

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENT AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 8.40pm**

Present: Councillors N. Nutkins (Chairman)
P. Hearn
B. Patterson
R. Ransley
H. Piper

Also present L. Housden (Town Clerk)
D. Slade (Deputy Clerk)
Cllr. R. Hollinghurst
Cllr. C. Townsend
Ian Brownell (Allotment Association)
Barr Kazer (Tring in Transition)
Greta Brown (Chilterns Society)
Mick Claxton (Tring Lions)

20614. APOLOGIES

P. McDowell (Prior engagement)

20615. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received

**20616. TO CONFIRM THE NOTES OF THE ALLOTMENT AND
ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY HELD VIRTUALLY ON 7th JUNE
2021**

20617. RESOLVED: To accept the notes as circulated.

20618. MATTERS OF REPORT

Nothing to report

20619. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The following matters were brought to the attention of the Committee and will be dealt with as appropriate:

DEFRA Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Maintenance at Meadowbrook is ongoing

20620. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

20621. TRING LIONS

Mick Claxton (Chairman) explained that the local group were celebrating 50 years in Tring and wished to establish a Sensory Garden in the Community Garden at the Duckmore Lane site. The intention was to work with Tring in Transition to make the area more accessible for wheelchair users and pushchairs by laying paving and creating more raised beds. £3000 would be ring-fenced for the project which would be a joint venture over many years.

RESOLVED: to recommend approval of this project with the agreement of Tring in Transition

*Part 1 Allotments***20622. ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

- Winners of the Allotment Competition (sponsored by Tring Market Auctions) were presented at the Allotment Association Summer Show by Councillor Nigel Nutkins.
1st Plot 59; 2nd Plot 80B; 3rd 27A, 4th Plot 96: Best Newcomer 73A
- All plots taken and generally well maintained. Some plots relinquished after inspection and have been re-let.
- Allotment agreement and letter for 2021-22 enclosed for consideration
- Increase in rents recommended for 2022-23 season – to £30 for half a plot, £60.00 for a full plot.
- Possibility of skip on-site in conjunction with Allotment Association.
- Car Park and surrounding area regularly strimmed and maintained by Town Warden and assistant
- Paths cut regularly but must be kept clear by tenants
- Woodland Trust Tree pack order confirmed – location to be confirmed by Climate Change working party
- Friends of Millennium Wood project days to commence shortly
- Wildflower meadow (Tesco funding) in progress with quotes being sought for “scrapes” to assist initial planting

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the Deputy Clerk's report as presented.
- (ii) To agree the allotment agreement (with the addition of bees) and letter for 2021-22
- (iii) To recommend an increase in rents for 2022-23 to £60.00 for a full plot, £30.00 for half.

20623. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Chairman reported the following:

The Summer Show was a success and thanks were given to Councillors Ransley and Nutkins for doing the judging.

The Association would monitor a skip during the Autumn.

RESOLVED: to note the report as presented

Part 2 Environment

20624. TOWN WARDEN REPORT

- Routine maintenance of all outside areas on a regular basis
- Daily check at allotments and liaise with plot holders
- Liaise with key holders at Bulbourne and replace broken locks on the gate
- Clear vacant allotment plots and recycle waste whenever possible

RESOLVED: to note the Town Warden's report

20625. CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY

A meeting had been held on 9th September 2021 and the following recommendations were made:

- to consider the appropriateness of the Mayor's Covenant to Tring
- to ask DBC to install recycling litter bins in the future
- to work with DBC and Tring Together to promote Tring town centre
- to ask DBC about the provision of electric car charging points and water fountains
- to invite Sally Syminton (County Council) to a future meeting

RESOLVED: to accept the recommendations

20626. TRING IN TRANSITION

The following report was given by Barr Kazer:

- The offer from Tring Lions would be welcome
- An Open Day at the Community Garden was held to raise funds for Iain Rennie Grove
- The Energy Action Group will be undertaking thermal imaging surveys
- The Solar PV club is operating again
- The Repair Cafe at High Steet Baptist Church will be launched in the New Year
- A hedgerow survey is taking place in the Tring area

RESOLVED: to note the report from Tring in Transition.

20627. FOOTPATHS

The following report was given by Greta Brown:

The Chiltern Society volunteers had been working on the Ridgeway path from Wigginton to Tring Station and along the canal from Marshcroft Lane to Tring Station.

RESOLVED: to note the report from the Chiltern Society

20628. HASTOE LANE

The quotes received from HCC for surfacing under the trees had been circulated prior to the meeting. The following points were raised:

It is unlikely that the Woodland Trust car park will be open before Spring 2022
Parking is still an issue despite the cancellation of the Park Run Surfacing is required under the trees to prevent further damage.

RESOLVED: to consider the grass create options for surfacing and report to the next meeting.

20629. QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Information about the initiative had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: to take part in the initiative by planting a specimen tree with a bench surround it to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

20630. GARDEN COMPETITION

The winners were announced and will be invited to the Council meeting on 27th September for the presentation of the Cups.

Tring UDC Cup (large garden) 66 Grove Road
Coulter Cup (Eight Acres) 77 Eight Acres
Trevor Marwood Cup (small garden) 44 Goldfield Road

Highly Commended: St Martha's Church, 6 Woodland Close, 38 Miswell Lane,
31 Longfield Road, Osmington House.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman

