

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: R. Ransley (Chairman)  
J. Bowden  
P. Elley  
P. Hearn  
R. Hollinghurst  
A. MacDonald  
N. Nutkins  
B. Patterson  
H. Piper  
C. Townsend

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

**19921. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs A. Caps and P. McDowell gave their apologies (prior appointments).

**RESOLVED:** To accept the apologies for the reasons given

**19922. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**19923. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

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

**19924. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk has made an appointment to visit Nissan Aylesbury to discuss the procurement of a van for use by the Town Warden and his Assistant.

The appointment of the Council's representative on Tring Charities is being progressed with the Secretary.

**19925. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor attended the following:

24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Dacorum Mayor Curry Night (Sunnysiders)  
26<sup>th</sup> October Climate Event and Apple Bake Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> November Tring Baptist Church – inauguration of new ministers  
Nora Grace Hall – new seating  
10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service at St Peter and St Paul Church  
11<sup>th</sup> November Church Square Remembrance at 11am  
14<sup>th</sup> November 3rd Tring Brownies to present “Girls against plastic”  
badges

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Consideration of Tesco's 'Bag of help' funding bid for Duckmore Lane Meadow has been delayed until April 2020
- An OWL message concerning a burglary on Icknield Way
- Notification that the Council's bid to the LNR Customer & Communities Improvement Fund for a Community Transport Project has been shortlisted
- The outcome of lamp post stress tests on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council
- Southern Gas have finished the gas main replacement – contact will be made with regard to reparations
- Details of the Hertfordshire County Council Your Priorities Survey 2019. Members were asked to respond to the consultation individually via the Hertfordshire County Council website

**19926. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public present.

**19927. (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.**

19/02633/TPO	Works to trees at 9 Okeford Drive, Tring HP23 4EQ for Mr Sargent  The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application subject to consideration of the Tree Officer's report
19/02667/FHA	Proposed two storey front and single storey rear extensions at 8 Parsonage Close, Tring HP23 4AU for Mr and Mrs Stallard  The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application
19/02730/TPO	Works to trees at 3 The Limes, Station Road, Tring HP23 5NW for Mr and Mrs Foster  The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application subject to consideration of the Tree Officer's report
19/022866/LBC	Window and door alterations at 94 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BJ for Mr and Mrs Evans  The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application subject to consideration of the Conservation Officer's report
19/02871/FHA	Single storey front extension at 32 Morefields, Tring HP23 5EU for Mr Davey  The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application

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

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

- 4/02223/19/FHA      Permission granted to renew roof to annex at Hastovan, High Street, Tring HP23 5AH
- 4/02188/19/FHA      Permission granted for single storey rear extension at Salway, Bunstrux, Tring HP23 4HT
- 4/02201/19/FHA      Permission granted for proposed extension to provide garage and utility room at Hastoe Hill Riding Stables, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe HP23 6LR

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

**RESOLVED:** To note the planning decisions received

**19928. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

Details of TRO13970 The Hertfordshire (Temporary Closing of Duckmore Lane, Tring) Order 2019 were circulated.

**RESOLVED:** To note the above temporary traffic regulation order

**19929. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

None received.

**19930. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- (i) Planning Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- (ii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

**19931. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend – little to report with regard to the Rothschild surgery except for the delay to the proposed merger
- Cllr Elley attended an Old Church House meeting. Building work will start in the New Year to enable the kitchen to be improved
- Cllrs Bowden and Hollinghurst attended the Remembrance Service. Cllr Hearn expressed her disappointment at not being able to attend the Remembrance Service
- Cllrs Nutkins and Patterson attended the Act of Remembrance on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Cllr Nutkins attended the Youth Town Council meeting
- Cllr Hollinghurst attended a meeting of the Tring & District Local History and Museum Society
- Cllr Patterson attended the Dacorum Environment Forum (minutes circulated). There was a presentation on Dacorum's chalk streams and the pressures they were under.

**19932. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were circulated. Cllr Nutkins will attend the next meeting. The efforts to raise the profile of the Youth Town Council and to recruit new members were noted. The Chairman thanked the Youth Town Council for their contribution to the Climate Event

**RESOLVED:** To note the Youth Town Council minutes

**19933. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk's Financial Statement
- The Schedule of Payments
- Budget Briefing
- Internal Audit Interim Report October 2019 & Audit Observations June 2019

(i) The Clerk reported the monthly results and how they were very similar to the previous financial year

(ii) The Clerk explained the exceptional items

(iii) The Clerk explained the assumptions behind the budget; how this left a relatively small sum available for discretionary expenditure, if a balanced budget was to be maintained; and there was no cap on an increase in the precept

(iv) The Clerk explained the observations and recommendations included in the reports and how they would be achieved by the end of the financial year

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the financial statement
- (ii) To approve the schedule of payments as presented
- (iii) The budget report was noted and Members requested to bring any bids for expenditure to the Council meeting in December
- (iv) To note the Internal Audit Interim Report October 2019 & Audit Observations June 2019 and the actions will be implemented

**19934. POLICY REVIEW**

The following policies were reviewed by the Finance & Policy Committee and are presented to Council for approval

- (i) Treasury and Investment Policy (unchanged)
- (ii) Reserves Policy
- (iii) Ear Marked Reserves Protocol
- (iv) CIL Protocol
- (v) Stress Policy (new)

Cllr Townsend asked that the various documents relating to ear marked reserves be checked for consistency.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the above policies as presented

**19935. THE TRING CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT**

Cllr Piper thanked the Members for their support during the event. She reported:

- There were over 300 attendees despite the bad weather
- The event was successful; there was positive feedback and interest in taking part in similar event in future
- There could be improvements in the marketing, but the lead time was very short
- The event was not just informative for visitors, but it was also a valuable networking experience for those taking part
- The cost of the event to the Council was £575

The meeting closed at 8:33pm

Chairman