as well the removal of some trees to allow more light into the park. The pond is also being refurbished. New planting to take place.
- **Quality Status**  
The Clerk is putting together the portfolio of evidence in order to apply for Quality Status.
- **Localism Bill**  
The Clerk reported on the work relating to the localism bill and the proposal to give more responsibility to Parish & Town Councils. Further information will be needed before the town council can comment on what, if any, further responsibilities they wish to take on.
- **Parish Conference**  
The Clerk is working with Sharon Collins (DBC) and Alan Kemp (BTC) to lead on the arrangements for a parish conference for councillors and clerks across the District.
- **Website**  
The Clerk reported that work continues with the new website. He will present the new website to councillors for their comments and input.

16063. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor

16064. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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 Mike James gave an update on the work connected with Tring Sports and he was arranging a sports taster day and asked Councillors to “spread the word” about this event.
- Mr Tim Amsden (Chilterns Conservation Board and Society) spoke on the serious impact that HS2 would have on the Town and surrounding areas as well as the neighbouring county of Buckinghamshire should the preferred Option 1 take place. He urged the Town Council to respond to the consultation and make it clear that there was no business or environmental case for HS2. He also presented to the Council a certificate “Highly Commended” for the Chilterns Buildings Design Awards in respect of the design and build of the Tring Local History Museum. The Town Mayor accepted the certificate on behalf of the Town Council.

16065. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. Finance & Policy Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 20/6/11 be received and adopted. Council agreed the decisions of the committee.

b. Planning Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11/7/11 be received and adopted. Council agreed the decisions of the committee.

c. Buildings & Assets Committee

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Buildings & Assets Committee held on 11/7/11, as circulated, be received and adopted. Council agreed the decisions of the committee.

16066. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council considered the planning applications, which had been referred by Dacorum Borough Council for observation of this authority. It was decided to request that the Local Planning Authority take account of the following comments when determining the under-mentioned applications:

**PLAN REF. NO.**

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| 4/01020/11/LDP | <b>For Information Only - Certificate of Lawful Development</b> - for single storey rear extension at 100 Western Road<br>The Town Council noted this application. |
| 4/01100/11/FHA | Single storey side extension (amended scheme) at 7 Whytingham Road for Mr & Mrs Poulton<br>The Town Council had no objection to this application.                  |
| 4/01106/11/FHA | First floor side extension at 1 The Greenway for Mr K. Redford<br>The Town Council had no objection to this application.   |
| 4/01130/11/FUL | Change of use from office/print shop to residential (amended scheme) at 73B High Street for Mr M. Edmunds<br>The Town Council approved this application.           |

- 4/01135/11/LBC      **For Information Only** – replacement windows at 88 Akeman Street for Mr D. King  
The Town Council noted this application.
- 4/01158/11/TCA      **For Information Only** – works to trees at Westcroft House, at 1 Western Road for Hightown Praetorian & Churches Housing Association  
The Town Council noted this application.
- 4/01167/11/TPO      Works to trees at The Furlong, King Street for Hightown Praetorian & Churches Housing Association  
The Town Council noted this application.
- 4/01220/11/FHA      Replacement garden wall at 30 Chiltern Way for Mr & Mrs B. Hicken  
The Town Council had no objection to this application.

**LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**PLAN REF. NO.**

- 4/00759/11/LDP      **For Information Only - Certificate of Lawful Development** issued for single storey rear extension at 6 Okeford Close for Mr & Mrs Ashton
- 4/00811/11/FHA      Conditional permission for single storey rear extension at 74 Grove Road for Mr & Mrs C. Gregory
- 4/00826/11/FHA      Conditional permission for single storey side extension and garage conversion at 11 Gwynne Close for Mr J. Robbins
- 4/00842/11/FHA      Conditional permission for single storey side and rear extension with car port at 21 Mill Gardens for Miss C. Healing
- 4/00849/11/FHA      Conditional permission for front porch, first floor side and single storey front and rear extensions at 22 Windmill Way for Mr S. Blaxley
- 4/00856/11/LDP      **For Information Only - Certificate of Lawful Development** issued for loft conversion with alterations to roof and side dormer at 10 Western Road
- 4/00857/11/FHA      Withdraw of application for detached garage at The Cottage, Little Tring Road for Mr & Mrs M. Spring
- 4/00872/11/FHA      Conditional permission for single storey front and rear extensions, first floor side extension at 8 Hawkwell Drive for Mr M. Stranders
- 4/01049/11/LDP      **For Information Only - Certificate of Lawful Development** issued for single storey side and rear extensions at 22 Friars Walk for Mr D. Moore

16067. **LICENSING ACT 2003**  
There were no applications.

16068. **CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts circulated at the meeting for the period ending 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be approved and certified for payment.

16069. **CAR PARKING CHARGES**

The Council was informed that Dacorum Borough Council were proposing to increase the car parking charges. After receiving comments, and information, from residents (questionnaire/ survey), Tring Together and Tring Chamber of Commerce it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ransley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Rance, That Tring Town Council should pass a motion to inform Dacorum Borough Councillor Portfolio Holder for Car Parks (Cllr Julie Laws), that it was the wish of the Town Council, its residents and business owners that the first hour of parking remain free. This was a unanimous vote by all Town Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to write and inform Cllr Julie Laws that Tring Town Council, its residents and business owners of Tring request that Dacorum Borough Council ensure that the first hour of parking remains free of charge. The Clerk to also arrange a meeting to discuss several issues of concern to the Town Council on matters relating to car parks in Tring town.

16070. **HS2 CONSULTATION**

Council discussed the need to make a formal statement in the final consultation for the HS2 Proposal. It was **RESOLVED:** That the Council would formally comment/answer on the HS2 Consultation on-line document and the Clerk would prepare some answers along with input from Cllr Alison. The Clerk would also send a written reply to the Department for Transport on the HS2 Consultation.

16071. **LASER SPEED DEVICE – TRING PARISH**

The council received a request from Herts Police (Sgt Adele Hopkin working from Tring Town) to purchase a Laser Speed Device (Speed gun) for use in Tring Town and surrounding areas of the Parish. The request was for a reconditioned device at a reduced cost.

**RESOLVED:** That the council purchase a reconditioned laser speed device, as described and requested in Sgt Adele Hopkin's email to Tring Town Council, for use by Herts Police in the town of Tring and surrounding areas of the Parish of Tring. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to check with Sgt Hopkin on the need for a second speed device. The council was informed that the local police had received money for a speed gun from the County Council via the local County Councillor grant scheme. If they can make use of a second device then the Clerk to make arrangements for payment.

16072. **STREET LEVEL INFORMATION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**RESOLVED:** The Council agreed that the following work should take place and that the Clerk takes the necessary steps to progress the work.

- The Council to undertake the actions required for Tring Town Council to achieve 'Quality Status'
- The Council makes itself more approachable and for residents to be given the opportunity to meet Councillors by having a "Meet the Councillors" stall/surgery (council information sharing surgeries) 4 times a year at either Church Square or the Market Place.
- The Clerk to review the status of the 'Community Maps' at street level and update and improve the information provided.
- That the Clerk evaluates in which two-way communication can be facilitated between residents of, and visitors to Tring Town and Tring Town Council, using new technology e.g. the new website design and any other ways to encourage communication.
- That the notices of Council meetings continue to be put on the notice boards at the correct time and to look at ways to include other notice boards across the town.
- That all notice boards are kept up to date and refurbished where needed.

16073. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (i) Cllr Hicks volunteered to be the representative of the Dacorum Patients Group and this was agreed by the Town Councillors present at the meeting.
- (ii) Cllrs Hicks and Nutkins attended the meeting/workshop at Aylesbury Town Hall in environmental issues and ways of working.
- (iii) Cllr Ransley reported on her visit as a guest to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. She also attended the leaving party event for the Head teacher of Tring School.
- (iv) Cllr Rance reported on new youth facilities provided by Dacorum Borough Council and was keen that this be promoted by Councillors to the residents of Tring. These are excellent facilities including skate park and café.
- (v) Cllr Hollinghurst attended a board meeting at Dundale School and also attended the friends of Dundale Woods event.
- (vi) Cllr Allan reported on his recent attendance at various community events and meetings including the following: The Town Mayor of Aylesbury Civic Service, update meeting on the Memorial Park works, Tring Together meeting at Hastoe Village Hall and the Freedom of the Borough service for Cllr Derek Townsend.

16074. **TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Youth Town Council held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 were noted.

There being no further business of the Council, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.40p.m.

Chairman