

MINUTES OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY (DUE TO CORONOVIRUS CRISIS) ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: R. Ransley
P. Elley
P. Hearn
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

20146. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

20147. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 20153 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee.

20148. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2020

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

20149. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following:

- The vacancy on the Council (following the death of Cllr Bowden) will be advertised and if 10 or more electors request it, an election will be held on 6th May 2021.
- Issues relating to the sale of the Bulbourne land holding to Dacorum Borough Council for the provision of affordable housing was discussed by the Building and Asset Committee on 6th July 2020. Surveying will take place on 20th/21st July and local residents have been informed.
- A meeting of the Staffing Committee will take place on 27th July 2020
- A hearing will take place to consider the licensing application for the Craft Yard.

20150. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor had attended the re-opening of Maggie J jewellers on 4th July and had read the eulogy at the funeral of John Bowden

The Clerk reported receipt of the following:

- Hertfordshire County Council Local Outbreak Plan (Covid 19) would be circulated to all members
- Highways reports were received from Cllr Nick Hollinghurst and a suggestion to pedestrianise the High Street was considered inappropriate
- Planning application reference 20/00003/FUL Ardenoak House, 101 High Street, Tring would be considered by Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee on 23rd July. It was agreed that Cllr Ransley would represent the Council's views at the meeting.

20151. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Building & Asset Committee was considered following the death of Cllr Bowden.

RESOLVED: That Cllr McDowell would Chair the Building & Asset Committee and Cllr Elley would join the Committee

20152. 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 on planning applications were distributed to all Councillors prior to Planning Working Party's consideration of its recommendations.

20153. 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.

20/01641/FUL Change of use of existing storage barn to use the building as a 4 bedroom dwelling house with car parking, gardens, refuse and recycling bins enclosure, and secure cycle storage, including a basement (revised plans following approval of previous planning application 19/03118/FUL) at Hastoe Hill House, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LR for Mr James Lloyd Townshend

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

- 20/01766/RET Retention of garden room at 33 Longfield Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 4DG for Mr Andy Bedford
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01781/FUL Removal of the existing scoreboard and infilling of the opening with a new window, brickwork and rendered panel with club signage. Insertion of additional new windows. Erection of new building to house new scoreboard and provide accommodation for match scorers at Cricket Club Tring Park London Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HA for Mr David Sidwell
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01757/FUL Co-joined application at No 9 & 10 Goldfield Road Two Storey Rear and Single Storey Rear Extensions, Enlargement of ground floor living room window for Mr Brendan Jones
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01873/FHA Two storey and single storey rear and side extensions, demolition of garage and new front porch at 5 Dunston Hill, Tring HP23 4AX for Mr & Mrs S Shelton
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01867/FUL 1x 42" LCD media screen and 3x 1250mm x 700mm flag pole signs, overall 2450mm in height at Tesco Stores Ltd, London Road, Tring HP23 5NB for Mr Andy Horwood (agent)
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01842/LDP *For Information only* Internal alterations and alterations to openings. Including garage conversion to workshop/storage at 14 Nathaniel Walk, Tring HP23 5DQ for Mr & Mrs Land
The Council **noted** to this application
- 20/01821/FHA Demolition of existing garage, construction of part single storey, part two storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 37 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4DD for Mr Anderson
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application
- 20/01778/ROC Variation of Condition 3 and Condition 5 Attached to Planning Permission 20/00593/FUL (Change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to children's care home (use class C2)) at 27 Eight Acres, Tring HP23 5DB for Mr David Stacey
The Council **recommended no objection** to this application, but commented on the location of the bedroom immediately adjacent the front door
- 20/01919/TPO Works to lime tree at Beech House, 1 Beech Grove, Tring HP23 5NU for Mr David Reavell
The Council **recommended refusal** of this application on the grounds that the lifting of the crown was too severe and would put the tree at risk. The thickness of the branches

would make it difficult to preserve the balance of the tree's appearance. The quoted purpose for the work was to "To free up Lime tree from Holly and Yews"; the Council consider rather than work on the lime is it better to work on the small trees, particularly the holly

20/01431/FHA *Amended* Demolition of an existing conservatory which is being replaced by a ground floor rear extension at Braybrooke Aylesbury Road Tring HP23 4DH for Mrs Annabel Sohal

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

20154. DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DRAFT DACORUM STRATEGIC DESIGN GUIDE CONSULTATION

This document had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was a key component of the Local Plan.

RESOLVED: to set up a working party to make a recommendation on the response of Tring Town Council. Members of the working party: Cllrs Nutkins, Townsend & Hollinghurst

20155. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS

None received

20156. PREMISES LICENCES

None received

20157. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 6th July 2020
- (ii) Building & Assets Committee held on 6th July 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

20158. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Patterson had attended a remote meeting of Dacorum Environment Forum and reported that the Chairman would be continuing in his role.
- Cllr Townsend would be attending a Rothschild House Patients Group remote meeting on Wednesday which Cllr Elley would also attend . An

approach had been made by the Wendover Arm Trust for dialogue with the Town Council.

20159. TRING AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

A report from the Society outlining their current situation had been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: to note the report

20160. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk's briefed the Council on the following matters as a report had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) Financial Report – details of June 2020 and first quarterly accounts were explained
- (ii) Purchase of RBS Ltd asset register software was recommended
- (iii) The Schedule of Payments was presented

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the June accounts and quarterly report
- (ii) To approve the purchase of the asset software
- (iii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

20161. LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT CONSULTATION DRAFT

The Clerk outlined the basis of the document which had been circulated to all Members. It was felt that the explanation of DPI, prejudicial and personal interests needed further clarification. Also, the sanctions which could be applied by the Monitoring Officer were not sufficient to deter inappropriate behaviour e.g. bullying.

RESOLVED: To endorse the comments made by the Clerk and forward to the Local Government Association

20162. VJ Day 15th AUGUST 2020

It was reported that this would be a low key event because of the continuing guidelines relating to large gatherings in light of the coronavirus situation. The Clerk would continue to liaise with The Royal British Legion, the Church and Tring Together.

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Chairman