

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 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
N. Nutkins
Mrs R. Ransley
G. Wilkins

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

19372. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Townsend (illness)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reason given.

19373. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Hearn would leave the room when in item 19389 was discussed as a director of Tring Together.

Cllr Mrs Conway explained that she would not take part in item 19381 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19374. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION PRIZES

Cllr Mrs Hearn congratulated the winners on the quality of their gardens especially in light of the growing conditions this year and presented the trophies to:

Trevor Marwood Cup (Small Garden) – Mrs Caterer

Coulter Cup (Eight Acres) – Mr SurrIDGE

Tring UDC Cup (General Garden) – Mr & Mrs Baker

19375. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM TRING TOGETHER AND TRING CINEMA

Mrs Vivianne Child explained how the annual grants from the Town Council were used by Tring Together.

- The grant toward running costs:
 - Supported the 72 events that Tring Together held during the year ranging from the large scale like the Summer Carnival, and the Apple Fayre to the smaller Business Mart and Community Group

- Tring Together also ran the Job Show and post social media for Visit Tring (600 followers)
- They are aiming to have a Wellness & Fitness event as part of the Spring Fayre
- Tring Together won an award of the best SME networking group

Tring Together also receive £1,000 specifically towards the Christmas Festival. In 2017/18 the Town Council also gave a small grant to support the Passchendaele Commemoration.

She explained the value of the Council's grants amounted to 18% of their income (The balance being surpluses from events. Tring Together do not receive a grant from Dacorum Borough Council).

Ms Steffi Bose and Mr Lee Kennedy-Washington said that in its three years, Tring Cinema had shown 37 films, six of which were outdoor. Overall the films were well supported, but there was a large variance in attendance and it was very difficult to predict what would be successful.

The Mayor thanked all those involved and congratulated them on their achievements.

19376. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM TRING AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

Mr Tim Amsden explained how the annual grant from the Town Council to the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society was used. The grant was important to the Society as is represented 8% of their total income – the balance coming from membership fees, sales of books, and fundraising. The Society was continually looking for funding opportunities.

The Society has 600 members and there are 60 volunteer stewards supporting the Museum. The Museum is open two days a week, entry is free. In terms of operations the Museum is largely reactive e.g. the Charter celebrations and the WWI commemoration. Visitors were predominately local but there was a significant minority from overseas, especially Australia, tracing ancestors.

Mr Amsden thanked the Council for their continuing support and in turn the Mayor thanked him and his volunteers for their hard work.

19377. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd JULY 2018

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

19378. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following actions

- Email re knitted poppies being draped around the War Memorial. The organiser met with Sir Michael Simmons, Royal British Legion, to demonstrate the ideas. He was satisfied that they would not compromise the wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday. The Council supported the initiative

- Old School Yard – the Clerk advised the Council of a possible public liability claim in relation to part of the wall
- The agenda for the LA5 Extra-ordinary Meeting will be issued on Tuesday 25th September 2018. Details will be on the Council’s website and will be posted on ‘Everything Tring’
- Dacorum Borough Council has acknowledged receipt of the Council’s comments on the Public Space Protection Order consultation
- Details of the response to an enquiry to Hertfordshire County Council on plans to repair the High Street were circulated at the meeting
- The quote received for solar powered Christmas trees was declined because of the cost
- Analysis of the receipts and management costs for Old School Yard will be presented to the Finance & Policy meeting in November
- The licence hearing for the Mighty Bites application will be held on 4th October 2018 at the Forum, Hemel Hempstead at 2:00pm
- Details of plans for contractors’ parking at the St Francis site off Longfield Road has been requested
- The Woodland Trust has been invited to the Allotments and Environment Committee meeting on the 3rd December 2018
- The Community Garden project has won Dacorum Community Champion 2018
- Rectifying the untidy state of Dolphin Square is being pursued

19379. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Events attended by Mayor:

- 26th July Dacorum Mayor to Tring
- 4th August Tring Fire Station Open Day
- 2nd September Wendover Arm Trust Open Day
- 12th September Loneliness in Tring Initiative

Following the visit to the Wendover Arm Trust Open Day, the Mayor explained that she would be organising a meeting of all interested parties to assist in the completion of the project.

The Clerk reported the comments received during ‘Meet Your Council’ held on Friday 7th September 2018:

- A request for a stop to High Street deliveries between 10am – 4pm
- That both machines in Forge Car Park accept cash & cards
- An overhanging tree and graffiti were reported
- A complaint about the state of Western Road pavements, shops and houses
- A complaint about pollution in the High Street from buses and lorries with a request for monitors and relocating the Counting House bus stop
- The flower beds throughout Tring were commended
- A complaint about the pavement on Friars Walk from Dunston Hill

The Clerk had received the following items of correspondence:

- Letters of thanks for grants received:
 - Tring Youth Project

- Rennie Grove Hospice Care
- A letter of thanks from the Mayor of Dacorum for her guided visit to Tring
- A letter from Beavers Swimming Club with an update on their purchase of equipment following a grant from the Council
- The Nat West Community Banker was holding a scam awareness stall in the Friday Market
- A letter from Royal Mail alerting people about scam mail and what they were doing to try to counter practice
- A letter of complaint about disabled access toilet provision in Tring (Cllr Mrs Hearn will raise the matter with the Dacorum Borough Council portfolio holder)

19380. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 8:27pm.

A spokesperson for a group of residents from the neighbourhood of the proposed development at Silk Mill (4/02204/18/MFA) presented their opposition:

- Overdevelopment
- A dangerous point of access on Brook Street
- Insufficient information on the measures to make the proposed tree screening work in the long term
- Acknowledging that although the proposal met current parking guidelines, the comment was made that in reality the provision was inadequate and the overspill would add to the already chaotic situation
- There was still concern at loss of privacy through views from balconies on that part of the site parallel to Kingsley Walk

Mr Amsden stressed that the proposed design of the building had no relevance to the vernacular of Silk Mill, a listed building and as such the development was out of keeping.

A neighbour of planning application 4/02203/18/FHA explained how they would lose amenity through overlooking because of the full length 1st floor window facing their property and from light pollution arising from the proposed rear external lights.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 8:40pm

19381. 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.

4/02219/18/FUL

Tractor shed extension to stable range at Long Barn Stables, West Leith HP23 6JR for Mr Sangster

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to a non-residential condition

- 4/02204/18/MFA 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 recommended **rejection** of this application on the following grounds.
- Road safety
 - Lack of an identified need for extra-care dwellings
 - A design that is out-of-keeping with the neighbourhood and the adjacent listed building
- 4/02336/18/FHA Single storey rear extension. Alterations to landscaping including stepped access at Hollybush, 29 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5HA for Mr and Mrs Galsworthy
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/02203/18/FHA Demolition of existing single storey rear conservatory. Construction of two storey side extension at first floor. External wall mounted lighting to rear patio at 2 Barbers Walk, Tring HP23 4DB for Mr and Mrs Cave
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to conditions requiring obscure glass in the first floor window facing No. 4 Barber's Walk and measures to stop light spillage
- 4/02341/18/FUL 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 for Mr Matthews and Miss Marshall
- 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.

- 4/01779/18/LDP Permission granted for alterations to front and side elevation to include removal of glass bricks and repositioning of front door at 13 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4BX
- 4/01783/18/OUT Permission granted for demolition of double garage and construction of new chalet bungalow at 40 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HH
- 4/002114/18/LDP WITHDRAWN Summer house at 11 Damask Close, Tring HP23 5UA
- 4/01920/18/FHA Permission granted for extension to garage block at Farmhouse, Redwing Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6JH

4/01844/18/FUL Permission granted for change of use from residential (C3) to veterinary practice (D1). Construction of single storey front extension, changes to windows and doors, addition of rooflights, solar panels, addition of mechanical intake/extract terminals changes to landscaping and parking area at Dunsley Orchard, London Road, Tring HP23 6HA

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19382. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The details of TRO1213, circulated prior to the meeting, were discussed.

RESOLVED: To note TRO1213

19383. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received

19384. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 13th August 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 10th September 2018
- (iii) Allotment & Environment Committee held on 10th September 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19385. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

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| Cllr Grace | Had to give his apologies, missing a meeting of Tring Sports Forum. Cllr Mrs Hearn attended |
| Cllr Wilkins | Similarly had to give his apologies to a meeting of the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society |
| Cllr Hills | Minutes of the latest meeting of the Dacorum Environmental Forum have been circulated |
| Cllr Mrs Ransley | Attended a meeting of the Community Centre Management Committee. She commented on the value of the 'Meet Your Council' sessions |
| Cllr Bowden | Reported that the new inner & outer doors have been installed at the Community Centre |
| Cllr Mrs Conway | Attended a meeting of Tring Charities and Old School House. The latter is undertaking a program of maintenance |
| Cllr S. Hearn | Reported on work at Meadowbrook. As a Dacorum Councillor at a Scrutiny Committee he was given confirmation that development now would count towards the Tring housing contribution (in respect to the existing target of 480 dwellings) |
| Cllr Hollinghurst | Attended a meeting at Pitstone concerning the possible cycleway to Tring Station |

19386. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Item deferred

19387. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The monthly income and expenditure
- The Schedule of Payments

The level of income and expenditure in period 5 were very similar to the previous year. Items of exceptional expenditure were highlighted.

RESOLVED: To approve the Schedule of Payments

19388. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: 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

19389. THE PROJECT TO REDEVELOP THE NORA GRACE HALL

Cllr S. Hearn left the meeting before this item commenced

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations as presented

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Chairman