

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

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

17836. 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

17837. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

17838. DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS AT THE OLD TRING DEPOT IN QUEEN STREET

Members welcomed Sarah Pickering, Lead Officer Housing Development, to discuss the Dacorum Borough Council's plans for 5 affordable dwellings at the old Tring Depot in Queen Street.

She explained that Dacorum Borough Council, in October 2012, had agreed to build the first new council homes in the borough in 25 years with a target to build 400 dwellings by 2020.

The planning approval for 5 affordable dwellings had been granted in February, building would begin in October with a 40 week construction programme. The developer had been made aware of the parking problems in the neighbourhood. The developer will have a liaison officer on site and will be issuing a monthly newsletter to local residents. 8 parking spaces are being provided on site – a higher ratio to dwellings than the norm.

The houses will be available for social rent with a local letting plan for the development. A condition for residence will be a connection to the town.

Cllr S. Hearn thanked Ms Pickering, and welcomed the engagement from Dacorum Borough Council. The provision of affordable housing was a priority identified in the Town Plan.

17839. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th MAY 2015

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

17840. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following matters:

- a) 'Meet Your Council' was held on Friday 19th June on Church Square with the market. This definitely gave the Council more visibility. The comments received were mainly positive comments on the market and the appearance of the High St. The topics remain unchanged e.g. the state of pathways. These will be followed up
- b) All the High Street street furniture has been painted (two benches on Church Square will be varnished this week); the Library litter bin has been replaced and the Clerk had emailed the street cleaning supervisor asking for a special effort for Charter Day
- c) The banners have been removed from Pound Meadow (except Charity ones, which appear to have an exemption)
- d) Cllr Hicks attended the latest meeting of the Youth Town Council (next meeting Wednesday 24th June 4:00pm)

17841. 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:

- Friday 5th June a private viewing of the Rothschild Gallery at the Natural History Museum, Tring. Monday 8th June The Charter 700 Launch at Tring Brewery
- Wednesday 10th June "Bands on the run", The Pepper foundation musicians and singers at Pendley Court Theatre
- Thursday 11th June RAF Halton Station Commander's Annual Drinks
- Friday 12th June German Exchange Students, Council Chamber, Tring
- Saturday 13th June Dacorum Talking Newspapers AGM, Boxmoor. (The Deputy Mayor attended)
- Monday 22nd June Fly the flag for Armed Forces Day, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead.

The following items of correspondence were circulated prior to the meeting for information:

1. Hertfordshire Forward
2. Dacorum Citizens Advice Bureau's event
3. Arts Centre for Tring
4. HAPTC AGM
5. HAPTC Councillor Course
6. NALC Legal Briefing L03-15 – "Prayers"

17842. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present

17843. 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.

4/02050/15/FHA Single storey side extension, conversion of garage and loft space into habitable accommodation and new cellar for storage at Redwing Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6JH for Mrs R Aston

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02112/15/FUL Demolition of detached garage and construction of new detached dwelling to "passivhaus standard" at 91 High Street, Tring HP23 4AB for Mrs P King

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02060/15/LDP Rear facing dormer and front facing velux windows (4) at 4 Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DP for Mr T Hodgson

The Council noted this application

4/02095/15/TPO Fell trees at 1B Evans Way, Tring HP23 5UJ for Mr M Fawcett

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02042/15/FHA Single storey rear extension with new dormers to loft conversion at 7-8 Brook Street, Tring HP23 5ED for Mr H Allen

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02076/15/FHA Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 16 Gwynne Close, Tring HP23 5EN for Mr R Smith

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02117/15/FHA Single storey rear extension at 104 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4EX for Mr Purser

The Council had no objection to this application

4/02291/15/TCA Remove 9x (G1) Conifers, 1x (T1) Rowan, 1x (G2) Cherry and works to (T2) Whitebeam, (T3) Mulberry at Little Furlongs, Park Road, Tring HP23 6BP for Mrs A Hutchinson

RESOLVED: To recommend rejection of the application on the following grounds: (i) The objective of the application could be achieved by removing fewer trees (ii) the trees selected for removal should be those in a poor condition. The Council was also concerned to protect the Whitebeam and Mulberry whilst any work is done. The Council recommend that the Tree Officer advise the applicant to develop a more suitable application.

(Cllr Hollinghurst asked that his objection to the resolution was recorded)

4/02214/15/FHA Two storey side extension, loft conversion and alterations at Woodside, 96 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5PB for Ms W Van der Voort

The Council had 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.

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| 4/00887/15/FHA(*) | Permission refused for a single storey rear extension and internal and external alterations at 10 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JL for Mr P Campbell |
| 4/01381/15/FHA | Permission granted for a single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 82 Dundale Road, Tring HP23 5BY for Mrs J Soloman |
| 4/01487/15/TPO | Permission granted to fell Sycamore tree and replace with three silver birch trees at Noddfa, Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EF for Mr R Boarder |
| 4/01632/15/ROC | Permission granted for the variation of condition 5 (CILL Heights) attached to planning permission 4/00024/14/FUL (construction of four semi-detached houses) Land at 15 and R/O 14, Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Braybeech Homes Ltd |
| 4/01633/15/ROC | Permission granted for the variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 4/00024/14/FUL (construction of four semi-detached houses) Land at 15 and R/O 14, Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Braybeech Homes Ltd |

- 4/01653/15/FUL (*) Permission **granted** for the construction of two semi detached houses, land to the rear of 17 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr S Booth
- 4/00860/15/FHA Permission **refused** for a two storey rear extension at 10 New Mill Terrace, Tring HP23 5ET for Mrs K Harries
- 4/00982/15/FUL Permission **granted** for the replacement tree monopole with high lattice tower. Removal of cabinet and installation of two cabinets enclosed within a fenced compound at land adj to railway line, Station Road, Tring HP23 5QY for Vodaphone Telefonica

(*) These decisions were contrary to the Town Council's recommendation.

17844. LICENSING ACT 2003

No applications received

17845. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Two notices of order were circulated prior to the meeting:

- TRO 'Chilfest' – Cow Lane
- TRO 'Church Yard'

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

17846. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Finance & Policy Committee held on 1st June 2015
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 8th June 2015
- (iii) Allotments & Environment Committee held on 8th June 2015
- (iv) Town Plan and Infrastructure Committee held on 17th June 2015

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

17847. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Mrs Ransley watched the Aviva Women's Cycle Race as it came through Tring on Sunday 21st June. The event was enjoyable with a good atmosphere. The numbers were respectable but, in hindsight, could have been boosted by more publicity.

17848. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The Council received the minutes of Youth Town Council meetings held on the 22nd April 2015 and 20th May 2015. Cllr Nutkins will attend the next meeting of the Youth Town Council.

RESOLVED: To note the Minutes and that the Clerk ask the Youth Town Council to give a presentation to the Annual Town Meeting

17849. CHARTER 700 CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Mrs Ransley briefed Members on the preparations and programme for the Charter 700 celebrations:

- Programmes have been distributed to every household
- The annual Carnival has a medieval theme
- On Charter Day itself the Mayor and Town Crier will visit every school throughout the day; a new Washington Family Tree will be presented by the Daughters of the Revolution in the church at 2:00 pm; the civic reception starts at 6:15 pm in the Council Chamber; the civic service begins at 7:30 pm followed by a BBQ and fireworks in the Church grounds
- Other notable events include the schools parade through the town; special stalls at the markets; a family festival in Tring Park; and the photographic competition

Cllr Mrs Ransley congratulated Dacorum Borough Council on the floral display at the entrance to the Memorial Gardens.

The Clerk took Members through the arrangements for the civic reception and service, and the carnival

17850. TO CERTIFY THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Members reviewed the circulated schedule.

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

17851. THE ACCOUNTS 2014/15 & 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 1st June 2015. The Committee had resolved to recommend to Council that Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return can be approved and signed (resolution 11805).

During the Finance & Policy Committee's discussion of the accounts and annual return the Clerk had been asked to investigate alternative investments and the early repayment of the Council's loan from the PWLB.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations of the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on the 1st June 2015 to:

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

17852. THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S DRAFT "EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS" AND MONTHLY NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME REPORT

The Police & Crime Commissioner's draft Police & Crime Plan for Hertfordshire 2015 -2020 was discussed. The emphasis on protecting vulnerable people, especially those with mental health problems was welcomed as was the protection of neighbourhood policing to give a visible presence. There was concern at the lack of speed enforcement. The following motion was proposed, seconded and approved.

- RESOLVED:** That this Council instructs the Town Clerk to write to the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner as follows:
- 1) To respectfully remind him that this Council in the recent past made available to Hertfordshire Constabulary;
 - i. £3,000 for the purchase of a Mobile Speed Indicator Device to be used in the Tring area to improve Road Safety and
 - ii. £3,000 for the purchase of a mobile ANPR device to be used in the vicinity of Tring to control crime
 - 2) to ask him where this equipment is currently being used and to explain why it is not being seen being deployed around Tring
 - 3) to ask why the lay-by constructed on the Icknield Way, Tring, near its junction with Little Tring Road is not being used for the detection and prosecution of speeding motorists
 - 4) to request him to ensure that Hertfordshire Constabulary will in future be more diligent in enforcing speed limits and ensuring road safety in Tring

17853. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE HERTFORDSHIRE RAIL STRATEGY

Members initial reaction to the draft was the importance of the Croxley link for those wanting to go to Watford Hospital by public transport and the need for improved station facilities, especially for the disabled.

- RESOLVED:** That Cllr Townsend brief the Council at its meeting scheduled on 20th July 2015 to formulate its response to the consultation.

17854. DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CABINET BI-ANNUAL CAR PARKS REVIEW

Members thanked Dacorum Borough Council for their management of Tring's car parks and for the resurfacing of the Forge car park.

- RESOLVED:** To confirm the Town Council's desire to maintain the status-quo i.e. one hours free parking and free parking on Sunday

17855. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

- RESOLVED:** To hear item 21 with the press and public excluded on the basis given in the agenda to hear matters that are of a confidential nature

17856. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM TRING CHARITIES

Members welcomed Ms E. Winters, Secretary to the Trustees of Tring Charities. She gave a presentation and answered questions on the history and the work of Tring Charities.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Chairman