

MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 20th MAY 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: P. Hearn
A. Caps
P. Elley
R. Hollinghurst
A. MacDonald
P. McDowell
N. Nutkins
B. Patterson
H. Piper
R. Ransley
C. Townsend

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

19682. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Before calling for nominations, Cllr P. Hearn, as Mayor of the Council May 2018 to May 2019, said how much she enjoyed her year in office. She was pleased to announce that her two events had raised £3,860 for Tring Together, split between their general fund and the 'I Love Tring Retail' initiative.

She thanked the Council for their support during the year and thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and all the staff for their dedication and hard work.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr C. Townsend and **SECONDED** by Cllr A. Caps that Cllr R. Ransley be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor R. Ransley be elected Town Mayor to hold office until her successor became entitled to act as Town Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr Ransley gave her consent by signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and put on the Mayoral Chain of Office. She took the Chair and congratulated Cllr P. Hearn, who always put Tring first, on her year in office on behalf of the Council. She also thanked those Members not re-elected for all the work they put in.

Cllr Ransley deferred her nomination of her charity until the end of the year in order to identify local projects to support.

19683. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Ransley opened the item to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Council Year May 2019 to May 2020.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Caps and **SECONDED** by Cllr McDowell that Councillor Townsend be appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor Townsend be appointed Deputy Town Mayor to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

19684. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Bowden (illness).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given.

Because of Cllr Bowden's illness he could not sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the Council followed the procedure given in s38 (c) of the Local Government Act 1972 to defer receipt of the declaration.

RESOLVED: To permit Cllr Bowden's declaration of acceptance of office to be accepted at the Council meeting scheduled for the 24th June or before.

19685. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 19695 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee.

Cllr Nutkins had a personal interest in planning application 4/01131/19/FHA and took no part in the discussion of that application. He also took no part in the determination of the Planning Working Party's recommendation on that application.

19686. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th MARCH 2019

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

19687. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor proposed that:

- The Committee Structure remains unchanged except role of the Town Planning & Infrastructure Committee be split between the Buildings & Assets Committee and a new Committee
 - The Buildings & Assets Committee will take responsibility for Infrastructure and the use of CIL
 - The new Committee will work on the production of the Local Transport Plan with the aim to complete the project within the year

RESOLVED: That the Council adopts the Committees as proposed

The Mayor proposed the majority party members of the adopted committees. Cllr Hearn would serve on all committees as the minority party. It was agreed that the Local Transport Plan Committee membership be increased by co-option. Cllr Ransley nominated the Chairmen of the committees.

Those nominated all expressed their willingness to undertake the duty.

RESOLVED: To accept the proposed membership of the Committees and the proposed Councillors for the chairmanship of the agreed committees.

The existing terms of reference for Standing Committees were circulated prior to the meeting. The review of the Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee's role (see above) required:

- Amendments to the Buildings & Assets Committee's (now the Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure Committee) terms of reference
- New terms of reference for the Local Transport Plan Committee

These will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Resolution 19658: To establish a Working Party to develop the project [liaising with Tring in Transition to enhance the Committee's work from an environmental perspective] was passed by the Allotment & Environment Committee on 8th April 2019. The Allotment & Environment Committee's terms of reference require an explicit reference to climate change in the A&E terms of reference.

- RESOLVED:** (i) That revised terms of reference for the Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure Committee, Local Transport Plan Committee and the Allotment & Environment Committee incorporating the agreed changes be presented at the June Council meeting
- (ii) That the Council retain the existing terms of reference for the remaining Committees"

19688. APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

A copy of the existing list of representation and a proposal for the list had been circulated.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Tring Together to discuss the Council's representation with them.

The three posts not covered in the circulated proposal were filled as follows:

Old Church House	Cllr Elley
The Friends of Tring Church Heritage	Cllr Elley
Churches Together in Tring	Cllr Townsend

The Clerk will write to all the above organisations detailing the Council's representation.

RESOLVED: To approve the representatives on outside bodies as proposed subject to the amendments above.

19689. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS & THE 'MEET YOUR COUNCIL' INITIATIVE

A draft timetable was circulated prior to the meeting.

- RESOLVED:** (i) To approve the schedule of meetings as presented
(ii) To approve the dates of the 'Meet Your Council' initiative
(iii) To attend the Summer Carnival

19690. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk outlined the benefits of the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council meets the specified eligibility criteria and as such can use the General Power of Competence granted

by the Localism Act 2011 until the day of the next relevant Annual Council meeting i.e. that held after the next ordinary elections

19691. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following:

- 23 Goldfield Road – House of Multiple Occupancy. The residents' concerns have been reported to (i) Planning Enforcement (ii) Housing (iii) Police
- Gas Main Replacement. There have been many enquiries - bus routes and the impact on Brook St in particular. There has been good communication with SGN – a meeting is taking place on the 21st May. The Street Food event will be relocated to Pound Meadow. The Market Place will be used as a compound by SGN's contractor.

19692. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Events attended by Mayor:

- 3rd April Tring Valiant Club 40th Birthday party
- 13 April Tring Lions Senior Citizens Entertainment Evening
- 14th April Dacorum Borough Council Mayor's Civic Service
- 1st May RAF Halton's Annual Reception

The Clerk had received the following items of correspondence:

- There will be an act of remembrance marking the 75th Anniversary of D Day at the War Memorial on 6th June at 3:00pm
- Dacorum Borough Council has asked for Town & Parish Council representatives to serve on the Standards Committee. Cllr Nutkins to consider

19693. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 8th April 2019
- (ii) Allotments & Environment Committee on 8th April 2019
- (iii) Planning Committee held on 29th April 2019
- (iv) Buildings & Assets Committee on 29th April 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19694. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing Orders were suspended at 8:10pm **by resolution** to allow members of the public present to speak.

A neighbour of planning application 4/02204/19/MFA spoke, on her behalf and another neighbour, on their concerns about the proposed development:

- The development would be a danger to the highway
- The conduct of the traffic survey was flawed
- It would contribute to air pollution
- It was over-development of the site
- And it was out-of-keeping

The applicant (4/01072/19/FHA) outlined his reasons for the development and highlighted that there were many examples of dormers in the neighbourhood. A list of properties on the estate with loft conversions and extensions was given to the Clerk. He mentioned that Dacorum Borough Council had suggested amendments to the plans.

Mrs Cave, the Youth Town Council Clerk, gave a brief introduction to the Youth Town Council and Tring Youth Project.

A neighbour of planning application 4/01072/19/FHA spoke on his behalf and on behalf of the owners of two neighbouring properties in opposition to the application because of loss of light and privacy, the mass of the development and that it would be out-of-keeping. He highlighted covenants that existed on the properties, suggesting that the development contravened aspects of them.

Mr Hicks thanked the members of the previous Council for all their work and was sure the new Council would be able to take the work forward. He also emphasized his continued opposition to planning application 4/02204/19/MFA.

Standing Orders were resumed by **resolution** at 8:24pm.

19695. 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.

4/00919/19/LBC	Replacement and realignment of fencing. Replacement iron gates to carriageway. Retention of external paint colours and flood lighting. CCTV cameras to rear yard/garden. Replacement of carriageway lighting. Retention of internal floors within public bar and removal of hand rail from former shop entrance. Retention of internal porch/lobby. Remove all TV aerials and dishes, other than retention of one above rear entrance. Reinststate soil pipes to original details. Remove 2X pergolas from rear yard/garden. Paint kitchen air intake unit. Removal of external cabling. Remove fairy lights, projector and screen from carriageway at The Bell, 37 High Street, Tring HP235AA for Greene King
4/00965/19/FHA	The Council recommended no objection to this application Single storey ground floor rear extension and two storey rear extension at 68 Dundale Road, Tring HP23 5BX for Ms Johnson
4/02204/18/MFA	The Council recommended no objection to this application <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 Hounsfield LLP

The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the same grounds as the original application, particularly highway safety, as the amendments did not address the fundamental problem of the scale of the development in the location.

- 4/01001/19/FHA Demolition and reconstruction of garage, new porch, first floor rear and side extensions, rear ground floor extension, new windows and solar panels to main roof at 39 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HH for Mr Porter
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01034/19/FHA Demolition of garage and conservatory and construction of annex at 1 Longfield Gardens, Tring HP23 4DN for Mr Corderoy
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application but asked for a condition restricting use to family members.
- 4/01103/19/FHA Two storey side extension at 1 Sycamore Drive, Tring HP23 5JG for Mr and Mrs Odams
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01019/19/LDP Single storey rear extension at 27 Longbridge Close, Tring HP23 5HG for Ms Snape
- The Council **noted** this application (they had no objection to the application)
- 4/01072/19/FHA Rear dormer and roof lights on front slope at 10 Fields End, Tring HP23 5ER for Ms Maynard
- The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the grounds that the bulk and design of the proposed conversion was overbearing and detrimental to the character of the local area and the adjoining property in particular. There were also concerns about the potential loss of privacy. As such it would be contrary to CS12 of the Core Strategy.
- The Town Council noted the covenants that exist on Field's End properties. Their existence is indicative of the need for proposed development to be sensitive to the location.
- 4/01131/19/FHA Single storey rear extension at 34 Nathaniel Walk, Tring HP23 5DG for Mr Bardwell
- 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.

- 4/02850/18/FUL Permission granted for demolition of 13 buildings (part and full as appropriate) and operational works to 12 buildings. Construction of 4 dwellings and associated parking. Addition of two new walled enclosures to provide

- amenity space to two buildings at Akeman Business Park, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF
- 4/00230/19/FUL Permission granted for demolition of existing detached house and garage. Re-development of site and construction of two semi-detached dwellings, landscaping, parking and crossovers at 66 Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4HY
- 4/00394/19/FHA Permission refused for installation of 12 solar panels to roof at 3 Hastoe Farm Barns, Browns Lane, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6QD
- 4/00560/19/FHA Permission granted for rear sited garden access stairs to first floor at 7 Harcourt Road, Tring HP23 5JJ
- 4/00597/19/LDP Permission granted for ground floor rear extension at Jessamine House, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE
- 4/00758/19/FHA Permission granted for two storey rear extension and porch at 19 Woodland Close, Tring HP23 6BZ
- 4/00322/19/FHA* Permission granted for single storey front and rear extensions and replacement ground floor window at 5 Elm Tree Walk, Tring HP23 5EB
- 4/00725/19/FHA Permission granted for the demolition of conservatory, garage and lean to. Construction of single storey rear and side extension at 31 Fantail Lane, Tring HP23 4EN
- 4/00333/19/ADV* Permission refused for the retention of two non-illuminated hanging signs and one illuminated hanging sign at 21 High Street, Tring HP23 5AR for Mr Lussman
- 4/00417/19/FUL Permission refused for the construction of 3-bedroom townhouse plus parking and amenity space at 45 Park Road, Tring HP23 6BP for Mr Omunua (Land to Homes Ltd)

Decisions marked with an * were contrary to the Town Council's recommendation

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19696. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details of three Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders were considered:

- TRO13032 Manor Road (Street Party)
- TRO13028 Beaconsfield Road (Street Party)
- TRO12967 Various Roads (Summer Carnival)

RESOLVED: To note the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders received

19697. STREET NAMING:

Dacorum Borough Council has devolved street naming to Tring Town Council, subject to any decision satisfying the current legislation/guidelines. A report on a proposal for a development at Gannel Farm was circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLVED: To adopt the name 'Mason's Place'.

19698. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk's briefed Members on the year-end figures for 2018-19. Details of regular and automatic payments were circulated prior to the meeting with the schedule of payments.

- RESOLVED:** (i) To approve the regular and automatic payments as presented
(ii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

19699. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend will be attending a patients consultation arranged by the Rothschild Surgery – this will be a second session as the first was over-subscribed
- Cllr Nutkins attended a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group. He reported on the breadth of their work beyond fair trade
- Cllr Hearn will shortly be attending a meeting of Tring Charities
- Cllr Mrs Ransley - a meeting of the Tring Community Centre Management Committee. There was concern that Hertfordshire County Council's preschool funding did not cover the costs

19700. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Cllrs Nutkins, Piper & Caps will attend the next meeting on Wednesday 19th or Wednesday 26th June 2019 – date to be confirmed.

- RESOLVED:** To note the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April and 15th May 2019

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Chairman