

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

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

19887. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Bowden to the meeting following his extended absence due to illness. Cllr Townsend (illness) gave his apologies.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19888. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 19893 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee.

19889. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019

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

19890. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

No report had been received from Southerngas on the progress of the work and reinstatement of the blocks. The Clerk will chase as response. County Councillor N. Hollinghurst has reported a completion date of 12th November 2019.

19891. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended the following:

- 25th September Opening of Book Shop in High Street, Tring
- 26th September Tring Park School Art Show
- 4th October Tring Beavers Swimming Club AGM at Nora Grace Hall. The membership has increased and is looking for volunteers
- 12th October Farmers Market/Apple Fayre (Deputy Mayor)
- 15th October Tring Together Business Forum Breakfast Meeting. This was the 100th Breakfast forum.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Arrangements for the Remembrance Service
- An OWL message concerning a burglary in Park Road
- Details of a consultation event on the expansion of London Luton Airport

- ‘20 actions parish and town councils can take on the climate and nature emergency’ published by Friends of the Earth
- An invitation to the Wendover Arm Trust AGM
- Planning Appeal decisions
 - 4/00417/19/FUL 3 bedroom townhouse 45 Park Road - dismissed
 - 4/02023/18/FUL 3 new dwellings 42 Beaconsfield Road – dismissed

The Clerk reported his attendance at the Hertfordshire Forward conference ‘Reshaping our town centres: fit for the future’

19892. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public present.

19893. (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.

4/02249/19/FHA Single storey double hipped white UPVC conservatory to rear of property at 32 Chapel Meadow, Tring HP23 5HB for Mrs Putman

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

4/02329/19/MFA Demolition of existing school buildings and the construction of a new 3 storey school building (use class D1) with associated landscaping, access and parking and installation of interim temporary classrooms during construction at Tring School, Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JD for Bowmer and Kirkland

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application but **commented** that there appears to be no solar panels on the flat roof or the installation of a ground source heat pump to improve the sustainability of the new building.

4/02305/19/ADV Free standing sign at the vehicular access point at Tring Park, London Road, Tring HP23 6HA for The Woodland Trust

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

4/02227/19/LBC Replacement windows with slim glass frame at 89 Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AA for Mr Sebeston

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

- 4/02152/19/RET Retention of agricultural buildings on land used for agricultural purposes on land at High Scrubs Wood, Opposite Kiln Farm, Kiln Road, Tring HP23 6LT for Mr Babcock
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application ensuring that the agricultural nature of the site would be retained
- 4/02304/19/MFA Alteration to existing vehicular access. Provision of 50 space car park with associated fencing, gates and suds attenuation works. Earthworks to create enclosed seating/arrival area with associated information structure and fencing. Construction of ramp adjacent to footpath to improve accessibility. Landscape and earthworks. Provision of bins. The creation of two kissing gates & farm gate internally within the site at Tring Park, London Road, Tring HP23 6HA for The Woodland Trust
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 19/02503/FHA Single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage and new porch roof at Lilacs, 112 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5PA for Mr and Mrs Baker
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 19/02576/FUL Extension of existing timber shed to make a covered work area at Robins Nest, Land at High Scrubs Wood, Kiln Road, Near Kiln Farm, Tring HP23 6PE for Mr Brooks
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application ensuring that the agricultural nature of the site would be retained
- 4/02289/19/AGD FOR INFORMATION ONLY Open-sided timber shelter with timber pent roof for the purpose of drying firewood at land at High Scrubs Wood, opposite Ambers Farm, Kiln Road, Hastoe HP23 6LT for Dr Boone
- The Council noted 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.

- 4/01378/19/FUL* Permission granted for 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
- 4/01439/19/FUL Permission granted for temporary use of site as car parking for 25 cars at land west of Brook Street, Tring HP23 5ED

- 4/00958/18/MFA* Permission granted for hybrid planning application for 240 dwellings, cemetery car park with toilet block and public open space (details submitted in full). And 0.75 hectares of employment space (B1a, b and c) and a cemetery extension of 1.7 hectares with all matters reserved (details submitted in outline) at LA5, Land at Icknield Way, Tring, Herts
- 4/01939/19/FHA Permission granted for demolition of double garage, construction of single storey side extension and new rear dormer at 2 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JT
- 4/01690/19/FHA Permission granted for second storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension (garage and porch) at 23 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HQ
- 4/02163/19/FHA Permission granted for proposed single storey front/side extension and flat roof rear extension, alterations to external appearance. Amended scheme to 4/00347/19/FHA at 45 Chiltern Way, Tring HP23 5LQ
- 4/01959/19/FHA Permission granted for new roof and side extension to existing garage. Two storey rear extension and front porch infill with new pitched roof at 1 Beacon Way,, Tring HP23 5LF
- 4/01969/19/OUT Permission refused for outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for residential development of 9 dwellings at Morningside Farm, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4JU
- 4/01707/19/LDP Permission granted for proposed outbuilding to rear of property at 4 Myrtle Cottages, Bulbourne, Tring HP23 5QE

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19894. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details of a Bridleway were received and circulated. This was part of the Master Plan for LA5.

There was criticism of the lack of co-ordination in Hertfordshire Highways who different orders active at the same time on Cow Lane and Northchurch Road that impacted upon each other.

RESOLVED: To note the details of the bridleway dedication received

19895. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

19896. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 7th October 2019
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee held on 7th October 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19897. OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Elley attended an Old Church House meeting. It is well used at peak times. He also attended a meeting of FOTCH
- Cllrs Piper & Nutkins attended Tring Together's Community meeting
- Cllr Hearn attended a meeting of Tring Charities
- Cllr Hollinghurst attended a meeting of the Tring & District Local History and Museum Society where the Washington memorial was discussed
- County Councillor Hollinghurst attended the Arla/Olleco Liaison Group Meeting

(ii) Mrs Conway has resigned as a Council representative on Tring Charities.

RESOLVED: To ask Mr Oram to be a representative of the Council on Tring Charities

19898. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019 were circulated. Cllrs Nutkins, and Piper will attend the next meeting. There was concern that the membership was low.

RESOLVED: To note the Youth Town Council minutes

19899. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk's Financial Statement including the half-year outturn forecast
- The Schedule of Payments

The Clerk explained the financial position and how no action was necessary in relation to the planned levels of income and expenditure.

Given the changes to the Government's revisions to the method by which housing need is assessed, lack of detail on certain key aspects of the Single Local Plan, and the Town Council's experience with LA5 a recommendation was made that the Council consider an allocation in the coming budget to cover the professional fees to contest the Single Local Plan at the public inquiry.

RESOLVED: (i) To approve the schedule of payments as presented
(ii) To consider inclusion of an allocation in the 2020/21 budget to contest the Single Local Plan at the public inquiry

19900. THE TRING CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT

The Clerk & Cllr Piper briefed the Members on preparations for the event and tasks to do on the day of the event were allocated.

Cllr Hearn thanked Cllr Piper and the Clerk for their work organising the event