

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

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

**19788. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Bowden (illness) & Hearn (prior commitment) gave their apologies

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

**19789. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 19794 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

**19790. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019**

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

**19791. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Nothing to report

**19792. 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> June Fly a Flag Ceremony in Hemel Hempstead
- 28<sup>th</sup> June Bake off at Bishop Wood School
- 29<sup>th</sup> June Tring Carnival
- 30<sup>th</sup> June RAF Halton Parade at Hemel Hempstead

The Mayor also attended the Local Station Plan Stakeholder workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The Mayor was pleased to announce the three Tring winners in Dacorum Borough Council's Business Heroes initiative: Business in the Community Hero: David Evans MBE Grass Roots and the Future Proof Enterprise Group; Environment Hero: Tring Brewery; and Business-to-Business Hero: Tring Together.

She reminded Members of the naming proposal for Gannel Terrace and how, in light of the Council's response, a revised proposal with a historical connection to the area had been received. The proposal – Goldsworth Road – made reference to a nearby find of silver and gold (possibly a torc) Iron Age items. It was agreed accept the naming proposal for Gannel Terrace: 'Goldsworthy Road'

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Points arising from 'Meet Your Council' at the Summer Carnival:
  - Concern at the loss of parking on Akeman Street Industrial Estate to local residents
  - Declare a climate emergency
  - The (station) cycle path to have right of way across drives and minor roads
  - The Council to switch to green energy
  - Damage to benches on Pound Meadow
  - Provide cycle charging points as well as car points
  - The Museum car park to have charging points for residents of Tring Triangle
  - Traffic calming measures on the Aylesbury Road, by the cemetery
  - Problems with the speed indicator device on the Icknield Way
  - Consider initiatives to prevent littering and increase recycling
- A new edition of Dacorum Borough Council's Local Development Scheme. This document will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The date for adoption is now February 2022 (It was July 2021 in the June 2018 edition of the LDS)
- Taxi rank provision in Tring. Following correspondence from the Licencing Officer, the Clerk and Town Warden met the Officer and made the following proposals after a site visit: move the Forge Car Park rank from its current location to in front of the toilets; consider this for an all-day rank; improve signage and awareness of the rank; consider the introduction of an evening only rank in the lay-by outside Fancy That
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner will be having a stall outside the Police Station on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Research into speeding on Little Tring Road found that was no evidence to warrant speed limits/traffic calming
- An application to film on Toms Hill Aldbury at the junction of Stocks Road on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- A letter from a resident suggesting the Tring is promoted as an international conference centre

### **19793. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:47pm.

Several residents spoke in relation to the climate and environmental emergency, making the following points:

- The CO<sub>2</sub> and sulphuric acid atmosphere of Venus was a warning of the consequences of breaking the natural balance
- Time is of the essence. The next generation is at risk
- People need access to the verified facts. Inform the public

- Call for a citizens assembly in Tring, free from vested interests, to decide the way ahead and to act on those decisions
- Declare a climate and ecological emergency
- The objective is to be net carbon zero by 2025
- Work together to tackle the problem
- Lobby upwards
- Plant trees – native species

A resident spoke of the work organisations such as Tring in Transition and the Town Council were already doing.

County Councillor N. Hollinghurst briefed the Council on the western section of the Tring 20mph zone. Implementation was delayed as it was not possible to install the speed ramps on Christchurch Road whilst the High St gas main was being replaced because the installation would involve closing Christchurch Road. He quoted from Hertfordshire County Council's latest local transport plan, LTP4, which states the response to growth cannot be to just build more roads and encourage more and more car use. He asked the Town Council to install a charging point in Old School Yard car park. He is investigating the status of the Tring projects in the Tring, Northchurch & Berkhamsted Urban Transport Plan and will report back.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 8.05 pm.

#### **19794. (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.**

4/01595/19/FHA	Single storey front extension at 26 Dunstan Hill, Tring HP23 4AT for Mr and Mrs Smart
	The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application
4/01608/19/FUL	Demolition of redundant structure and construction of two bedroom dwelling at 100 High Street, Tring HP23 4AF for Mr Patel
	The Council recommended <b>no objection</b> to this application
4/01614/19/FHA	<b>WITHDRAWN</b> Single storey rear extension. Roof lights to single storey rear lean-to roof, roof lights to rear facing main roof. Reinstatement of side windows to attic at 31 Albert Street, Tring HP23 6AU for Mrs Maple
	The Council <b>noted</b> the withdrawal of this application
4/01636/19/LDP	FOR INFORMATION Garage conversion, internal alterations, new rear window and removal of side door to garage at 6 Hollyfield Close, Tring HP23 5PL for Mr Bevan

- The Council recommended **noted** this application
- 4/01648/19/FHA Construction of single storey front extension at 17 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EE for A Hopwood
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01690/19/FHA Second storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension (garage and porch) at 23 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HQ for Mr R. Hyde
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01700/19/FHA Single storey front extension at 11 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr & Mrs R. Read
- The Council recommended **no objection** 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.

- 4/01034/19/FHA Permission granted for demolition of garage and conservatory and construction of annex at 1 Longfield Gardens, Tring HP23 4DN
- 4/01289/19/FHA Permission granted to remove existing porch and replace with canopy roof. Single storey side extension at 4 Grove Gardens, Tring HP23 5PX
- 4/00859/19/FHA & 4/00860/19/LBC Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 94 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BJ
- 4/01153/19/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 55 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE
- 4/01162/19/ROC Permission granted for variation of Condition 3 (materials and design) attached to planning permission  
4/02850/18/FUL Demolition of 13 buildings (part and full as appropriate) and operational works to 12 buildings. Construction of 4 dwellings and associated parking. Addition of two new walled enclosures to provide amenity space to two buildings at Side Yard buildings and gatehouse, Akeman Business Park, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF
- 4/01163/19/FUL Permission granted for re-elevation and associated operational works to buildings at Akeman Central Yard comprising: Amendments to existing doors/windows and replacement doors/windows; introduction of new doors/windows and Juliet balconies; white render finish; grey door/window frames, fascia's; red multi brick slip

finish and detailing at Central Yard, Akeman Street, Tring  
HP23 6AF

- 4/01219/19/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear and front extension at 12 Friars Walk, Tring HP23 4AY
- 4/01365/19/LBC Permission granted for installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signage to the exterior of the building including 1x illuminated menu case and 5LED lights at The Bell, 37 High Street, Tring HP23 5AA
- 4/01259/19/FHA Permission granted for demolition of garden building. Construction of larger garden building at 39 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4DD
- 4/01233/19/FHA Permission granted for garage conversion into habitable room at 2 Little Hoo, Tring HP23 4HU
- 4/00745/19/FHA\* Permission granted for construction of basement outbuilding at Hastoe Hill House, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LR
- 4/01179/19/FHA Permission granted for two storey rear extension and conversion of outbuildings to annexe at 22 High Street Tring HP23 5AH
- 4/011019/19/LDP Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 27 Longbridge Close, Tring HP23 5HG
- 4/00247/19/FUL Permission granted to remove cladding from upper floors of ornithology building and replace with new aluminium cladding. Retain ground floor brick-work to main buildings; replace windows throughout; repair roof and install roof mounted solar panels at British Natural History Museum, Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AP

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

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

**19795. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

Details of the temporary traffic regulation orders TRO13327 The Hertfordshire (Temporary Closing and Temporary Waiting Restrictions in Various Roads in Tringford, Tring, Marsworth and Berkhamsted) Order 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To comment on temporary traffic regulation order TRO13327, asking for clarity on the timing of the listed closures and on the proposed diversions.

**19796. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

None received.

**19797. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- (i) Planning Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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

**19798. TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BUILDINGS & ASSETS COMMITTEE**

At the Annual Council Meeting it was resolved to give the Buildings & Assets Committee responsibility for management and oversight of CIL receipts. In light of this change, the Buildings & Assets Committee prepared amended terms and conditions (circulated prior to the meeting) for the Council's consideration.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the terms of reference as presented

**19799. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY & TO CONSIDER A STATEMENT**

The notes of the Climate Change Working Party were circulated prior to the meeting. The Council considered making the following statement: "Tring Town Council acknowledges that there is a climate emergency and is considering the contribution it can make to addressing the problem". It was agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:** To make the climate declaration as given above

**19800. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend gave out medals at the Tring Fun Run. The merger of the Rothschild Surgery and the Berkhamsted Surgery was running behind schedule – the target is now September 2019
- Cllrs MacDonald & Caps met Andy Criddle, Tring Sports Forum for a briefing
- Cllr Nutkins attended a meeting of the Justice & Peace Group. The Group had had a successful stall at the Carnival

**19801. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2019 were circulated. Cllrs Nutkins and Piper will attend the next meeting.

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

**19802. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk's Financial Statement
- The Quarter 1 Out-turn Forecast
- The Schedule of Payments

**RESOLVED:** To note the above and approve the Schedule of Payments as presented

A report on the procurement of a van for the Council was circulated prior to the meeting. It outlined the circumstances behind the need and the various options open to the Council.

**RESOLVED:** To consider the matter again at the Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 after further exploration of the options, particularly those to source an electric vehicle

**19803. DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S PARKING STANDARDS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

The Mayor and Clerk gave the background to the consultation and highlighted certain aspects of the report. The document will be considered at the Planning Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Those Members not on the Planning Committee were invited to attend the meeting or submit their observations to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

**19804. VE DAY 2020 – THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Details of the national celebrations and the preliminary proposals of the co-ordinating committee were circulated.

**RESOLVED:** (i) To consider an allocation in the 2020/21 budget  
(ii) Cllr Ransley or Cllr Townsend would attend the co-ordinating committee with the Clerk

**19805. STREET NAMING PROPOSAL AKEMAN YARD**

The Developer's suggestion - 'Denmark Place'- has a historical connection. It was the name of the road that formerly ran to the side of the listed building 81/82 Akeman Street on the site before the works were created.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the proposed name 'Denmark Place' for the development at Akeman Yard

**19806. HIGH STREET GAS MAIN REPLACEMENT**

The contractor's update had not been received. There was discussion of the work on Church Square.

**RESOLVED:** For the Clerk to explore the possibility of removing the flower bed with the contractor should the opportunity present itself