

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

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

19842. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Bowden (illness) & Elley (prior commitment) gave their apologies

RESOLVED: (i) To accept the apologies for the reasons given
(ii) To grant a dispensation to Cllr Bowden for his continued absence due to his illness

19843. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ransley declared a personal interest in item 19850 application 4/02187/19/FHA and would step down from the Chair and take no part in the consideration of that application.

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 19850 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee.

Cllr Hearn had a prejudicial interest in item 19859 and would leave the chamber when that item was discussed.

19844. THE HIGH STREET WORKS

No update received. Cllr Ransley, whilst explaining that original pavoids were no longer available, expressed her concern that the alternatives were not suitable and the inevitable settlement was already taking place to the detriment of the reinstatement.

RESOLVED: (i) To ask County Council N. Hollinghurst to find out Hertfordshire Highways plans for the refurbishment of the High St following completion of the gas main replacement
(ii) For the Clerk to write to Southerngas expressing the Council's displeasure

19845. THE NORA GRACE HALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Mayor welcomed the representatives of Tring Together, Mr Toby Murray and Mrs Vivianne Child, who briefed the Members on the project to replace the Nora Grace Hall, which was reaching the end of its useful life.

They explained

- the role of Tring Together and why they were involved in the project
- the status of the existing building
- doing nothing was not an option
- the vision of the replacement as a central focus for the town
- the research into the needs of existing users
- the visits to numerous establishments within the region to identify alternative approaches
- provision of leisure, learning, art and business under one roof
- the economic challenges facing the project
- the importance of having community support for the project
- the next steps – employing a project manager to develop a design of sufficient detail to use in community engagement

Following questions from Members, it was ...

- RESOLVED:** (i) Agreed to use the New Mill S106 money to further the project
(ii) Reconvene the Nora Grace Hall Working Party with the Council delegates being Cllrs Ransley, McDowell, Nutkins, Piper and Hearn

19846. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JULY 2019

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

19847. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report.

19848. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended the following

- 30th July 2019 Scouts Afternoon Tea at Tolmer Green
- 2nd August 2019 Much Ado About Nothing in Memorial Gardens
- 17th August 2019 Allotment Association Summer Show

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- A message of thanks from the Tring Youth Project for the Council's grant
- Notification of an appeal by Lussman's in relation to planning application 4/00333/19/ADV
- The minutes of the latest Dacorum Environmental Forum meeting

19849. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 8:18pm.

Two residents spoke in relation to planning application 4/02170/19/FUL supported by two further residents. They explained

- How the property was a cow byre; that there were photos of it to substantiate this
- The property was in a worse state than indicated in the Heritage Statement with just one wall standing
- The building would be a new building – there was nothing left to salvage as a the heritage asset
- The proposed property would be clearly visible from the adjoining footpaths, spoiling the view
- The proposed property was out-of-keeping with the A.O.N.B.
- Access would have to be via a new gravel path across an open field to the detriment of the view
- The proposal did not contribute to recreation and was purely a new dwelling, especially given Holloway Cottage was on the market
- This opened the possibility of extensions beyond the original footprint of the cow byre

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 8.26 pm.

19850. (i) 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.

4/02175/19/TCA

Works to goat willow tree at 19 Chapel Street, Tring HP23 6BL for Miss Richardson

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report

4/02163/19/FHA

Proposed single storey front/side extension and flat roof rear extension, alterations to external appearance. Amended scheme to 4/00347/19/FHA 45 Chiltern Way, Tring HP23 5LQ for Mr and Mrs Geary

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

4/01690/19/FHA

Amended scheme Second storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension (garage and porch) at 23 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HQ for Mr Hyde

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

4/02170/19/FUL

Re-building and conversion to form holiday let and hobby studio accommodation at The Cow Barn, Holloway Cottage, Track from Gadmore Lane to Hastoe Grove, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LS for Mr and Mrs Edwards

The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the grounds that the proposed development does not provide any benefits to offset the harm to the Green Belt and fails to

qualify for any exemption under paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework

4/02154/19/FUL Planning permission and conservation area consent for partial demolition to re-roof YG6.1-6.4 replacing existing profiled metal sheet with classic-coated copper standing seam roof and to include 3 velux roof windows at YG6.1-6.4 Akeman Side Yard, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF for Aurient Management Ltd

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

4/02155/19/FUL Change of proposed roof finish of ASY7 from slate to copper at Unit Y G 3, 81-82 Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF for Aurient Management Ltd

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

Cllr Ransley stepped down for this item and Cllr Townsend took the Chair

4/02187/19/FHA Conversion of integral garage to habitable living accommodation. Construction of replacement double garage with storage/workshop to front garden at Tingrith, 69 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5PB for Mr Markwell

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

Cllr Ransley resumed the Chair

4/02188/19/FHA Single storey rear extension at Salway, Bunstrux, Tring HP23 4HT for Wayne Euston-Moore

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

4/02201/19/FHA Proposed extension to provide garage and utility room at Hastoe Hill Riding Stables, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe HP23 6LR for Mrs Jarman

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

4/02231/19/TPO Works to tree at 6 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mrs Musgrave

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report

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

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

4/01034/19/FHA Permission granted for demolition of garage and conservatory and construction of annex at 1 Longfield Gardens, Tring HP23 4DN

- 4/01739/19/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extension and loft conversion with flat roof rear dormer at 4 Kay Close, Tring HP23 5AF
- 4/01723/19/FHA WITHDRAWN Single storey rear and part side extension. Demolition and reconstruction of outbuilding at 5 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BE
- 4/01700/19/FHA Permission granted for single storey front extension at 11 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG
- 4/01821/19/TCA Raise no objection to works to trees at Church End House, Church Yard, Tring HP23 5AE
- 4/01379/19/LBC WITHDRAWN Change of use of existing building from B1 (office and light industrial) to C3 (Café) with play area and associated car parking at Doodle Caboodle, Unit 21, Silk Mill Industrial Estate, Brook Street, Tring HP23 5EF

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19851. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

None received

19852. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

19853. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 19th August 2019
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 9th September 2019
- (iii) Allotment & Environment Committee held on 9th September 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19854. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend attended a meeting at the Rothschild Surgery – the merger has been delayed; the new completion date will be Jan 2020. The Senior Partner has taken part in discussions on ‘E-consultation Processes’
- Cllr Nutkins visited the Nora Grace Hall in preparation for the discussion at Council
- Cllr Hollinghurst reported TDLHMS’s concern at the loss of the notice board in Dolphin Square. Cllr Ransley had raised the matter with a Dacorum Borough Council Officer
- Cllr Patterson attended the Dacorum Environmental Forum

During the reports there was discussion of the banners on the safety barrier at Pound Meadow near the Tesco Crossing. It was agreed to write to Dacorum

Borough Council & advertisers to have the banners removed for the safety of pedestrians using the crossing.

19855. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2019 were circulated. Cllrs Nutkins, Piper and Caps will attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the Youth Town Council minutes

19856. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk's Financial Statement
- The Schedule of Payments

The Clerk explained the financial position and highlighted items of exceptional expenditure.

He reported that the External Auditor had completed their scrutiny of the Council's Annual Governance & Accountability Statement 2018/19, finding that the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices. No other matters came to their attention giving cause for concern and relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have been met. In addition, there were no other matters affecting this opinion which they drew to the attention of the authority.

RESOLVED: (i) To approve the schedule of payments as presented
(ii) To note the conclusion of the external audit without comment.

19857. THE COVENANT OF MAYORS CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

The Allotments & Environment Committee recommended that the Council signs the covenant as the most appropriate declaration to express the Council's concern about climate change. Minute 19799 passed 22nd July 2019 relates.

Details of the commitment being given when signing the declaration were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Mayor sign the Covenant of Mayors Climate Change Declaration

Following the signing of the Covenant, the Mayor took the opportunity to thank the members of the Climate Change Working Party especially Tring in Transition, Green Tring and Extinction Rebellion Tring for the work they were doing in staging a Climate Event in Tring on the 26th October. It is another example of groups working together for the benefit of the local community even when differences of opinion on methods existed.

Members of the Council were asked to keep their diaries clear to assist at the Climate Event on the 26th October 2019.

19858. BROOK STREET E-PETITION

Details of the e-petition were circulated prior to the meeting. A resident had approached the Council for advice on how to conduct an e-petition highlighting the traffic problems on Brook Street.

RESOLVED: (i) To record the Council's support for the objective of the e-petition that Hertfordshire Highways address the traffic problems in Brook St having repeatedly raised its concerns about traffic safety when considering planning applications
(ii) For the Clerk to write separately to Hertfordshire Highways, if possible with the local County Councillor, for action to be taken.

19859. THE MARKET PLACE CAR PARK PROJECT

Cllr Hearn left the Chamber before discussion of this item commenced.

The Clerk explained the background to his report on the current status of the planning application, the implications for the project and the project's finances.

RESOLVED: (i) To await Dacorum Borough Council's reply to the points raised by the Town Council's agent
(ii) That the project be scrutinised at the next Buildings & Assets Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:22pm

Chairman