

**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 JUNE 2018 AT 8.20 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs O. Conway, in the Chair
Mrs P. Hearn (ex officio)
P. Hills
N. Nutkins
Mrs R. Ransley
G. Wilkins
Cllr S. Hearn

Co-opted members: Mr I Brownell
Mrs B Kazer

Also present: Cllr H. Grace
Cllr M. Hicks
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk
Mr R Flanigan (Information Officer)
1 member of the public

19252. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Greta Brown and John Savage (prior appointments)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19253. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: To reappoint the existing co-opted members and not to co-opt any further members to the Committee.

19254. TO CONFIRM THE WORKING PARTIES/SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: To maintain the current structure of the Committee.

19255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

19256. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9th APRIL 2018

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

19257. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

John Savage sent a written report outlining the following:

- Outstanding rights of way issues are being resolved
- Litter picking has been carried out at Meadowbrook
- The problem of car parking in Hastoe Lane has not been resolved and wooden posts may be required to prevent parking on the verges.

19258. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

It was noted that some beech tree saplings have been damaged in the hedge at the allotments. The car park at Bulbourne is very overgrown.

19259. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public did not wish to speak.

Part 1 Allotments**19260. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting and the following points raised:

- 2 half plots available and recent take up of 3 plots (2half, 1 full)
- Inspections to take place shortly to ensure compliance with conditions of agreement
- Skip ordered from Wasteking
- Grazing commenced on grass keep (annual grazing agreement)
- Friends of Millennium Wood – one project day since last meeting. Grass cutting is required.
- Strimming of carpark and surrounding areas by Warden's Assistant

RESOLVED: To note the report

19261. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Mr Brownell reported the following:

- The plant sale held on 2nd June was the best ever. Thanks were given for the use of Church Square
- The skip will be in use on 9/10th June
- The bollards at the entrance to the allotment site need maintenance
- The hedge at the access off Duckmore Lane needs cutting back
- The kissing gate off Aylesbury Road is broken and will be reported to HCC.

RESOLVED: to accept the report

Part 2 Environment**19262. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Town Warden's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Tree on Meadowbrook to be felled on 5th June – liaise with contractor
- Emptied flower troughs and being re-placed as soon as possible
- Liaised with Herts Highways regarding "hole" on Church Square
- Organised bunting in High Street for Royal Wedding and other events during summer

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated. It was also noted that several civic trees in the town need attention. A meeting with DBC Tree Officer will be arranged.

19263. RIGHTS OF WAY AND P3

The P3 funds have been received. Improvements to Footpath 36 have been approved (£400). The remaining £600 will fund new footpath maps 4,5 and 6 and re-prints of 1,2 and 3.

RESOLVED: To approve the spending.

19264. TRING IN TRANSITION'S REPORT

The following actions are underway:

- The Community Garden is progressing well with support from the Scouts and Beavers
- The response to the LA5 planning application has been submitted to DBC. (Copies will be available to Councillors at the next meeting)
- Thanks and congratulations were given to the Friends of the Memorial Gardens for the event on 2nd June

19265. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Cllr Hills reported that the May meeting included a presentation by the Boxmoor Trust which was very informative.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Chairman