

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2011 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr Keith Gray, Town Clerk
Mrs B Daytonn , Deputy Town Clerk
PC Huneysett, Herts Police
6 members of the public

16029. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillor Mrs R Ransley.

16030. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Hearn declared a personal interest in Planning Applications as she was a substitute member of DBC's Development Control Committee.

16031. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th May 2011 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16032. **CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported that he is looking at procedures for "Quality Status" for the council and he will be reporting back to council in due course. Actions from previous meeting decisions were being progressed accordingly. There were no questions for the Clerk. There were no specific matters to report/comment on from previous meetings.

16033. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor read two "Thank You" letters from organisations which had received grants from the council.

16034. **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.

PC Huneysett gave a report to the council on local policing matters. He reported that there had been 9 garage break-ins recently and theft of scrap metal across the whole of the county. There was also a number of drug related matters reported but he stressed that there was no evidence of a pattern of offences emerging in the town. Speed enforcement continues on town roads and 1 ticket has been given recently as well as 2 warnings. Councillors asked specific questions concerning local policing and thanked PC Huneysett for his attendance. The Town Council welcomed regular attendance from the police to give updates on local police matters.

16035 . **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- a. Planning Committee
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd May and 6th June 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted. Council agreed the decisions of the committee.
- b. Allotment & Environment Committee
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Allotment & Environment Committee held on 6th June 2011, as circulated, be received and adopted. Council agreed the decisions of the committee.

16036. **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.

- 4/00826/11/FHA Single storey side extension and garage conversion at 11 Gwynne Close(*amended*) for Mr J. Robbins
RESOLVED: No Objections
- 4/00980/11/FHA Single storey front extension at 23 Christchurch Road for Mr J. Davis
RESOLVED: No Objections

LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLAN REF. NO.

- 4/00271/11/FHA Conditional permission for extension to ancillary building at East Wing, Morning Side Farm, Miswell Lane for Mr A. MacDougall
- 4/00548/11/FHA Conditional permission for single storey rear extension including replacementpitch roof over existing rear extension at 9 Ludgate for Mrs M. Baker
- 4/00565/11/FUL Appeal for change of use from office/print shop t residential at 73B High Street for Mr M. Edmunds
- 4/00739/11/FUL Conditional permission for amendment (addition of car port) to plot 2 (Threshing Barn) of planning permission 4/00122/11/ (erection of four detached dwellings with garaging – amended scheme) at Redwing Farm, Cholesbury Road, Wigginton for Rectory Homes LTD

16037. **LICENSING ACT 2003**

No applications had been submitted after issue of the agenda.

16038. **ARLA DAIRY PLANNING APPLICATION**

Council discussed the application from Arla Dairy for new business premises. There was some concern expressed that the proposal may have a major effect on Tring. The Council received some information about the company and especially the increase in traffic on the A41. Council agreed that the increase in traffic would not have a detrimental effect on Tring Town or its rural roads as Arla has stated that only 'A' Roads will be used by its lorries. The Town Council, at this stage, do not have any objections to the application but they note that Cllr Hollinghurst will be attending a meeting at Herts County Council and look forward to a report from this meeting. The Town Council would like confirmation of the number of vehicle increase on the A41 and any other information which may change its decision. Council noted that dairy business across the county had suffered over the years and there were few dairy farms left in Herts. Council agreed that every effort should be made to support dairy farms and businesses in the Town and County.

RESOLVED: That Tring Town Council has no objection to a new dairy business subject to confirmation on the numbers of lorries using the A41 and only 'A' roads from Herts County Council. Cllr Hollinghurst abstained from voting. All other councillors voted unanimously.

16039. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts circulated at the meeting for the period ending 27th June 2011 be approved and certified for payment.

16040. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT & ANNUAL RETURN 31st MARCH 2011**

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the Internal Audit Report from Auditing Solutions Ltd.

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts and Annual Return and submit to the External Auditors by 15th July, 2011.

16041. **STREET LEVEL INFORMATION & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Discussion took place on the need for updated information across the town.

RESOLVED: That councillors should give any ideas they may have to Cllrs Hearn and Alison. The Clerk to receive a list of proposals and to discuss further with Council.

RESOLVED: That the council consider having a number of "surgeries" in the town (Church Square) to meet the public and answer any questions. Probably 4 surgeries a year.

16042. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – Dacorum Borough Council**

RESOLVED: That Cllr John Allan be the representative on the above committee for Tring Town Council. His name to be forwarded to Dacorum Borough Council for consideration.

16043. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (i) Cllr Batchelor recently attended the Old Church House AGM and various management meetings.
- (ii) Cllr Mrs Hearn attended the Tring Sports Forum and gave feedback from their meeting to introduce the forum to new councillors and other members of the community.
- (iii) Cllr Tolley gave an update on his attendance at the Justice & Peace Group, Tring Fair Trade Group and the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society Meetings.

16044. **TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2011 were noted.

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