

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY
25th OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs R. L. Ransley, Town Mayor (in the Chair)
J. S. Allan
B. F. Batchelor
W. D. Berdinner
Mrs M. V. Booth
L. Harris
N. A. Hollinghurst
Mrs D. M. Rance
C. Townsend

Also Present: Mr Ray Flanigan – Minute-taker
1 member of the public

Prior to the start of the Council meeting, those present observed a Minute's Silence in respect of Corporal David Barnsdale, a soldier from Tring who had been killed in action in Afghanistan on 19th October 2010.

15681. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. J. James, J. R. Jameson, and Mrs P. J. Hearn

15682. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harris, as a member of the DBC Developmental Control Committee, declared a personal interest in Item 8 – Planning Applications.

15683. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th September 2010 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15684. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Arising from Minute 15653, DBC had been advised of the Council's recommendation that White House Gardens be adopted as the name of the new housing development at 97-99 Western Road.

Arising from Minute 15654, a letter had been sent to the Mayor of Derry, using the form of words suggested.

Arising from Minute 15655, the Deputy Clerk had learned that there had been no meetings of the Wendover Arm Forum since May 2010, but it was hoped that one would be convened in Spring 2011.

Also arising from Minute 15655, it was confirmed that Hertfordshire County Council Highways Department had been contacted in respect of the 30mph sign in Cow Lane.

Arising from Minute 15648, Councillor Rance suggested that the Council's allotment letting policy and appeals procedure was in need of review, and it was **RESOLVED** that this should be included as an item on a future Council meeting.

15685. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- (i) The Council welcomed the recent letter from NATS, confirming that their proposals for airspace change would not now be taken forward in their current form, but would help inform a wider, and longer term, review of airspace over a greater area of southern England.
- (ii) The Council noted a recent letter from the Tring Team Parish outlining changes to the timing of the annual service of remembrance on Sunday 14 November. Councillors expressed differing views about the new timing, but it was agreed that the Civic group

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS CONT.

- (ii) would assemble at the Council offices at 9.30am to process together to the Church. In response to Councillor Rance's request that the Council be informed, before the service commenced, of what was expected of the Civic group, Councillor Townsend undertook to ensure that such information was forthcoming.
- (iii) The Council noted a recent letter from Hertfordshire Music Service, inviting attendance at a series of County Youth Music Group Concerts over the coming months.
- (iv) The Council noted a recent letter from HAPTC, inviting Councillors to attend any of three informal 'Let's Talk' afternoon sessions across the County.
- (v) Following the invitation for Councillors to attend the inaugural Parish Conference on 3rd December (replacing the 18th November Parish-Borough Liaison meeting); Councillor Allan confirmed that he would be attending.

15686. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11th October 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

15687. **BUILDINGS AND ASSETS COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Building and Assets Committee held on 11th October 2010, as circulated, be received and adopted.

Arising from Minute 15673, it was noted that the old curtains had now been removed. The matter of glazing, blinds and replacement curtains was the subject of further consideration.

Arising from Minute 15679, it was agreed that Councillor Hollinghurst would, in the Clerk's absence, draft a suitable letter to Steve Barnes about the parking matters which impact upon the Friday Market (for the Mayor to agree).

Arising from Minute 15680, it was agreed that the matter of market traders' rent would be considered further in Part 2 of the meeting.

15688. **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. Coburn of Okeley Lane spoke in support of the application to have Sallery's Field designated a town or village green, and explained his involvement.

15689. **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.

4/01277/10/FHA Single storey rear extension at 20 Park Road for Mrs C. Hindes
Amended

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01470/10/FUL Barn at Cloud Nine, Park Road for Mr & Mrs Jim Dormer
4/01470/10/AGD change to application type – now 4/01470/10/FUL

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01697/10/FHA Garage at Dunsley House, London Road for Mr A. Garton

The Council had no objection to this application.

4/01718/10/LDP **For Information Only – Certificate of Lawful Development** single storey rear extension to replace conservatory at 11 Thorntree Drive for Mr & Mrs Smith

The Council noted this application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS**PLAN. REF. NO. CONT**

- 4/01719/10/TCA **For Information Only** – fell elders, 2 sycamores and 17 ash trees, and works to yew trees at land corner of Park Street and Hastoe Lane for Mr R. Mildred
- The Council noted this application.
- 4/01731/10/TCA **For Information Only** – works to trees at 19 Mansion Drive for Mr I. Sloan
- The Council noted this application.
- 4/01736/10/TPO Works to trees at 3 Kay Close for Ms V. Bryan
- The Council had no objection to this application.
- 4/01750/10/FHA Replacement single storey rear extension at 6 Lakeside for Ms Joanna Cocking
- The Council had no objection to this application.

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

- 4/01023/10/LDP **Certificate of Lawful Use or Development** granted for garage conversion at 4 Hawkwell Drive for Mrs M. Beswick
- *4/01170/10/FHA Refusal for alterations and extensions to existing roof at South Acres, Chesham Road, Wigginton for Mr & Mrs V. Thakkar
- 4/01400/10/FHA Conditional permission for demolition of garage and conservatory and construction of garage to side and single storey rear extension at 65 Beaconsfield Road, for Mr I. Boulton
- 4/01411/10/FHA Conditional permission for rear conservatory and replacement front porch at 7 Meadow Close for Mr & Mrs M. Shanks
- 4/01435/10/FHA Conditional permission for demolition of existing garage, construction of two storey side and front extension, front porch extension and single storey rear extension at 2 Danvers Croft for Mr & Mrs M. Hobson
- 4/01454/10/FHA Conditional permission for single storey rear extension at 14 Mill View Road for Mr J. Fanthorpe
- 4/01492/10/FUL Conditional permission for installation of four CCTV cameras at Natural History Museum for Natural History Museum (amended scheme)
- 4/01493/10/LBC Conditional permission for installation of four external CCTV cameras at Natural History Museum, Akeman Street for the Natural History Museum
- 4/01495/10/FHA Conditional permission for satellite dish to rear elevation for Mrs J. Eigenheer
- 4/01539/10/NMA Conditional permission for non-material amendment to planning permission (4/01970/09) for land R/O 52 Station Road for Dr & Mrs A. Higginson

15690. **LICENSING ACT 2003**

No applications had been submitted after issue of the agenda.

15691. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Clerk had submitted a Schedule of Accounts to be confirmed and certified for payment and it was **RESOLVED** that accounts of expenditure totalling £10,046.75 be confirmed and certified for payment.

15692. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

(a)	Current Account	£	500.00
(b)	Business Reserve Account	£	36,998.61
(c)	Treasury Reserve Account	£	198,000.00
(d)	Bonus Saver (Museum rent deposit)	£	1,073.78

15693. **EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The External Auditor's report had been received on 14th October 2010. The Auditor's opinion was unqualified for the fourth year in succession. The legal requirement for public display would be fulfilled on 9th November 2010. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Harris, **SECONDED** by Councillor Batchelor and **RESOLVED** that the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement 2009/10 be approved and adopted.

15694. **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 to the Council on 26th July 2010, Minute 15579; the Council considered the present application in the light of its earlier comments. Following considerable discussion, and a majority vote, it was **RESOLVED** to again oppose the application on the grounds that the land was not suitable to be considered for registration as a town or village 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.

15695. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Councillor Allan had attended meetings of the Tring Together Management Committee, and the DBC Housing Forum, as well as the Tring Apple Fair on 23rd October, and an RNLI Fundraising event. Councillor Booth had attended meetings of the Neighbourhood Watch and the Royal British Legion. Although Councillor Townsend had been unable to attend a recent meeting of the FOTCH Trustees, he had been asked to encourage nominations for new Trustees. Councillor Hollinghurst had attended a number of Tring Youth meetings, Tring Apple Day, the Apple Fair, the ECO Fair at Victoria Hall, and in his twin capacity as Town and Borough Councillor, had been invited to formally open Tring Brewery's new site at Dunsley Farm. The Mayor had attended the Pepper Sunrise Walk, a coffee morning of the Iain Rennie Hospice at Home charity, the Beavers AGM, the AGM of Dacorum CAB, Tring Businet, the ECO Fair, Dundale School, the AGM of Dacorum Community Action, the Dacorum Business Awards, the Apple Market and Tring Masterchef competition, and the Friends of Dundale Woods Walk.

15696. **TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2010 had not yet been received.

15697. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the Items in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it was likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or for other special reasons arising from the nature of the business or proceedings.

The meeting ended at 8.57p.m.

Chairman