

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN PLAN & INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7:30p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs P. J. Hearn (Chairman)
Cllr S. Hearn
Mrs R. Ransley
Cllr G. Wilkins

Also present Cllr Mrs O. Conway
Mr Michael Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

9 members of the public

18432. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Hicks (prior appointment).

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

18433. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Hearn declared a prejudicial interest in item 18440 as a director of Tring Together and left the Chamber for those parts of item 18440 relating to Tring Together.

**18434. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 13th JUNE 2016**

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes and for the Chairman to sign them

18435. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None

**18436. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE CHAIRMAN MAY
DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

None

18437. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended by resolution at 7.37pm to allow members of the public to speak.

Mr Ramirez asked about the future use of the Market Place in Brook Street. The Chairman acknowledged the question and the Clerk explained that the future use of Tring Market Place would be on the agenda of the Building & Assets Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 3rd October 2016.

RESOLVED: To exclude Mr Ramirez from the meeting due to continued obstruction in accordance with part 1 paragraph 8 of Standing Orders

Standing orders were resumed by resolution at 7:47pm.

18438. TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM PARISHIONERS TO UPGRADE THE PLAY PROVISION IN POND CLOSE

The Chairman welcomed members of the Munday family and their friend to the meeting. They explained that the play facilities at Pond Close were dated and did not cater for their age group or for toddlers (The Clerk explained that he had also received correspondence from a mother with a toddler making the same point).

They had canvassed other young people as to what equipment they would like to have on Pond Close e.g. a zip wire, football goals and climbing frame. Pond Close was an area they enjoyed and where they felt safe. It also was an area where the equipment would not disturb many people.

The Clerk has approached three potential suppliers for an initial briefing– to date two have had site visits.

RESOLVED: To develop the project for new play equipment through a working party

18439. TO WELCOME SGT A. HOPKIN FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM TO DISCUSS RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES IN TRING

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Hopkin to the meeting. Sgt Hopkin gave a brief resume of her background before joining the Neighbourhood Team.

The staff resourcing of the team has remained unchanged: 6 PCSOs split 50/50 between Tring & Berkhamsted and 6 PCs deployed flexibly across the area. There was frequent liaison with the neighbouring police forces in Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire.

Crime continued at low levels and a survey will shortly be undertaken through funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner to look into ways to improve crime prevention such as distraction burglaries from the elderly.

18440. REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLAN BUDGET

Cllr S. Hearn left the chamber for the following discussion.

Mrs. Vivianne Child, Mr. Peter Coneron of Tring Together and Mr. Toby Murray of the Tring Retail Forum outlined the status of the Town Plan projects they were undertaking on behalf of the Town Council:

- The Nora Grace Community Hub research will begin soon and the research company will present the findings to the Town Council
- The Community Cinema has been very successful and further support will probably not be required

- The Job Fair was a success and Tring Together would like to repeat it, but recognized that the existing level of expenditure was not sustainable. Mrs. Child was asked to prepare a new brief
- Mr. Murray explained the 'I Love Tring Retail' initiative to engage with the community and to develop a network of local retailers. Recent and planned activities include:
 - The 'Shop Tring' leaflet
 - The 'Shop Local Sunday' – to be repeated on Saturday 10th December
 - The Retail Forum – their next meeting will include a talk from a leading shop front designer
 - A range of media promotions and new window stickers
- Mr. Coneron gave an update on the work of the tourism group:
 - The 'Visit Tring' website embedded in the 'Visit Chilterns' website is now live
 - The next stage is to develop the branding. It was agreed that consideration of the bids (item 18443) be deferred pending a recommendation from Mr. Coneron
 - The proposal for social media management from Tring Together was noted and will be considered as part of the annual budgeting process
- In the longer term the need to bring co-ordinate the retail and tourism work strands was recognised

Councillor Mrs. Hearn thanked Mrs. Child, Mr. Coneron and Mr. Murray for the work they are doing.

Cllr S. Hearn rejoined the chamber.

Members reviewed expenditure against the budget. It was agreed to:

- Reduce the Streamside Walk signage budget by £1,000 (i)(iii).
- Remove items (k) & (l) renovation projects at Silk Mill Way & Joe's Wood
- Item (q) was deleted as not required. The Information Centre liaises with publishers on other town outlets
- Develop & promote parent/child activities, item (r), was noted as a long term aspiration, but was removed from the schedule as unattainable in the time frame of the town plan
- Item (x), promoting women's sport, was removed – this work is being done through Hertfordshire's Sports & Physical Activity Partnership
- Item (ac), upgrading the public conveniences, was removed as too expensive

RESOLVED: To amend the budget as agreed

18441. REVIEW OF THE TOWN PLAN ACTION PLAN

Following a review of the Town Plan Action Plan the following was noted:

- The increased amount of clearance work needed along Footpath 41. Following discussions with CRT it will not be feasible to dredge the canal feeder. It was agreed that the thinning and replanting of the feeder and banks would progress with CRT volunteers. The reseeded of the cleared area will be done during October. Dacorum Borough Council's

tree officer and Hertfordshire County Council are liaising on repairing the footpath. Dacorum Borough Council's tree officer and CRT's ecologist are being consulted on maintaining/improving the ecology of the area

- The success of the Church Square flower planting has noted and it will be repeated. Advice on the replacement of the dead tree in Church Square has been sought from Dacorum Borough Council's tree officer. The tree will be removed and the ground levelled and the replacement deferred
- The Clerk is liaising with Dacorum Borough Council on the repair
- The Information Officer is meeting the Countryside Management Service's Communities Theme Lead about producing a circular walk map for Tring
- Lighting the Memorial Garden has been referred to the Friends of Memorial Gardens

18442. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

To consider a resolution in the following terms: That under section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the subsequent items 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

18443. TO CONSIDER BIDS TO DEVELOP 'VISIT TRING' BRANDING

RESOLVED: To defer this item

18444. TO CONSIDER A BID TO IMPROVE CCTV COVERAGE AT SILK MILL

RESOLVED: To release the funding contribution for the CCTV upgrade at the Silk Mill Community Centre

The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

Chairman