

**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 DECEMBER 2018 AT 8.20 p.m.**

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

Co-opted members: Mr I Brownell
Greta Brown
Barr Kazer

Also present: Cllr H. Grace
Mr Michael Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs Dawn Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

19475. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Stephen Hearn and Mr. John Savage (prior appointments)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19476. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19477. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as circulated

19478. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None.

19479. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The following information was given to the meeting:

- Applications open for Grow Wild Community Projects 2019
- Applications open for tree/hedge packs from Woodland Trust

WOODLAND TRUST

A report had been received on the current work taking place on the new land across Hastoe Lane. A carbon grant has been received from the Forestry Commission for planting 25,000 trees (predominantly oak and hornbeam with some field maple, cherry and other shrubs). Deer fencing will be installed in January 2019 with planting commencing in February. A representative will present proposed plans for the car park and welcome area to the Council in April 2019. Work should begin on new Car Park in March 2020.

RESOLVED: to note the report and invite representatives to the meeting on 8th April 2019

19480. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

Part 1 Allotments**19481. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

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

- Renewals process went very well – 10 reminders sent out on 16th Nov 2018
- 10 vacant plots and possibly more when renewals process completed.
- Allotment strategy enclosed for your information – updated from 2003 version
- Attended Allotment Management Course organised by HAPTC and NAALG
- Working on suggestions for P3 in 2019 – circular routes/walks including for those less able

RESOLVED: To note the report and approve the revised Allotment Strategy

19482. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Mr I Brownell reported the following:

- The existing committee was re-elected at the recent AGM
- Thanks were expressed for the repair to the gate off Aylesbury Road
- A plant sale will be held on 1st June and the Annual Show on 19th August 2019

RESOLVED: to accept the report

Part 2 Environment**19483. TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Town Warden's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Regular maintenance of vacant plots by Warden and assistant.
- Winter planting in Church Square and planters in High Street
- Repaired gate at entrance to allotments off Aylesbury Road
- Electrical maintenance carried out in Market Place, Church Square and Market House
- Liaise with lighting contractors and Tring Together re. Christmas Lights and Festival

RESOLVED: To note the report circulated.

19484. RIGHTS OF WAY AND P3

It was suggested that the restoration of Footpath 76 be included in the request for funding in 2019.

TRING IN TRANSITION

Apologies were received for not attending the previous meeting. The Community Garden was progressing well with under planting of the fruit trees with herbs. The funding advice given earlier was welcomed.

RESOLVED: to apply for Grow Wild Community Projects 2019 and for tree/hedge packs from Woodland Trust

19485. FRIENDS OF MILLENNIUM WOOD

2 winter project days have been completed so far– creating and defining woodland from meadow areas. A guided tour will take place next spring to view the progress of the project.

19486. DACORUM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Cllr Hills had attended the meeting on 8th November 2019 when issues around parking on grass verges was discussed. The minutes of the meeting were made available to all members.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Chairman