

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 26th JULY 2010 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs R. L. Ransley, Town Mayor (in the Chair)
Mrs M. V. Booth
L. J. Harris
Mrs P. J. Hearn
N. A. Hollinghurst
M. J. James
J. R. Jameson
Mrs D. M. Rance

Also Present: Mrs S. Johnson, Clerk of the Council
1 member of the public

15567. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Batchelor and Berdinner.

15568. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jameson declared a personal interest in planning application 4/01106/10/FUL as he was a former governor of Grove Road School. Councillor Harris declared a personal interest in Item 8 Planning Applications as he was a member of DBC's Development Control Committee; Councillor Mrs Hearn declared a personal interest as she was a substitute member of DBC's Development Control Committee.

15569. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th June 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15570. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

- (i) Arising from Minute 15480 of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10th May 2010, Herts Constabulary had explained that the introduction of an 0300 number for the public to contact for non-emergencies was too expensive to introduce in the stringent financial times. There was a national rate 01707 number to ring instead of the 0845 number (for Tring, 01707 354192) and this was published on the Constabulary website. The Council noted this, and asked the Clerk to ensure this number was also published on the TTC website.
- (ii) Arising from Minute 15487(ii) of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10th May 2010, the reply from NHS Hertfordshire concerning staffing policy was noted.
- (iii) Arising from Minute 15532(iii), London Midland's explanation regarding its pricing structure in relation to market forces bore closer examination. The Clerk was asked to write asking for an explanation of that, and the level of facilities at the station. Mention would also be made of the intermittent working of the train ticket machine.
- (iv) Arising from Minute 15445, DBC had decided to make no suggestions as yet under the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment. If it did so, it understood that it was obliged to engage with the HAPTC during any consultation, but not individual parish councils. The Council accepted this explanation.

15571. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- (i) The Council had received a copy of the HAPTC Annual Report 2009/10; and a copy of the new NALC/SLCC publication *Being a good employer: a guide for parish and town councillors*.
- (ii) The Mayor requested help from councillors in assessing the Best Kept Gardens competition for 2010. Councillors were asked to inform her by 16th August of gardens in their Wards covering the three categories: overall winner, best small garden and best garden in Eight Acres.

15572. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th July 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

15573. **BUILDINGS & ASSETS COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Buildings & Assets Committee held on 12th July 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

15574. **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. No-one present wished to speak.

15575. **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.

4/00952/10/ADV Non illuminated sign at 42 Frogmore Street for Beechwood Fine Foods Ltd

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01106/10/FUL Front extension to junior block and alterations to car parking at Grove Road Primary and Infant School, Grove Road for Grove Road School

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01110/10/FHA First floor side extension at 25 Bunyan Close for Mr D. Clarke

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01112/10/TPO Works to Yew tree at 91 Longfield Road for Mrs S. Marsh

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01139/10/TPO Works to tree at land corner of Brookfield, Brook Street for Mr C. Vialard

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01140/10/TCA **For information only** - Works to tree and fell ash and sycamore at Corpus Christi Church, 51 Langdon Street for Mr J. Grufferty

The Council noted this application.

4/01170/10/FHA Alterations and extensions to existing roof at South Acres, Chesham Road, Wigginton for Mr and Mrs V. Thakkar

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01217/10/TCA **For information only** -Works to trees and fell laurel and greengage at Belle Vue, Park Road for Mr J. Glasser

The Council noted this application

15575. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS/Contd.**

The Council agreed that consideration of the following applications be deferred to the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 16th August 2010 to allow for neighbour notification.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/01161/10/TPO Works to trees at 2 Kay Close for Mr J. Farrera

4/01174/10/FUL Conversion of workshops to five 2-bed dwellings at Plough Cottage, Church Yard for Mr J. Bly

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

PLAN REF. NO.

*4/00697/10/TPO Refusal for works to trees at Greencroft House, Bunstrux for Mrs V. Corfield

4/00773/10/FHA Conditional permission for change to facing material, and relocation of rear window at 16 Windmill Way for Mr D. McDonagh

4/00821/10/LBC Conditional permission for replace window. Form new stairs down to existing cellar. Make cellar habitable and form two light wells at 60D Akeman Street for Mr J. Byrne

4/00854/10/TPO Conditional permission to fell two sycamores at 3 Kay Close for I. & V. Bryan

4/00887/10/FHA Conditional permission for two replacement cellar windows and two new window wells at Steam House 13 Chapel Street for Mr S. Ivory

DBC Spatial Planning had given notification of the publication of various Technical Studies relating to the LDF. A CD was available in the Clerk's office.

15576. **LICENSING ACT 2003**

No applications had been submitted after issue of the agenda.

15577. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts to be certified for payment and it was **RESOLVED** that accounts of expenditure totalling £29,712.04 be certified for payment.

15578. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Clerk that the balances in the Council's accounts on 22nd July 2010 were:

(a)	Current Account	£	500.00
(b)	Business Reserve Account	£	28,208.29
(c)	Treasury Reserve Account	£	240,000.00
(d)	Bonus Saver (Museum rent deposit)	£	1,071.51

15579. **TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION: SALLERY'S FIELD, ICKNIELD WAY**

An application to register land at Sallery's Field, Icknield Way as a town or village green had been made to HCC Rights of Way; and this had been passed to the Council for comment. Notice of application had previously been referred to the Council's Planning Committee on 1st June 2009 Minute 15014; and the Council considered the present application in the light of its original comments on that. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to oppose the application on the grounds that the land was not suitable to be considered for registration as a Town Green as it was stock-proof fenced, barred and gated with a lock. It was currently used for keeping horses, and access to the field for the public was discouraged. However the Council acknowledged the existence of FP48A cutting across the field from Icknield Way to Okeley Lane, and FP71 skirting but just outside the western boundary of the field, both of which protected the right of the public to pass through and alongside this site on foot.

15580. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor James had attended a meeting of the Dacorum Patients Group; and an IRHH event at West Wycombe Park. Although the number of IRHH patients increased yearly, its funding from the PCT steadily decreased, which resulted in the need to fundraise even more. He had also attended a Tring Cricket Club lunch. The Club continued to have success even in the higher league. He had also attended a meeting of the T&DLH&MS, which planned a 'soft launch' of the Museum in September 2010. Councillor Mrs Hearn had attended a meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's Section, which was planning its 80th birthday celebrations. She had also attended a meeting of Tring Charities. Councillor Mrs Booth had attended a meeting of Dacorum Neighbourhood Watch, which now incorporated the Tring Crime Prevention Panel and Tring Neighbourhood Watch. The Mayor had attended, amongst other events, the HCC Chairman's Garden Party; *Pepper Rocks* in Berkhamsted; and had opened Beechwood Fine Foods in Frogmore Street, a new delicatessen specialising in local produce.

15581. **TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2010 were received. Those for 20th July 2010 were awaited. Elections for the TYTC had taken place in July and the new Council was settling in.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman