

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 26th MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: G. Wilkins
H. Grace
Mrs P. Hearn
S. Hearn
P. Hills
N. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
C. Townsend

Also Present: Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk
0 Members of the public

19157. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowden, Hicks, Mrs Ransley (prior appointments) and Mrs Conway (family circumstances).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given.

19158. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Hearn explained that she would not take part in item 19163 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19159. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2018

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

19160. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following actions

- Robert Tucker Associates have moved out of the first floor offices
- The offices are being repainted. The painter has been contracted to paint the kitchen and toilets when he has finished the offices
- There has been some interest in leasing the property, but nothing has progressed. Lack of parking has put off some enquirers. There are other similar properties in the High Street, which came on to the market at the same time; these have not been let either. Whilst the existing proposed rent is in line with these properties, a reduction in the rent has been approved following discussion with the agent
- Work in Old School Yard has been completed – removal of the hedge, paving and making a soak-away in the corner
- Work to the Information Centre has been completed – repairing damage caused by damp, repainting and new carpet

19161. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Events attended by Mayor:

- 7th March 2018 The Pepper Foundation AGM at Old Hall, Castle Street, Berkhamsted
- 19th March 2018 Visit to Tring School

The Clerk had received the following items of correspondence:

- The notice of appeal relating to the security fence at New Mill/Grove Road
- The new edition of the Town Crier was now available
- A HS2 Community Liaison Forum was held in Amersham on 26th March
- A consultation on revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework
This will be on the agenda of the next Planning Committee

19162. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public present.

19163. PLANNING APPLICATION:

The Council considered planning applications that 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.

4/00462/18/LDP	Loft conversion with front, rear and side velux windows to rear and side elevations at 61 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DF for Mr and Mrs Tye The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00557/18/LDP	For information only Proposed rear dormer window and two front velux window at 16 Deans Furlong, Tring HP23 4AR for Andrew Lawson The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00611/18/FHA	Proposed conversion of existing detached single storey bungalow to chalet bungalow (providing loft bedroom/en-suite bathroom), and including single storey rear extension and front entrance porch at 51 Dundale Road, Tring HP23 5BU for Mr and Mrs Blaxley The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00582/18/FHA	Single story side extension at 13 Meadow Close, Tring HP23 5BT for Mr and Mrs Smith-Whiteman The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00656/18/TCA	Works to trees at 25 Park Street, Tring HP23 6AW for Mrs Hendrickson The Council recommended no objection to this application subject to the Tree Office's report

- 4/00665/18/ROC Variation of condition 2 on application 4/02467/17/FHA (Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension. Construction of new single storey extension and rear extension, first floor rear extension, front gable end and two dormer windows) to amended plans cs/cs90/a1.05 rev1, cs/cs90/a1.06 rev1, cs/cs90/a1.07rev1 at Tremillion, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 5HJ for Mr Levenston
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 4/00608/18/LBC Construction of stud wall in main reception room on ground floor to create a hallway and door access into a bedroom. Construction of en-suite shower room in basement and other minor alterations at 89 Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AA for Mr Sebeston
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 4/00663/18/FUL Application for a dropped kerb at Tremillion, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 5HJ for Mr Levenston
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application

LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

- 4/00071/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extensions at 12 The Greenway, Tring HP23 4JA
- 4/00081/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey side extensions and garage conversion at 2 Grove Leys, Grove Road, Tring HP23 5PB
- 4/03167/17/MFA Permission granted for demolition of existing buildings, construction of 31 dwellings, alterations to existing vehicular access on to Aylesbury Road, landscaping and introduction of informal open space (amended scheme) at Convent of St Francis de Sales Preparatory School, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DL
- 4/01888/17/FHA Permission granted for single and two storey front extensions, single storey side extensions with rooms in roof space over and enlarge and convert roof space, all with front and rear velux windows at 17 Whytingham Road, Tring HP23 5JN
- 4/03265/17/FHA* Permission granted for demolition of rear conservatory and store and construction of single storey side and rear extensions at 56 Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DW
- 4/00191/18/FHA Permission granted for two storey side extension at 11 Mill Gardens, Tring HP23 5ES
- 4/00296/18/TCA Raise no objection to T1 Lawsons Cypress: Removal to ground level. Tree is growing against a garage structure and moving it at 95 High Street, Tring HP23 4AB

* This decision was contrary to the recommendation of the Town Council

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19164. TRING CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL CONSULTATION

- The exhibition in the Council Chamber was successful with 30 members of the public attending
- The Deputy Clerk has collated a list of amendments on the factual accuracy of the text, which has been passed to Dacorum Borough Council
- The proposed extensions to the Conservation Area were highlighted and accepted

The Members thanked the Deputy Clerk for her work on the Conservation Area Character appraisal.

19165. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received

19166. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received

19167. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee held on 5th March 2018
- (ii) Staff & Employment Committee held on 5th March 2018
- (iii) Planning Committee held on 12th March 2018
- (iv) Finance & Policy Committee held on 12th March 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19168. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend reported that FOTCH had reaffirmed their strategy; the level of reserves was strong; and that Kate Stratford, Secretary, was retiring after 25 years. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Council, thanking her for her of exceptional service
- Cllr Mrs Hearn reported that Tring Charities had some vacant properties and were interviewing prospective tenants
- Cllr Wilkins attended the Youth Town Council meeting

19169. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr S. Hearn will attend the next meeting on 25th April 2018

RESOLVED: To note the minutes (28th February 2018 & 21st March 2018) received

19170. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk's briefed Members on the following:

- the monthly income and expenditure
- the renewal of the Council's insurance
- the appointment of a Data Protection Officer
- and the Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: (i) To note the renewal of the Council's insurance
(ii) To appoint IAC as the Council's Data Protection Officer
(iii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

19171. THE FUTURE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTY AT BULBOURNE

The Clerk reported the current situation with regard to the details behind the outline proposal to provide, with Dacorum Borough Council, an affordable housing scheme on the Council's property at Bulbourne.

Dacorum Borough Council has:

- Taken advice from the Planning Department on the possible development. The Planning Department is advising a purely linear development along the Bulbourne Road. This would permit nine dwellings on the site, whilst retaining the allotments and the residents parking area
- As a consequence the Housing Department is developing a compliant scheme and also an alternative scheme with two or three more dwellings
- Dacorum Borough Council Cabinet approval will be sought before making a formal offer to Tring Town Council

In the ensuing discussion, the following terms were agreed:

- Retention of the allotments – whether under continued Tring Town Council management or Dacorum Borough Council management is to be determined
- Agreement to the proposed occupancy qualifications with local residency as the primary factor
- Agreement to the proposed form of affordable housing to be offered: social rented housing and, possibly, key worker provision
- Any protection that can be offered to protect continued 'public' ownership e.g. against the right to buy
- The format of the continuation of the parking agreement with local residents

It was also agreed that the appropriate level of consultation would have three elements: consultation with those residents most directly affected, prior to the final decision; consultation as part of the planning process; and, if progressed, public consultation on the use of the financial benefits accruing.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange consultation with those residents directly affected by any proposal made by Dacorum Borough Council (the residences between the allotments and the canal at Bulbourne)

19172. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

A resolution was considered that under section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the following 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 exclude members of the press and public.

19173. THE FUTURE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S PROPERTY AT BULBOURNE

RESOLVED: To obtain an independent valuation of the site for the Town Council.

19174. THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

The list of nominations recommended by the Finance & Policy Committee (circulated prior to the meeting) was discussed and a vote taken

RESOLVED: To grant the annual community award to the majority nominee

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Chairman