

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING
ON MONDAY 26th JANUARY 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 R. Ransley

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

2 members of the public

17634. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs D. Rance, Cllr S. Tolley (prior commitments), and Cllr Ms G Roberts (family circumstances)

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

17635. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**17636. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 15th DECEMBER 2014**

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

17637. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported that letters were sent to DBC & HCC seeking support for the Forget-Me-Not nursery project. The responses, which made reference to standard bidding processes, have been sent to the nursery.

**17638. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR
MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Cllr S. Hearn attended, in his role as Mayor, Mrs Peggy Cooper's 100th Birthday party.

The Clerk brought to the attention of the members:

- A letter of thanks from Keech Hospice Care for the Council's grant
- The death of Brian Planton at the age of 82. He was in business in the town as a jeweller for about forty years and was actively involved in town life, particularly through the Tring Society which took a keen interest in matters of amenity. He was a co-opted member of many Town Council committees such as the Woodlands, Environment and

High Street Improvement committees and will be remembered for his loyal service and good counsel over many years.

17639. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:37 pm so that Members of the Public present at the meeting might speak, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67.

The members of the public present did not wish to address the Council.

Standing Orders were restored by **resolution** at 07.38 pm

17640. 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.

4/03749/14/LDP Single storey rear extension at 45 Carrington Place, Tring HP23 5JZ for Mr and Mrs Kumar

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00108/15/FHA Single Storey rear extension at 71 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR for Mrs D Easthorpe

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00028/15/ADV Replacement signage - one non-illuminated fascia sign, one internally illuminated hanging sign and one illuminated ATM surround at 20 High Street, Tring HP23 5AP for RBS (Natwest Bank)

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00080/15/FHA Single storey rear extension and minor elevational alterations at 15 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr S Booth

The Council had no objection to this application

4/00084/15/FHA Single and two storey rear and extensions, loft conversion, replacement roof, attached garage and associated internal alterations at 79 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JR for Mr J Johnston

The Clerk drew Members attention to correspondence received from a neighbour objecting to the proposed development due to loss of light.

The Council had no objection to this application, but would comment about the possible loss of light

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.

4/00139/13/TPO	Refusal to fell Horse Chestnut at 33 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EF for Mr C Brown
4/03280/14/LDP	Permission granted subject to conditions for a single storey rear extension and garage conversion at 1 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ for Mr K Hudson
4/03320/14/TCA	Permission granted subject to conditions for works to trees; land in front of Museum Court, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6DG for Mr Peter Ashman
4/03304/14/FUL	Permission granted subject to conditions for the replacement of 1 no. external ATM self service machine at HSBC, 21 High Street, Tring HP23 5AR for HSBC group
4/03374/14/FHA	Permission granted subject to conditions for a conservatory at 15 Lakeside, Tring HP23 5HN for Mrs J Cooper
4/03335/14/TPO	Permission granted subject to conditions works to trees at 10 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ for Miss J Page

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

17641. LICENSING ACT 2003:
No applications received

17642. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
No applications received

17643. STANDING COMMITTEES
The minutes of the following meetings were considered:
(i) Planning Committee held on 12th January 2015
(ii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 12th January 2015

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

17644. OUTSIDE BODIES
Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllr B. Batchelor reported that the new treasurer for the Old Church House Management Committee was Mrs Jackie Matthews.

Cllr J. Allan advised Members that a new Council representative would be required to chair the Dementia-friendly Tring Initiative Group in May. The work of the Group is concentrating on the production of a series of leaflets enabled by Dacorum Borough Council's grant.

17645. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 10th December 2014 were circulated prior to the meeting. The observation on the lack of local suppliers at the Christmas Festival was supported and the Clerk asked to write to Tring Together conveying this concern.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes circulated.

17646. 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.

17647. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PROPOSED TOWN PLAN & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Draft terms of reference for a Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee were circulated in accordance with Resolution 17611 passed at the last Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the terms of reference as circulated and the membership of the Committee be agreed at the Annual Council meeting.

17648. THE TOWN CRIER: TO CONFIRM CONTENT OF THE NEXT ISSUE

The proposal that the content should be: the Mayor's message; financial statement (a requirement); the Town Plan actions; office opening hours & contact details, etc. was considered. In addition consideration was given to distributing a copy of the Charter 700 programme at the same time.

RESOLVED: That the proposed content was approved and that the Charter 700 programme accompany the distribution of the Town Crier.

17649. NORA GRACE HALL – DILAPIDATIONS

The Clerk explained the outcome of the onsite meeting attended by the Red Cross's surveyor, the Clerk, the Town Warden and the Mayor. The long term policy with regard to the Nora Grace Hall will be considered following a presentation by Tring Together at the next Buildings & Assets Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: To agree the proposed dilapidations settlement.

17650. NEW MILL PROJECT GROUP

The Clerk reported on the initial meeting of this Group. The Clerk will be liaising with Dacorum Borough Council on the planning options and Cllr Hollinghurst will continue to promote Hertfordshire County Council involvement. The User Group will be informed of progress.

RESOLVED: To note the work of the Group.

17651. 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

17652. USE OF MARKET SQUARE

RESOLVED: That, whilst maintaining the status quo, the Council's strategy with regard to Market Square will be developed through the Buildings & Assets Committee, in light of the Town Plan.

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm

Chairman