

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs P. Hearn (Chairman)
J. Bowden
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
S. Hearn
M. Hicks
P. Hills
N. Hollinghurst
Mrs R. Ransley
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

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

19446. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Nutkins (Family circumstances)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19447. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Conway explained that she would not take part in item 19452 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19448. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2018

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

19449. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following actions

- The meeting of the Road & Home Safety Working Group and the faults reported to Hertfordshire Highways
- The Council's lottery bid for the Nora Grace Hall project had been declined
- The GDPR audit would take place on Wednesday 21st November

19450. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Events attended by Mayor:

24th Oct CAB Dacorum at The Forum, Hemel Hempstead
27th Oct Apple Fayre in Tring
7th Nov Wendover Arm Trust meeting in Council Chamber
9th Nov Oaklawn Open Day

The Mayor thanked Cllr Grace for his assistance at her charity fundraising evening.

The Clerk had received the following items of correspondence:

- HMRC's introduction of the 'Making Tax Digital' initiative
- Hertfordshire 2020 Year of Culture
- Hertfordshire County Council's annual budget consultation

It was agreed to postpone the Meet Your Council scheduled for the 30th November to the New Year because of the clash with Dacorum Borough Council's Town & Parish Conference and with preparations for the Christmas Festival.

19451. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by resolution at 7:43pm.

A neighbour, speaking on behalf of another neighbour and herself, detailed their opposition to planning application 4/02204/18/MFA:

- Access to and from the site was dangerous, especially for those using mobility scooters
- The proposed development would increase traffic on an already busy road (the basis of the traffic analysis was questioned e.g. the timing of the survey when yrs 11 & 13 were not at school because of exams)
- The cars parked on Brook Street reduced the road to a long length of single lane carriage right next to the proposed access at a point that was heavily used by pedestrians as a crossing point, especially by school children
- The building was of a scale and design that was over-bearing and out-of-keeping with the surrounding area

A second neighbour stressed that Brook Street was a problem now that needed action. The proposed development would just compound the existing situation.

The agent for the development identified the amendments made to the original plans:

- 46 car park spaces (42 in the under-croft parking)
- The access driveway had been changed to allow a refuse lorry to turn on site
- There were now footpaths on both sides of the access way
- Design changes in response to feedback from Dacorum Planning Officers

She also outlined the evidence of need, the flood mitigation scheme, the drainage strategy and how, as an extra-care facility, the development would be exempt from CIL and contributions to affordable housing.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7:57pm

19452. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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.

4/02681/18/LDP	Proposed separation of the shop premises from the living quarters above at 54 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB for Mr Ruparelia The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02737/18/TCA	Works to trees at Arts Educational School, Tring HP23 5LX for Tring Park School The Council recommended no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report
4/02733/18/FHA	Construction of single storey timber building for use as a garden room at Little Cloud, Park Road, Tring HP23 6BU for Mr Nesbitt The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02730/18/FHA	Single storey side extension at 1 Chiltern Villas. Tring HP23 4DH for Mr Hamilton The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02758/18/FHA	Part single, part 2 storey side extension and 2 storey rear extension at 44 Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DW for Mr and Mrs Laing The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02771/18/FHA	Single storey rear extension and part double-storey extension at 5 Treehanger Close, Tring HP23 5JE for Shena Moynihan The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02784/18/FHA	Single storey front porch extension at 1 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EE for Mr Howard The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02799/18/FHA	Single storey side extension and new porch. Extension over existing garage at 9 Thorntree Drive, Tring HP23 4JE for Mr and Mrs Hands The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02204/18/MFA	<i>Amended/Additional plans</i> Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of extra care scheme comprising 41 no. apartments with associated landscaping and parking at Old Silk Mill, Brook Street, Tring HP23 5EF for Smith Jenkins Ltd The Council resolved to recommended refusal of this application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no identifiable need for the category of development proposed• Unsafe access to and from the site• Lack of access to local amenities for the disabled – the target market for the dwellings proposed

- And a failure to integrate safely with existing means of transport

4/02787/18/FHA First floor extension to garage at Wrenside, 17 Mansion Drive, Tring HP23 5BD for Mr Williamson
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.

- 4/02406/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey and side extensions at 18 Drummond Ride, Tring HP23 5DE
- 4/02444/18/FHA Permission granted for loft conversion with velux windows at 3 Beech Grove, Tring HP23 5NU
- 4/02336/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extension. Alterations to landscaping including stepped access at Hollybush, 29 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5HA
- 4/02341/18/FUL Permission granted for flat conversion from 2 bedrooms to 3. Replacement of existing windows/alterations of fenestration & siting of 2 roof lights to the rear at 14A Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4BX

Any decision marked with an asterisk was contrary to the recommendation of the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19453. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received.

19454. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

19455. STANDING COMMITTEES

- Planning Committee held on 5th November 2018
- Finance & Policy Committee held on 5th November 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19456. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

Cllrs Hicks, Wilkins, Hills, Hollinghurst, Ransley, Conway and Mrs P. & Mr S. Hearn attended the Remembrance Service

Cllr Hicks attended the FOTCH event at Tring Park School

Cllr Grace went to the Youth Town Council meeting to ask for their contribution to the considerations of the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee

- Cllr Wilkins attended a meeting of the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society
- Cllr Hills attended a meeting of DEF that concentrated on traffic pollution and parking on verges and the Youth Town Council meeting. With Ms Woodman, Cllr Hills conducted a disability access survey of the High Street. He will pass their findings to the Clerk
- Cllr Townsend Met with the manager of the Rothschild Surgery to discuss liaison, services provided at the New Surgery and future growth in Tring. The Clerk was asked to write to Hertfordshire Clinical Commission Group on the latter
- Cllr Hollinghurst attended the meeting concerning the Wendover Arm restoration with the Mayor
- Cllr Mrs Conway attended meetings of the Citizens Advice Bureau & Old Church House
- Cllr S. Hearn attended the FOTCH event at Tring School Park

19457. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Cllrs Hills and Townsend to attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on the 7th November 2018

19458. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The monthly income and expenditure
- The schedule of payments

The Clerk reported that the Council's accounting software had been upgraded (one benefit was improved report formatting) and highlighted any exceptional items of income or expenditure during the month in the associated report.

RESOLVED: To approve the Schedule of Payments

19459. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM TRING NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Prior to the meeting details of a grant application for £300 from Tring Neighbourhood Watch to purchase OWL (Online Watch Link) Credit Card Minders were circulated.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £300 to Tring Neighbourhood Watch for the purpose stated in the application form subject to periodic progress reports being made

19460. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING POLICIES REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

- (i) Safeguarding for Tring Town Council
 - (ii) Current Procedures for Child Protection
 - (iii) Protocol on recording and filming of Council and Committee meetings
 - (iv) Treasury and Investment Policy
 - (v) Reserves Policy of Tring Town Council
- (Draft Earmarked Reserves Protocol and CIL Protocol were also circulated for information)*

RESOLVED: To adopt the above policies as presented

19461. TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM CLLR N. HOLLINGHURST, IN HIS ROLE AS COUNTY COUNCILLOR, ON THE PROPOSED 20MPH WESTERN ZONE, TRING

Cllr Hollinghurst briefed the Members on the background to the proposal covering the location, the traffic calming measures and local consultations. A second consultation throughout the town will be conducted during January and February. His aim is that this will be conducted with improved explanatory documents. He then answered Member's questions

RESOLVED: To support Cllr Hollinghurst's (in his role as County Councillor) proposals for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Christchurch Road, Tring

19462. TO CONSIDER A CHANGE IN LOCATION OF A TRING POLLING STATION

Mr J. Doyle, Election Team Leader at Dacorum Borough Council, referred the Head Teacher of Grove Primary School to the Town Council to comment on her concerns about continuing to host a polling station whilst the school is open (Details of her concerns were circulated prior to the meeting).

Following a discussion the following points were agreed:

- The concerns raised did have some merit
- The Council was very disappointed to hear that staff and volunteers had suffered abuse
- But to change the location would reduce accessibility with a negative impact on electoral turn-out:
 - The school was the best location in the ward in terms of location, accessibility and the convenience for parents of pupils attending the school
 - Having the polling station at the school promoted awareness of local democracy amongst the children
 - Elections were not a frequent occurrence
 - Relocating the polling station away from the school would set a precedent for other schools in the town

19463. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO ADD NAMES TO THE TRING WAR MEMORIAL

Research undertaken as part of the preparations to mark the centenary of the end of World War I has identified nine Tring men, who lost their lives in the conflict, whose names do not appear on the war memorial. A list of names was circulated prior to the meeting.

Members thanked those who had conducted the research and, also, congratulated all those involved in the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I.

RESOLVED: To support the proposed additions to the war memorial