

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: S. Hearn
J. Bowden
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
Mrs P. 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

0 members of the public

18130. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members present.

18131. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Hearn & Mrs Conway as members of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee took no part on item 18101

18132. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2016

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

18133. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Those matters not covered by items on the agenda:

Item 18027 Defibrillator. Discussions with Dacorum Planning ruled out the Information Centre. The High Street Baptist Church has offered to 'host' the defibrillator.

Item 18065 Cllr Mrs Hearn, Cllr Bowden & the Clerk met the Chief Executive of Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust. It was useful to have the personal contact, understand each other's position better, and agree a closer working partnership especially when looking forward at how to meet future service demands. The potential of a possible Bucks/Herts joint venture was discussed.

Item 18107 The Precept- the necessary forms were signed and sent to Dacorum Borough Council.

Cllr Wilkins has volunteered to be the Council's representative on Dacorum Borough Council's Standards Committee. Details passed to the Standards Officer.

The next 'Meet Your Council' will be held on Friday 4th March between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Councillors Mrs Ransley, Wilkins and S. Hearn volunteered to help.

18134. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended the following functions in his civic role:

- 26th Jan 16 The Opening of the new performing arts centre at Westbrook Hay School
- 6th Feb 16 A musical theatre performance at Tring Park School
- 22nd Feb 16 Royal visit to the relaunch of the Save the Children shop

The Clerk reported the following correspondence:

1. An invitation to training for Parish Councillors from Dacorum Borough Council
2. Notification of the next Dacorum Highways Liaison Meeting
3. An outline of the proposed commemoration of the start of the battle of the Somme
4. A reminder of the public consultation event on the regeneration of Bulbourne Yard
5. The latest crime statistics

18135. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

18136. 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.

4/00210/16/FHA The retention of patio at 36 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4DD for Mr and Mrs Craig Murphy

The Council recommends **refusal** of this application because of overlooking/loss of privacy. On level ground the siting of the patio would not be a problem with the fencing, but the ground slopes away towards the neighbouring property, giving an unrestricted view across its garden.

4/00289/16/FHA A single storey front extension and the addition of three rooflights to rear single storey elevation at 4 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mr Simon Taylor

The Council recommends **no objection**

4/00299/16/FHA A part two storey and part single storey rear extension, single storey front extension, and rendering finish to brickwork at 4 The Beeches, Tring HP23 5NP for Mr & Mrs J Cacchioli

The Council recommends **no objection**

18137. 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.

4/03941/15/FUL	Permission granted for change of use and conversion of office to provide single residential dwelling (amended scheme) at 89 Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AA
4/03949/15/FUL	Permission granted for proposed demolition of garages. Construction of one 1 bedroom dwelling (amended scheme) at 100 High Street, Tring HP23 4AF
4/03819/15/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 30 Lakeside, Tring HP23 5HN
4/03254/15/FHA*	Permission granted for loft conversion including roof enlargement and single storey rear extension at 5 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5 AJ
4/03875/15/FHA	Permission granted for two storey side and rear extension at 2 The Beeches, Tring HP23 5NP
4/03995/15/FUL	Permission granted for proposed detached dwelling at 1 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EE
4/00103/16/TCA	Raise no objection to work to tree at 2 West Passage, Tring HP23 6AY
4/04060/15/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 33 Goldfield Road, Tring HP23 4AZ
4/03470/15/OPA*	Permission refused for change of use from office to dwelling house at Flat, 64 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB
4/04001/15/FHA	Permission granted for single storey rear extension to replace existing extension at 3 Hastoe Row, Church Lane, Hastoe HP23 6LU
4/04051/15/FHA	Permission granted for two storey side extension at 10 Okeford Close, Tring HP23 4AJ

* This decision is contrary to the Town Council's recommendation.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council

18138. PERMANENT & TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received

18139. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 8th February 2016
- (ii) Building & Assets Committee held on 8th February 2016

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

18140. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Wilkins	Attended a meeting of the Tring and District Local History and Museum Society
Cllr Hollinghurst	A meeting of local parishes was held concerning parking provision at Tring Station. He asked that the consultation on the franchise renewal be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting
Cllr Nutkins	Briefed members on the plans to improve the pasture at Duckmore Lane

18141. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Youth Town Council meetings held on the 27th January 2016 were circulated prior to the Council meeting. Cllr Mrs Ransley was unfortunately unable to attend.

Whilst sufficient nominations were received to form the new Council, there were not enough for an election. Such a drop in interest is prevalent in Dacorum. The Clerk & Youth Clerk will meet after the February meeting of the Youth Council to discuss the matter.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

18142. THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND TO CERTIFY THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk outlined the current status against the phased budget – expenditure slightly higher than planned. The schedule of payments was circulated prior to the meeting.

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

18143. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PLANNING CONDITIONS - PLANNING PERMISSION 4/02168/06/FUL THIRTY FOUR FLATS BROOKSIDE WORKS, BROOK STREET, TRING, HP23 5EF

The relevant planning conditions were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Mrs Hearn outlined the situation, the comments received from parishioners and the work done by the Parks and Open Spaces Officer, Dacorum Borough Council to stop the parking. No parking signs have recently appeared at the site.

During the discussion of the situation the following points emerged:

- At times both pavements were blocked, which was extremely dangerous and unacceptable
- The planning conditions clearly had been broken and not enforced
- When the flats are occupied, there will be pressure on residents to carry on the practice due to the lack of parking provision on site. Measures need to be taken to prevent this possibility e.g. oak stakes
- This sort of situation was widespread wherever building work was taking place. The necessary conditions to prevent damage and proper reinstatement should be standard on any planning approval and rigorously enforced

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Dacorum Borough Council Planning Department on the lack of effective enforcement

18144. THE TOWN CRIER APRIL 2016

The Clerk explained that the majority of the copy had been received and been passed to the designer. Photographs are being sourced. The aim is to have the first proof next week.

18145. ROAD SAFETY FUND

Details of the Police & Crime Commissioner's Road Safety Fund were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To bid for a speed activated vehicle warning sign to be located on the Icknield Way at the Aylesbury Road end

18146. DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S 'STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT'

Members considered the draft statement circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To make the following points in its response to the consultation:

- The statement should include a clear explanation of the respective roles of Town/Parish Councils and the District Council in the decision making process
- State the details of the legislation that requires the Borough Council to produce the document
- The Deposit Point in Tring is the Victoria Hall. This is not open every day of the week. The opening times should be given (or advice on where to find the opening times). Plans can also be seen at the Town Council's Information Centre (given details of location and opening times)
- It is important to safeguard access to printed copies of planning documents for those without access to or are unable to access digital media

18147. THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

A draft agenda for the Annual Town Meeting was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept the draft agenda with the inclusion of an item for the Dacorum Borough Council's Parks and Open Spaces Officer and Tree Officer

18148. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: To exclude members of the press and public under section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the commercial in confidence nature of the business

18149. RENEWAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S INSURANCE

RESOLVED: To accept the bid from Zurich Insurance

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm

Chairman