

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS AND ASSETS COMMITTEE
OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET
HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2016 At 8.31 pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs O. Conway (Chairman)
J. Bowden
M. Hicks
P. Hills
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins (Ex Officio)

Also present: Cllr H. Grace
Cllr N. Hollinghurst (part)
Cllr Mrs R. Ransley

Mr M. Curry (Town Clerk)
Mrs D. Slade (Deputy Clerk)

5 Members of the public

18457. APOLOGIES

None

18458. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**18459. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE BUILDINGS & ASSETS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY 2016**

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

18460. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

- The licence agreement for parking at Bulbourne has been issued
- A letter has been sent to No. 1 Myrtle Cottages with regard to access to an allotment only

18461. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

18462. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 8:36pm

Mrs Johnson spoke of her and her husband's involvement in the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society and gave her wholehearted approval to the proposal to be outlined by Mr Amsden.

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 8:38pm

18463. DEVELOPMENT OF TRING LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Mr T. Amsden, Chairman of Tring & District Local History & Museum Society, explained plans to extend the Local History Museum:

- The plan was to meet the need for more display space, more storage, a classroom/exhibition room, improved toilet facilities, and better separation between reception, the shop and exhibits
- Funding opportunities were being identified e.g. Heritage Lottery Fund
- This was a preliminary plan identifying the possibilities and constraints. No timescale for the project had been set
- At the appropriate stage an 'in principle' agreement to the project would be sought from the Council. The Council was asked to bear the project in mind when considering the future of the Market Place

He also briefed Members on proposals to improve signage to the museum and the status of the Heritage Lottery fund application for the heritage trail and Washington plaques.

Cllr Hollinghurst left the meeting at 8:55pm

18464. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO USE THE MARKET PLACE AS A TEMPORARY ICE RINK

The paper outlining the proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. The application was welcomed by all the Members, but more detail would be required with regard to issues such as safety, risk assessment, toilet facilities and possible licences.

RESOLVED: To support the application in principle pending further details

18465. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL CHANGE OF USE AT THE MARKET PLACE

The Clerk gave an update:

- Enquiries for ad hoc lettings are still being received
- A further enquiry on behalf of the Co-op has been received which is more appropriate to Church Square, but this requires further scrutiny because of the covenants in place
- An in-principle decision from Dacorum Borough Council on managing the site has not been received yet. This is a key decision as it will affect the viability of the scheme for a public car park
- Annual parking permits could be a Plan B should approval not be forthcoming
- In the meantime, a HCC approved contractor has examined the site and considers minor works only are required to accommodate the necessary equipment such as barriers
- A leading commercial letting agent has been contacted on the possibility of short-term leasing and alternative long term strategies

RESOLVED: To ask Council to review the policy on letting Church Square

18432. 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

18466. POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S HOLDINGS AT BULBOURNE

RESOLVED: To form a 'task and finish' working party to take the investigation forward with Dacorum Borough Council and determine viability.

18467. CHANGE OF USE TRING MARKET PLACE

RESOLVED: To defer the appointment of a transport planning consultant pending the outcome of Dacorum Borough Council's decision on management of a car park.

18468. MARKET HOUSE SECURITY & SAFETY SERVICES

RESOLVED: To accept the bid from Fire FM for fire alarm maintenance and fire extinguisher training

The meeting closed at 9:36 p.m.

Chairman