

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs P. Hearn (Chairman)
J. Bowden
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
S Hearn
M. Hicks
P. Hills
N. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
Mrs R Ransley
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

2 Members of the public

19564. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members present.

19565. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Conway explained that she would not take part in item 19570 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19566. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes and for the Mayor to sign them.

19567. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk circulated before the meeting an invitation to a public information event about Tring Station accessibility improvement works on Wednesday 27th February 2019. Cllr Hollinghurst and Cllr Mrs Ransley are attending

19568. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended a musical theatre performance at Tring Park School by invitation of the Mayor of Dacorum on the 9th February 2019.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- The House of Commons Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee 'High streets and town centres in 2030' Eleventh Report of Session 2017-19
- The preferred option for the expansion of London Luton Airport
- A letter of thanks from Mr. Elliot
- An application to hold a family event on Market Square

- The preparation pack for the local transport plan from London Northwestern Railway
- A progress report on the opening of the new sports facilities at Tring School
- A letter from Rennie Grove Hospice Care giving an update on the work of their nursing team

Members were reminded of the 'Meet Your Council' event on Friday 1st March.

19569. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:41pm.

Mr Moorhouse outlined his plans for the Tring Book Festival on the 8th November to 17th November 2019. He explained the importance of securing a town centre location for the trailer housing the Festival bookshop.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7.55 pm.

19570. (i) PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Council considered planning applications that had been referred by Dacorum Borough Council for observation of this authority. It was decided to request the Local Planning Authority to take the following comments into consideration when determining the under-mentioned applications.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/00216/19/FHA	Single storey timber outbuilding at Little Cloud, Park Road, Tring HP23 6BU for Mr Nesbitt
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00282/19/LDP	<i>For Information</i> Single storey outbuilding at Hastoe Hill House, Hastoe Hill, Tring HP23 6LR for Mr Lloyd-Townsend
	The Council noted this application
4/00199/19/FHA	Replacement porch, single storey side and rear extensions, two storey side/rear extension and demolition of garage at 23 Dunston Hill, Tring HP23 4AT for Mr and Mrs Hill
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00247/19/FUL	Remove cladding from upper floors of ornithology building and replace with new aluminium cladding. Retain ground floor brick-work to main buildings; replace windows throughout; repair roof and install roof mounted solar panels at British Natural History Museum, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AP for Mr Kitching (British Natural History Museum)
	The Council recommended no objection to this application

- 4/00311/19/FHA Extension to existing dormer at 5 Okeford Drive, Tring HP23 4EQ for Mr and Mrs Tarling
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00305/19/FHA Two storey side and front extension at 8 Meadow Close, Tring HP23 5BT for Mr Russell
- The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the grounds that the proposed development was of a size and scale that was over-development relative to the plot and out-of-keeping with the neighbourhood. The development was not subservient to the existing front of the property, changing the character of the property for the worse. It fails the National Planning Policy Framework's requirement for good design.
- 4/00296/19/RET Installation of decorative burglar bars to external of 3 no. ground floor windows at 64 High Street, Tring HP23 4AF for N N Lane
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application, but were concerned that the safety of anyone in the building was not compromised by the installation
- 4/00322/19/FHA Single storey front and rear extensions and replacement ground floor window at 5 Elm Tree Walk, Tring HP23 5EB for Miss Haines
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00333/19/ADV Retention of two non-illuminated hanging signs and one illuminated hanging signs at 21 High Street, Tring HP23 5AR for Mr Lussman
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Conservation Officer's comments
- 4/00342/19/FHA Single storey rear extension and first floor side extension at 41 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EJ for Mr and Mrs Corbin
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00230/19/FUL Demolition of existing detached house and garage. Redevelopment of site and construction of two semi-detached dwellings, landscaping, parking and crossovers at 66 Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4HY for Mr Pretty
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00346/19/FHA Single storey rear extension at 14 Albert Street, Tring HP23 6AU for Mr and Mrs Lloyd

- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00347/19/FHA Proposed first floor front and side extension. Single storey rear and side extension. Alterations to external appearance of the property at 45 Chiltern Way, Tring HP23 5LQ for Mr and Mrs Geary
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00348/19/FHA Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension including new entrance porch at 8 Longbridge Close, Tring HP23 5HG for Mr and Mrs Grey
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/03255/18/FHA *Amended Description. No Change to Plans. Previously Approved* Part single, part two-storey rear extension with alterations to the roof. Enlargement of front extension and roof at 19 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JL for Mr and Mrs Tipton
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/00349/19/FHA Demolition of part single storey rear extension. Construction of two storey rear extension with wall mounted lighting. Construction of front porch with wall mounted lighting (amended scheme) at 2 Pheasant Cottage, Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5EZ for Mr and Mrs Paterson
- The Council recommended **refusal** to this application on the grounds that by removing the set-back of the first floor rear extension the mass and appearance of the alterations would be over-bearing and destroy the character of the cottage-style conversion from the original public house. This is particular relevant given the visibility of the site from the Wingrave Road. As such it would be contrary to CS12 of the Core Strategy.
- 4/02937/18/FHA *Amended plans* Two storey side and single storey front and rear extension at 2 The Meads, Tring HP23 5JF for Mrs Bowman
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

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

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

- 4/03264/18/TCA Raise no objection to fell tree at 7 King Street, Tring HP23 6BE

- 4/03111/18/OPA Prior approval required and granted for proposed conversion of vacant office units to create 7x residential dwelling houses with associated parking at Central Yard Buildings: YG10-19, YG 32-33, YF1-6, YF21-24, Akeman Business Park, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF
- 4/03183/18/FHA Permission granted for garage conversion at Wrenside, 17 Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5BD
- 4/03178/18/FUL Permission granted for single storey side extension at Dolphin Square Pharmacy, 4 Dolphin Square, Tring HP23 5BN
- 4/03179/18/ADV Permission granted for fascia sign at Dolphin Square Pharmacy, 4 Dolphin Square, Tring HP23 5BN
- 4/03232/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 36 Morefields, Tring HP23 5EU
- 4/03233/18/FHA Permission granted for second storey rear extension at 25 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE

Any decision marked with an asterisk was contrary to the recommendation of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19571. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received.

19572. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

19573. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 11th February 2019
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee 11th February 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19574. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Grace reported on a meeting of Tring Sports Forum:
 - Liaising with Tring School on the new facilities
 - Tring Angling Club will be hosting a national competition in 2021
 - It is Tring Hockey Club's centenary
 - The FA are carrying out an assessment of facilities across every borough
 - The Sports Forum is lobbying hard to get Tring's needs recognised in the current planning preparation by Dacorum Borough Council
- Cllr Wilkins attended a meeting of the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society

- Cllr Townsend gave an update on his progress on health provision to match planned housing growth. Dacorum Borough Council have agreed to proposals on the provision of ‘dog poo’ bags at Miswell Park
- Cllr Nutkins reported an incident at the Rugby Club and, whilst praising the care provided by the emergency services, expressed his concern about the speed of the response. Cllr Hicks, in his role as Dacorum Borough Councillor, was asked to raise the matter
- Cllr Mrs Conway attended a meeting with representatives of Tring School and Dacorum Borough Council on the opening of the swimming pool. She also attended a meeting of Churches Together in Tring, noting their initiative to prepare a ‘welcome pack’ for new residents of Tring and the role the Information Centre could play
- Cllr S. Hearn arranged a lunchtime event for FOTCH. He expressed his admiration of the range of activities FOTCH organised

19575. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk’s Financial Statement
- The schedule of payments

RESOLVED: To note the above and approve the Schedule of Payments as presented

19576. TRING BOOK FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 2019

There was a discussion of the proposal from Mr Moorhouse on parking for the Festival’s book store trailer.

Cllr Hollinghurst, in his role as County Councillor, was asked to explore using the Library’s land as the preferred option. It was agreed that whilst there would be a loss of revenue using Old School Yard car park to house the book store trailer, this was outweighed by the benefit the event would bring to the Town. So permission was granted to use Old School Yard car park if permission to use Library land was no forthcoming.

RESOLVED: To host the Festival Book Shop trailer on Old School Yard should an alternative not be found

19577. PERPETUATING THE CHARTER 700 LEGACY – TRING [PHOTOGRAPHIC] COMMUNITY IMAGE ARCHIVE

The Clerk outlined the development of the archive as part of the Charter 700 celebrations (A report on this item was circulated prior to the meeting).

RESOLVED: To act as custodian of the archive on behalf of the community.