

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2017 AT 8.45 p.m.**

Present:	Councillors:	Mrs O. Conway, in the Chair Mrs P. Hearn (ex officio) N. Nutkins Mrs R. Ransley G. Wilkins H. Grace J. Bowden
	Co-opted members:	Mr I Brownell
	Also present:	Cllr S. Hearn Cllr M. Hicks Mr M Curry, Clerk to the Council Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk 3 members of the public

19014. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Barr Kazer (ill-health), John Savage and Greta Brown (previous engagements)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19015. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

**19016. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 4th September 2017**

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

19017. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

- Friends of Millennium Wood – a successful first working party has taken place

19018. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- The results of the Christmas Shop Window Display Competition 2017 were announced:
 - 1st Emmaus nineteen49
 - 2nd Atkins the Bakers
 - 3rd Metcalfes Home Hardware
- Details of a water bottle recycling scheme will be passed to DEF
- Quote from CRT for clearing the banks at Meadowbrook is pending

19019. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present at the meeting wished to speak

19020. RSPB SWIFT CONSERVATION

Vicky Duxbury explained that there had been a 50% decline in the number of swifts over the past 10 years due to a loss of habitat. She explained that the planning process can help to limit the decline with the installation of swift bricks in new developments and protection of existing nest sites. A Swift Walk and Talk has been arranged in the summer and it is hoped that Tring will become a “swift town”. Support has been given by NHM Tring and, since the BTO was established in Tring, it is hoped that TTC will also assist with this project.

Part 1 Allotments**19021. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Deputy Clerk’s report was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

19022. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION’S REPORT

Mr Brownell briefed Members on the following:

- Following the AGM, the existing Committee were retained
- The Annual Plant Sale will take place on 2nd June 2018 on Church Square
- The Summer Show will be on 18th August 2018

Part 2 Environment**19023. TOWN WARDEN’S REPORT**

The report detailing the work done by the Town Warden was circulated prior to the meeting. It was requested that the weeding machine is used at the junction of Langdon Street and Christchurch Road.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

19024. RIGHTS OF WAY AND P3

- The new walk leaflets have been approved by CMS

19025. TRING IN TRANSITION’S REPORT

Janet Rook (representing Tring in Transition) explained that their aim was to attract more people and community groups to the Community Garden. They will focus on 3 aspects – greater productivity, making it more attractive and making it easier to understand what is happening.

19026. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2017 were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes circulated

The meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Chairman