

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING
ON MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: S. Hearn
H. Alison
J. Allen
B. Batchelor
Mrs P. Hearn
M. Hicks
N. A. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
Mrs D. Rance
Mrs R. Ransley

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

No members of the public

17718. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms G Roberts (prior appointment).

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

17719. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs S. Hearn and Mrs P Hearn had a disclosable pecuniary interest with regard to item 21. Cllr S. Hearn had a personal interest in planning application 4/00939/15/FHA considered in item 7.

17720. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2015

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

17721. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

No matters to report.

17722. 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 6 th March	DBC Mayor Civic Reception, Pendley Manor, Tring
Saturday 7th March	Peace Exhibition Tring Community Centre

Due to illness the Mayor was unable to attend the following:

Monday 9th March	Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth Day, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead
Monday 9th March	Pepper Charity AGM Old Hall, Berkhamsted School, Castle Street, Berkhamsted, HP4 2BB

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March –
Trip to Ypres – VC Barber Memorial Service

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ransley, attended:

Friday 6th March The 60th Birthday of Watford Hospital Radio
Thursday 12th March Unveiled the Edward Barber VC memorial plaque in
Church Square, Tring.

The Clerk brought the following correspondence to the attention of the members:

- An email from James Doe, Assistant Director - Planning, Development and Regeneration, Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) confirming that DBC will be making available the sum of £100,000 to Tring Town Council in respect of the Town Plan, from 1 April 2015
- The details of stall bookings at the Carnival have been received. The Clerk was asked to prepare proposals to put to the new Council on the possible representation at the Carnival
- The order for the Longfield Road play scheme converting it to a permanent order

17723. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present.

17724. 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.

4/00887/15/FHA Single storey rear extension and internal and external alterations at 10 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JL for Mr P Campbell

The Council had no objection to this application

4/000795/15/FHA Garage conversion and internal alterations to existing annex and house at Griffie, 50 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NW for Mrs B Davison

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00908/15/OPA Change of use: conversion of building to 7 self-contained flats on upper floors. Ground floor to remain as retail. Parking at the rear to be allocated to each flat at Tring House, 77-81 High Street, Tring HP23 4AB for Mr M Gardener

The Council had no objection to this application

Cllr S. Hearn vacated the chair for this item. Cllr Mrs Ransley took the chair.

4/00939/15/FHA Single storey rear extension and front port at 13 Hawkwell Drive, Tring HP23 5NN for Mr and Mrs Lane

The Council had no objection to this application

Cllr S. Hearn resumed as chairman of the meeting.

4/00943/15/LDP For information only: Single storey rear extension at 5 Grove Road, Tring, HP23 5HA for Mr and Mrs Read

The Council duly noted this application

4/00885/15/FHA Two storey side and rear extension and garage conversion at 1A Goldfield Road, Tring HP23 4BA for Mr and Mrs Robertson-Chard

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00832/15/FHA Replacement windows and french doors at Longcroft, 3 Farm Barns, Browns Lane, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6QD for Dr D Gray

The Council had no objection to this application

4/01016/15/FHA Demolition of existing garage and construction of two storey side extension. Demolition of existing conservatory and construct pitched roof to existing single storey rear extension at 6 Deans Close, Tring HP23 4AS for Mr J Gayle

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00982/15/FUL 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

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.

4/00185/15/FHA Permission **granted** subject to conditions for a single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension at 6 Langdon Street, Tring, HP23 6AZ for Mr S Harris

4/00017/15/RET Permission **granted** subject to conditions for a replacement fence at 6 Morefields, Tring, HP23 5EU for Ms Redman-Thomas

4/00125/15/FUL Permission **granted** subject to conditions for the siting of a static caravan on an area of existing hardstanding land adj. Icknield Farmhouse, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4JX for Mr Cornthwaite

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions of Dacorum Borough Council.

17725. LICENSING ACT 2003:

No applications received

17726. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

One order has been received for comment with six elements all relating to the junction with the A41 east of Tring and its approaches – details circulated prior to the meeting

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

17727. STANDING COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 9th March 2015
- (ii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 9th March 2015

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above, subject to adding Cllr M. Hicks to the list of apologies (on holiday) at these meetings.

17728. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr Tolley attended the National Peace Symposium at Baitul Futuh Mosque (Morden, Surrey) organised by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK. The speaker was His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the worldwide leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Cllr Hollinghurst also attended the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Peace Exhibition at Tring Community Centre. He attended the Tring Bus Users AGM.

Cllr Batchelor went to the Churches Together in Tring AGM, where Andrew Openshaw was elected chairman. Cllr S. Hearn thanked Cllr Batchelor for his conscientious representation of the Council at Churches Together in Tring and the Old Church House.

Cllr Allan performed the Mayoral duties during the visit to Ypres to mark the 100th anniversary of the award of the Victoria Cross to Private Edward Barber. Members were sorry to hear of the accident suffered by Mrs Rolls and wished her a speedy recovery.

17729. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 11th February 2015 were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes circulated.

17730. CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Members reviewed the Clerk's Report and the circulated reports.

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

17731. CHARTER 700 CONTINGENCY FUNDING

This item was to consider the format of the celebrations should the heritage lottery bid fail. The Mayor was pleased to report that the bid has been successful.

RESOLVED: That the balance of Charter Contingency Budget after to the purchase and installation of the three gateway signs (Resolution 17670 relates) be reallocated to the implementation of the Town Plan

17732. VE DAY 70th ANNIVERSARY

Correspondence from the Royal British Legion Berkhamsted, Tring & District Branch with regard to the 70th Anniversary of VE Day was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the 70th Anniversary of VE Day be marked by a service of remembrance in the Memorial Gardens and bunting on display

17733. PROMOTING TRING AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

Dacorum Borough Council is developing a new strategy and plan for tourism in the borough over the next two years. An associated objective is to develop a Destination Plan specifically for Tring. Members are invited to a meeting on Monday 30th March at 10am - 12noon in the Council Chamber called by the Tourism and Marketing Officer on this subject.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Ransley, and Cllr Mrs Hearn attend the workshop on the Council's behalf

17734. PRE-ELECTION RESTRICTIONS ON COUNCIL PUBLICITY

The paper circulated summarised the rules of 'Purdah' the period beginning on 30th March until the end of Election Day. Members are to be particularly aware of this during the Annual Town Meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the guidance received from Dacorum Borough Council for members and officers

17735. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

To consider a resolution in the following terms: That under section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the Items in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

RESOLVED: To support the resolution as given to exclude the public & press

17736. THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

The nomination for the Annual Community Award was received from the Finance & Policy Committee.

RESOLVED: The Council ratified the Annual Community Award nomination

17737. PROVISION OF A NEW COMMUNITY HALL AT NEW MILL

Councillor Hollinghurst briefed members on the progress that has been made

RESOLVED: That the Clerk brief members of the New Mill Residents Group

17738. LOCATION OF THE FRIDAY MARKET & FARMERS' MARKET AND USE OF MARKET SQUARE

Cllrs S. Hearn and Mrs P. Hearn withdrew from the Council Chamber. Cllr Mrs Ransley took the Chair.

Consent has been received from Lord Rothschild to use Church Square and Mansion Vista for the Friday and Farmers' Markets. With the potential vacation of Market Square consideration was given to the future of Market Square including possible development(s).

RESOLVED:

- (i) To prepare with the market operators and other stakeholders a trial relocation of the markets to Church Square and Mansion Vista
- (ii) Pending the outcome of the trial, to allocate budget for the development of the markets
- (iii) To begin consideration of options to maximise the benefits to the town derived from Market Square with the intention that these be put to public consultation
- (iv) Not to consider any proposals received with regard to Market Square until this process has been completed with a decision on the future of Market Square