

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 8.20 p.m.**

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

Co-opted members: Mr I Brownell  
Greta Brown  
Barr Kazer  
Brian Kazer

Also present: Cllr H. Grace  
Mr Michael Curry, Town Clerk  
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mrs Veronica Allan Tring in Transition

**19645. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr. John Savage (prior appointment)

**RESOLVED:** To accept the apologies for the reasons given

**19646. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**19647. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Minutes as circulated

**19648. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

A report from Mr Flanigan, Information Officer, was noted on the Ashridge Estate Woodland Management Plan consultation, which he attended on the Council's behalf.

**19649. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Details of the Gt. British Spring Clean had been received. It was agreed to participate. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Dacorum Borough Council and Mr Savage would be asked to lead the event at a date & time to be determined.

**19650. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present

## *Part 1 Allotments*

### **19651. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Deputy Clerk was thanked for her work.

**RESOLVED:** To note the report.

### **19652. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT**

Mr I Brownell reported the 'No Right of Access' sign was down and need to be reinstated. Contact had been made with the plot holder concerning the necessary measures to stop their chickens escaping, but this would be reinforced by the Deputy Clerk.

## *Part 2 Environment*

### **19653. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Town Warden's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Warden was thanked for the work done.

**RESOLVED:** To note the report circulated.

### **19654. RIGHTS OF WAY AND P3**

Mr Savage had contacted the Deputy Clerk to confirm that he had nothing to raise at the meeting.

The Deputy Clerk reported on a workshop she had attended on the new direction for the P3 initiative. This was to support sustainability, so funding would be given to encourage walking as an alternative to using a car. Following discussion, it was agreed to investigate routes within the town to access specific places e.g. to get to school and what was needed to make them useable and safe, and to publicise them.

### **19655. TRING IN TRANSITION**

Cllrs Wilkins & S. Hearn congratulated Tring in Transition for what they had achieved with the Community Garden.

Mrs Kazer reported that they had sourced three A3 information boards for the Community Garden. This led to a wider discussion of promoting the whole area – the Community Garden, Allotments, Meadow Area and the Millennium Wood – under the collective name of 'The Duckmore'. It was agreed to investigate the cost and siting of a sign identifying the area.

The Clerk has submitted a grant application to the Tesco Bags of Help scheme for the meadow area. It was suggested that a wildlife survey was conducted to establish a baseline to assess the effectiveness of the project.

Members of the Committee will be invited to a site visit to familiarise themselves with the area and to discuss the next steps.

### **19656. FRIENDS OF MILLENNIUM WOOD**

A project day had been held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. 75m of hedging had been planted. Future work will be to weed the planting strip and then grass cutting / meadow management.

**19657. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

Cllr Hills will brief the Dacorum Environmental Forum on the work being done at Duckmore Lane.

**19658. SUSTAINABILITY IN TRING:**

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Mrs Allan briefed the Committee on the background to the report. Cllr Grace, as Chairman of the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee, reported that he had been liaising with Tring in Transition to enhance the Committee's work from an environmental perspective.

**RESOLVED:** To establish a Working Party to develop the project.

**19659. STATION ROAD & MARSHCROFT LANE HEDGE PRESERVATION**

The Clerk circulated his findings on hedge preservation prior to the meeting. These were noted and the Clerk will pass them onto the resident who raised the matter.

The state of the hedge in question and the need for management was considered. The importance of the corridor of trees was also stressed.

**RESOLVED:** To approach the Chilterns Conservation Board for a survey as the land was adjacent to the A.O.N.B.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman