

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 20th JUNE 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Ms C Hill, Deputy Clerk

41 Members of the public

18323. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P. Hills (prior engagement)

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the apologies for the reasons given

18324. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Hearn & Mrs Conway declared prejudicial interests in item 18335(e) as trustees of Tring Youth Project. They explained that they would not take part in item 18329 as members of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

Cllr S. Hearn declared a prejudicial interest in item 18335(b & c) as a trustee of Tring Together.

Cllr M. Hicks declared a personal interest in an application in item 18329

18325. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY 2016

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

18326. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following matters:

- A letter was sent to Herts Valley Clinical Commissioning Group conveying the Town Council's views on the closure of the New Surgery
- The repairs to Bulbourne Car Park have been done

18327. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Functions that were attended in the civic role as Mayor:

18 th May	Dacorum Mayor-making ceremony
25 th May	Licensing of Rev. Sarah Eynstone in St Peter & St Paul's Church Tring
3 rd June	Co-op store's reopening
8 th June	Yarn Bombing on Church Square
9 th June	RAF Halton Annual Reception
11 th June	Farmers Market (birthday cake for the Queen) AGM Dacorum Talking News (afternoon tea) Queen's birthday in Tring Church (barbecue)
18 th June	AVDC Summer Ball

The following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting for information: the monthly crime statistics and a letter from the re-elected Police & Crime Commissioner.

The following items of correspondence were received:

- Tring Lions Club - defibrillator. Tring Lions Club have sponsored a defibrillator at the High Street Baptist Church in memory of one of their members – Ken Brennan. This is now operational and a training session has been arranged for all members of the Community at 7:00pm on Tuesday 28th June
- Tring Together - Tring Carnival is Saturday 25th June and the Council has a stall.
- Meet Your Council – Cllr Hicks manned the stand last Friday. He had four comments:
 - Okeford Drive Development x 2
 - Open up parking by the Natural History Museum
 - Noise from the Bell Pub

18328. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were **suspended by resolution** at 7:33 pm.

23 Members of the public spoke in opposition to planning application 4/01472/16/MFA. The points made were:

- The area was a valuable open space that was
 - Heavily used
 - And a safe environment for children to play – it being only accessible by foot
 - The only such area in the centre of Tring
- Tring had a deficit of open space
- There was no benefit in 'securing' the open space at the cost of losing half the space and eight houses
- The natural open space was ecologically rich
- The hedgerow on the northern boundary was frequented by bats
- Plot 1 because of its proximity to the football pitch and pavillion where socials are held, was considered inappropriate
- The inclusion of the development was an intrusion that had a significant negative impact on the visual amenity

- The layout of the site means the access road faces the open space. This is out-of-keeping with all the other houses adjacent to the open space where the rear gardens face the open space.

The Applicant (4/01331/16/FUL) explained that the application was for purely domestic purposes.

The Applicant (4/01340/16/FHA) stated that the application took into account as much of feedback on a prior scheme as was physically possible given the restricted nature of the site.

The Applicant (4/01325/16/TPO) explained the intention of the application was to replace the trees in question with better specimens.

Standing orders were **resumed by resolution** at 7:56 pm.

18329. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered planning applications which 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.

4/01341/16/FUL	Two temporary timber units at the Arts Educational School, Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5LX for Mr James Twitchen (Tring Park School)
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/01340/16/FHA	Single storey rear extension at 30 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE for Mr Simon and Jade Jones
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/01331/16/FUL	Barn/stable building and ménage Hastoe Hill House, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LR for Mr and Mrs Lloyd Townshend

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 8:27pm to ask the applicant for clarification of the status of the development i.e. domestic or commercial

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 8:29pm

	The Council recommended no objection to this application with comments to the Case Officer to check for possible visual intrusion and compliance with policy on development in the Green Belt
4/01412/16/ADV	1x illuminated fascia logo sign, 2x internal illuminated logos Co-op Foodstores, 2-4 Silk Mill Way, Tring HP23 5EP for Co-Op

- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01431/16/LBC Replacement and restoration of windows at the Kings Arms, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE for Mr Rob Muirhead
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01325/16/TPO Fell trees at 4 Beech Grove, Tring HP23 5NU for Mr Chris Turland
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report
- 4/01241/16/FUL Single storey rear extension to main dwelling and new chalet bungalow dwelling at 44 New Road, Tring HP23 5EX for Mr and Mrs Ansett
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01472/16/MFA Construction of 8 new dwellings with new access road. Transfer of land to the west to the Council for an extension to the Recreation Ground on land adjacent to Okeford Drive, Tring HP23 4EX for Maple Leaf Real Estate Ltd
- The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the following grounds:
- There is a deficit of open space within Tring and existing open space should be protected
 - The purported benefits of the development do not warrant an exception being made to allow the development
- 4/01471/16/LDP For information only Garage conversion at 4 Sandon Close, Tring HP23 4HX for Mr and Mrs Taylor
- The Council **noted** this application
- 4/01495/16/FHA Demolition of conservatory, single storey side extension and outbuilding. Construction of single and two storey rear extension at 1 The Grove, Marshcroft Lane, Tring HP23 5PN for Mr and Mrs Robinson
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01432/16/LBC Application for retrospective listed building consent. Rebuild and repair to parapets of Bridge 2 on Wendover Arm, Grand Union Canal, following vehicle strike to east parapet at Bridge 2, Wendover Arm, Tringford Road, Tring for Miss Anna Zucchelli (CRT)

	The Council recommended approval of this application
4/01499/16/FUL	Conversion and extension of existing detached 2 storey garage building at Chiltern Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6JE for Mr Phil Davie
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/01536/16/TPO	Remove tree at 1B Evans Way, Tring HP23 5UJ for Mark and Julie Fawcett
	The Council recommended no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer's Report
4/01557/16/FHA	First floor extension above existing garage at 59 Dundale Road, Tring HP23 5BU for Mr and Mrs Martin
	The Council recommended no objection to this application

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

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

PLAN REF. NO.

4/00843/16/LDP	Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 82 Mill View Road, Tring HP23 4EW
4/00898/16/FHA	Permission granted for first floor front extension, demolition of chimney stack, new window to rear wall at 45 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DG
4/00894/16/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear kitchen extension and single storey extension to main entrance hallway at 1 Myrtle Cottages, Tring HP23 5QE
4/00962/16/FHA	Permission granted for first floor extension at The Gambles, Bunstrux, Tring HP23 4HT
4/01022/16/OPA	Prior approval not required for change of use from office to residential at 55a High Street, Tring HP23 5AG
4/00960/16/FHA	Permission granted for removal of existing conservatory, addition of ground floor kitchen, extension to bedroom 3, new ground floor roof at 46 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EH
4/03550/15/FUL	Permission granted for retention of small storage container on Recreation Ground at Recreation Ground, Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JU

- 4/00589/16/FHA Permission granted for single storey front extension, relocation of entrance door to side elevation with addition of porch canopy at 19 Fantail Lane, Tring HP23 4EN
- 4/01005/16/LDP For information only Permission granted for garage conversion at 5 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ
- 4/00069/16/FUL Permission refused for construction of six four bed dwellings on land rear of 27-33 Grove Road, Tring
- 4/01039/16/FHA Permission granted for single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion at 40 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR
- 4/01043/16/FHA Permission granted for rear extension and erection of a side dormers to match existing at 83 Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DW
- 4/01292/16/TPO Withdrawn Works to walnut tree at Silveridge, 42 Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4HZ
- 4/4/01063/16/RET Permission granted for single storey timber framed summer house at 3 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DQ

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council

18330. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

A notice of order was circulated prior to the meeting relating to 'Chilfest' and Cow Lane.

RESOLVED: To note the temporary traffic regulation order as presented.

18331. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Allotments & Environment Committee held on 23rd May 2016
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 6th June 2016
- (iii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 6th June 2016
- (iv) Town Plan and Infrastructure Committee held on 13th June 2016

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

18332. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Wilkins, Bowden & Mrs Hearn The Co-op reopening. All commented very favourably on the improvements and benefit of lorries being able to park at the rear of the building for deliveries.

Cllr Mrs Ransley The Queen's birthday celebrations at the Farmers Market.

Cllr Bowden The Community Safety Partnership meeting. Cllr Bowden, Cllr Mrs. Hearn and the Clerk to meet to discuss the provision of CCTV for Silk Mill Community Centre.

Cllr Mrs Conway The AGM of Old School House.

Cllrs Mrs Hearn The Church Service in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to the Tring Together and the Church.

Cllr Hicks The Dacorum Sports Awards presentation. He was very impressed with the achievements of local sports people and clubs.

18333. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council received the minutes of Youth Town Council meeting held on the 11th May 2016. Cllr S. Hearn will attend the next meeting of the Youth Town Council.

RESOLVED: To note the Minutes

18334. THE ACCOUNTS 2015/16 & ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk took members through the sections of the Annual Return and explained how the completion of the return had been presented to the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on the 6th June 2016. The Committee had resolved to recommend to Council that the Annual Return can be approved and signed (Resolution 18304).

The reserves position was reviewed and no changes thought necessary

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on the 6th June 2016 to:

- (i) Agree to all the statements in Section 1 of the Annual Return, approve the annual governance statement, and for the Chair of the Council to sign the section accordingly
- (ii) Approve the accounting statements in Section 2 of the Annual Return and for the Chair of the Council to sign the section accordingly

18335. ANNUAL GRANTS

RESOLVED: To approve the following grants included in the Annual Budget:

- (a) Tring & District Local History & Museum Society – Annual Endowment £2,000
- (b) Tring Together – support for Tring Christmas Festival £1,000
- (c) Tring Youth Town Council £300
- (d) Tring Together - Office Grant £5,000
- (e) Tring Youth Project - to support youth work in Tring £5,000

Grants (a) & (b) were made under the powers given in S.145 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and grants (c) – (e) were made under the powers given in S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Clerk was asked to obtain copies of the organisations' annual accounts.

18336. THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TO CERTIFY THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The monthly financial statements and the Clerk's report were circulated prior to the meeting and were reviewed at the meeting by Members, who also reviewed the schedule of payments.

RESOLVED: To confirm and certify the schedule of payments as presented.

18337. THE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of the Allotment & Environment Committee and trial the reintroduction of the Annual Garden Competition on the proposed basis.

18338. LOCAL ALLOCATION (LA5) ICKNIELD WAY/AYLESBURY ROAD

The NALC Legal Topic Note 61 The Status of Parish, Town and Community Councils at Public Inquiries was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained how this with S.111 of the 1972 Local Government Act demonstrated the validity of the Council's course of action. The Clerk had been in discussion with SLCC and HAPTC on the situation and both supported the course of action.

Cllr Hearn reported his exchange with the Head of Planning at Dacorum Borough Council's Strategic Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14th June 2016. From this it would appear that there was no needs assessment for the additional gypsy and traveller sites undertaken. It was agreed that the Council needed written confirmation of the disclosure. If it is not sufficiently recorded in the minutes, a letter will be sent to the Head of Planning.

The date of the public examination has formally slipped to September/October with the likelihood that it will not take place until January 2017

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Planning Services and Rumball Sedgwick for their specialist expertise to assist the Town Council's opposition to the inclusion of a gypsy and traveller site in LA5.

18339. JOHN WASHINGTON MEMORIAL & HERITAGE PLAQUES

RESOLVED: To support the Tring & District Local History and Museum Society's project to provide a John Washington memorial and heritage plaques subject to detail of the installations.

18340. BEGGARS LANE, TRING

RESOLVED: To support the proposed Hertfordshire Highways' scheme to improve the safety in Beggars Lane, Tring.