

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 3rd JULY 2017 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs O. Conway, in the Chair
H. Grace
Mrs P. Hearn (ex officio)
N. Nutkins
Mrs R. Ransley
G. Wilkins

Co-opted members Mr I. Brownell
Mrs B. Kazer
Mr J. Savage

Also present: Cllr S. Hearn
Cllr M. Hicks
Mr Michael Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

1 member of the public

18794. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Hills and Mrs Brown (prior engagements).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

18795. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

**18796. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 10th APRIL 2017**

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

18797. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None.

18798. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

18799. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** to allow members of the public to speak at 7:32pm

Mrs Duxbury asked that the Council consider becoming a 'Swift Town' at the next meeting of the Allotments and Environment Committee because of the rapid decline in swift numbers. This would be in line with the Council's policy to promote bio-diversity.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7:35pm

Part 1 Allotments

18800. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

18801. THE TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT

The report incorporated detailing the work done by the Town Warden was circulated prior to the meeting. The Town Warden was thanked for his work and congratulated on the Church Square flower display. The Assistant Warden and Cllr Nutkins were thanked for the improved presence at the Summer Carnival.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

18802. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Mr Brownell briefed Members on the following:

- The water trough by plot 80B was leaking
- The plant sale on 30th June 2017 was very successful with over £200 raised
- Preparations for the Summer Show (19th August 12:00 – 18:00) are well in hand. The Mayor will be attending and judging

Part 2 Environment

18803. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT

See above.

18804. RIGHTS OF WAY

- (i) Mr Savage reported a very successful meeting with Clayton Rae. All necessary footpath work completed or scheduled
- (ii) Parish Paths Partnership – Award made. It will be used for improved signage on footpath 41 with the balance for the local walks leaflet

18805. TRING IN TRANSITION'S REPORT

Mrs Kazer reported that the focus of their work was on the Community Garden. Two new members had been recruited. A resident with mental health issues is assisting the project as a result of a referral by their doctor.

Tring in Transition had a stand at both the Summer Carnival and the Woodland Trust's open day in Tring Park.

18806. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Item deferred in Cllr Hill's absence.

18807. THE TREE CHARTER

Details of the Tree Charter were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Committee was sympathetic to the principles of the Charter. The Committee was keen on promoting a policy of for every tree removed two to be planted ("one down two up").

Cllr Hear reported that the oak tree planted on Pound Meadow had died. There was a discussion on the need to plan trees that were suitable to grow on chalk – beech and walnut trees were quoted – with the initial preparation necessary to establish the tree sufficiently.

18808. REPLACING THE LIME TREE ON POND CLOSE

The Members discussed the quote obtained by the Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED: To (i) establish and promote the historic avenue of trees
(ii) replace the tree in principle subject to finance
(iii) investigate funding opportunities

18809. ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION

RESOLVED: That Ward Councillors nominate one address for each category that applies by the end of July for the Mayor to make the final decision.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Chairman