

**MINUTES OF THE 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD  
REMOTELY (DUE TO CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN) ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020  
AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk

**20082. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Townsend and **SECONDED** by Cllr McDowell that Cllr Ransley be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Councillor 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 to continuing in the post for another year and will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in due course.

**20083. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Cllr Ransley opened the item to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Council Year May 2020 to May 2021.

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

**20084. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Bowden (illness), Cllr Hearn (unforeseen circumstances) and Cllr Piper (transport delays)

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

**20085. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**20086. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

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

**20087. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Details of the current committee structure were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Mayor proposed that:

- The committee structure remains unchanged
- The following changes to committee membership:
  - Cllr Bowden leaves the Planning Committee
  - Cllr Patterson joins the Local Transport Plan Committee
- The terms of reference remain unchanged except to the membership numbers to reflect (ii) above

**RESOLVED:** That the Council accept the proposals above to amend the committee structure

**20088. APPOINTMENT AND NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

A copy of the existing list of representation had been circulated. It was proposed to retain the existing representation with the following amendment:

- Cllr Ransley replaces Cllr Bowden on the Community Centre Management Committee

It was noted that Cllr McDowell was representing Dacorum Borough Council on the Chilterns Conservation Board

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

**20089. 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

**20090. 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

**20091. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported the following:

- The Statement of Principles of Development have been sent to Cllr Hearn for the information of the Scrutiny Committee (DBC) and to James Doe (Assistant Director Planning). Further appendices may be added as appropriate.

**20092. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Events attended by Mayor:

- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Wreath Laying at VE Day (recorded by Church) as ceremony not held due to lock down
- A request from the parents of David Barnsdale about the possibility of commemoration in the Memorial Gardens will be considered
- 2 drug related deaths had occurred in the Town last week.

**20093. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- (i) Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- (ii) Allotments & Environment Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

**20094. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

In view of the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was taking place in a virtual setting. Members of the public had been requested to send their comments to the Clerk in advance of the meeting for circulation to Councillors.

Comments received with regard to planning applications were distributed to all Councillors prior to Planning Working Party's consideration of its recommendations.

**20095. 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.**

20/01002/FHA Two storey extension to residential dwelling. Extension to front side and rear and storage shed to front of property at 8 Meadow Close Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5BT for Mr and Mrs Russell

The Council **recommended no objection**, but with a comment that the proposed storage was considered unfavourably because of its prominent position in front of the building line.

- 20/00985/LDE Installation of a Biomass boiler and flue at Springwell Veterinary Dunsley Orchard London Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HA for Mr Patrick Dale
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application.
- 20/00136/FUL Demolition of barn, indoor school and hay barn and the construction of 6 dwellings at Pendley Farm for Mr Christopher Higenbottam
- The Council **recommended no objection** with a comment highlighting the high water table in the area and that the area was prone to flooding. Close scrutiny of the proposed drainage scheme was required to ensure it is adequate.
- 20/00979/FUL Construction of new dwelling connected to existing semi-detached properties. External refurbishment of existing two properties (renewal of application 4/01574/17/FUL) at 3 Grove Farm Cottage Marshcroft Lane Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5PP for the Regis Group
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application.
- 20/01109/FUL Construction of new dwelling at Longfield, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DH for Mr Alastair Ames
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application. Cllr Townsend requested that his objection was minuted.
- 20/01128/TCA T1 Willow: reduce crown by approx 40% in height and reshape to clear the property and allow light into the rear garden at 88 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BJ for Mr John Jones
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application.
- 20/01127/TPO T1+T2 Sycamore – reduce height by approx. 2m and lateral spread by up to 4m at Dundale House, 1 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mr John Jones
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application.
- 20/01083/FUL Agricultural storage building at land adjacent to Abbeydawn Kennels Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6JQ for Mr Gordon Elliott
- 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 decisions by Dacorum Borough Council which were circulated to members on a weekly basis.

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

**20096. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

The Clerk's briefed Members on the year-end figures for 2019-20. 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

**20097. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend reported Church groups were responding to local need arising from the coronavirus epidemic. Rothschild House patients are receiving consultations by phone
- Cllr Nutkins reported that the Justice and Peace Group were responding to online petitions regarding refugees
- Cllr Caps would be taking part in a zoom meeting with Tring Together
- Cllr Elley had taken part in a zoom meeting with FOTCH. Old Church House may be facing funding difficulties in the near future
- Cllr McDowell reported that Age Concern Dacorum were active in the town and would offer support to anyone in need.

**20098. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

A report from the Clerk to the Youth Council was circulated prior to the meeting.

- RESOLVED:** To note the report.

**20099. BULBOURNE**

An update on the proposed development was circulated prior to the meeting. A request had been received from DBC to allow a survey of the site and the Secretary of State had agreed to the disposal of allotment land.

- RESOLVED:** to hold an extraordinary meeting dedicated to review the proposal to dispose of the site.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm

Chairman