

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018 AT 8.10 p.m.**

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

Co-opted members: Mr I Brownell
Mrs G. Brown
Mrs J. Rook (deputising for Mrs Kazer)

Also present: Cllr H. Grace
Cllr S. Hearn
Cllr M. Hicks
Mr M Curry, Clerk to the Council
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

19185. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Barr Kazer (prior appointment) and John Savage (ill health)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

19187. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

19188. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report

19189. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The following items of correspondence were circulated at the meeting:

- The National Tree Charter Toolkit
- The Clean Water survey

RESOLVED: That the National Tree Charter Toolkit be an item on the agenda of the next meeting

19190. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present at the meeting.

Part 1 Allotments**19191. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Deputy Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. The number of plots available at Duckmore Lane is consistent, running at a low level. The deadline for tenders to rent the Duckmore Lane was that evening.

The Friends of Millennium Wood have met four times. Volunteers are appreciating the tools provided and the tutoring given on the various aspects of tree management.

Lack of a turning area at the top of the allotments is causing difficulties for the contractor delivering manure. Mr Brownell to investigate alternative access via the Millennium Wood Track.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

19192. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Mr Brownell asked for the Council to support the following:

- Part of the cost of hiring a skip. The need was particularly for new allotment holders clearing rubbish left behind e.g. old carpet. The Allotment Association would monitor the use of the skip whilst it is on site
- An extension of the permitted period for bonfires so that it runs from 1st September to 30th April

RESOLVED: (i) To fund 50% of the skip hire
(ii) To trial the extended permitted bonfire period with immediate effect

Part 2 Environment**19193. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Town Warden's report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was a discussion of the parking situation in Hastoe Lane and the damage being done to the verges. It was recognised that little could be done until the redevelopment of Museum overflow car park and the new Woodland Trust car park at their extension.

The possible 'recycling' of bulbs used in the Memorial Gardens' display was discussed. The main problem was that it was not possible to get advanced notice of when the work was being done.

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated

19194. RIGHTS OF WAY AND P3

The Deputy Clerk has submitted this year's application. The money will be spent on three new walks leaflet to complete the set (the first three have been very well received) and a contribution to laying surface material at the junction of Byway 36 and Bridleway 27 at the recommendation of Mr Savage.

RESOLVED: To endorse the P3 application

19195. TRING IN TRANSITION'S REPORT

The following actions are underway:

- Discussions of 'a plastic free' carnival
- The 'cup2compost' initiative is gathering momentum
- A contribution has been made to the People's Trust for Endangered Species' Traditional Orchard Survey and the associated Orchard maps
- The scouts are participating in the Community Orchard as part of their Community Badge
- The Energy Group has reformed

19196. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Cllr Hills reported that the February meeting of the Dacorum Environmental Forum was dedicated to the problem of fly-tipping. It cost £1 million per annum to clear fly-tipping in Dacorum and eight tonnes of rubbish was removed from the A41. There was a request that people report littering from cars.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes circulated

The meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

Chairman