

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 23rd JULY 2018 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs P. Hearn (Chairman)
J. Bowden
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
S. Hearn
M. Hicks
P. Hills
N. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
Mrs R. Ransley
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

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

19326. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

19327. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Hearn would leave the room when in item 19340 was discussed as a director of Tring Together.

Cllr Mrs Conway explained that she would not take part in item 19332 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19328. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2018

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

19329. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported the following actions

- All recipients of annual grants have been asked to present to Council in September or October
- Letters of thanks had been received from the High Street Baptist Church and the Tring and District Local History and Museum Society for the grants given to them by the Town Council
- The Mayor announced the winners of the Annual Garden Competition:
 - Tring UDC Cup - best overall – 66 Grove Road
 - Trevor Marwood Cup - Small Garden – 18 Henry Street
 - Coulter Cup - Eight Acres – 82 Eight Acres

19330. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Events attended by Mayor:

- 25th June 2018 Fly the Flag at Dacorum
- 30th June 2018 Re-dedication of War Memorial at St Peter and St Paul, Tring
- 12th July 2018 HAPTC Afternoon Tea with the Clerk at Redbourn

The Clerk had received the following items of correspondence:

- The Annual Report 2017/18 of the Tring and District Local History and Museum Society
- LLATVCC's Newsletter 50
- The 'call for sites 2018' for the Hertfordshire Waste Local Plan
- A meeting with Hertfordshire Highways at Pitstone on a proposed cycleway from Pitstone to Tring Station/Tring
- A letter of thanks from a member of the public, praising Mr Flanagan, Information Officer, for his assistance in planning a visit to Tring

19331. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:40pm.

Four members of the public spoke in opposition to planning application 4/01701/18/FUL including representatives from the Grove Fields Residents Association:

- The timber security fence proposed was a substantial structure of a scale that was out of keeping with the rural character of the area
- It was detrimental to the openness of land within the Green Belt
- The Planning Inspector, when considering the planning appeal APP/A1910/W/17/3187260, determined that the proposed fence constituted part of the built-environment and that it would be development inappropriate to the Green Belt

The members of the public did not recognise the description of the boundary weaknesses included in the application and had seen no incidents of fly-tipping. Their opinion was that the void created between the hedge and the recessed fence would actually encourage fly-tipping. Thus the derived benefits of the proposed development would be insubstantial.

A representative of the applicant (planning application 4/01651/18/FUL) explained that application was a result of several relatively minor changes to the granted permission (4/02027/17/FUL) to improve the overall design of the buildings. The layout was on the same basis and the size of the development (across the whole site) was only eight square metres larger. The most significant change was to make the single storey parts of the dwellings into one-and-a-half storey with the addition of dormer windows.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7:45pm

19332. 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.

- 4/01651/18/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 4 no.5 bed dwellings at Hastoe Hill Riding Stables, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LP for Laxton Properties Ltd
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01701/18/FUL Demolition of existing detached house and car port and construction of a new replacement dwelling (amended scheme) at South Acres, Chesham Road, Wigginton, Tring HP23 6JE for Mr and Mrs Thakker
The Council recommended **no objection** of this application but with a caveat concerning the overall height of the building
- 4/01704/18/TCA Works to trees at Lynwood, Park Road, Tring HP23 6AT for Mr Kennedy-Washington
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report
- 4/01720/18/FHA Demolition of conservatory and addition of front porch, part single part two storey side and rear extensions at 5 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JT for Mr Scott
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01695/18/FUL Construction of timber security fence at land on the south side, Bulbourne Road, Tring for RELX (UK) Ltd
The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the following grounds:
- At 2.25 metres high it is of a scale that is out of keeping with the rural character of the area despite the change in materials
 - It is harmful to the openness of the area – an area within the Green Belt
 - Exceptional conditions do not exist to warrant development in this area of Green Belt
- The Council noted that this application failed to follow the advice of the Planning Inspector when determining Planning Appeal Ref APP/A1910/W/17/3187260. There is nothing in the new planning application that would change the outcome of an appeal.
- 4/01779/18/LDP Alterations to front and side elevation to include removal of glass bricks and repositioning of front door at 13 Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4BX for Mr Eves
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

- 4/01782/18/FHA Single storey rear extension at 78 Mill View Road, Tring HP23 4EW for Mr and Mrs Munn
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/01780/18/FHA Single storey front extension comprising bay and entrance porch. Replacement of windows and external doors at 12 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JL for Mr Rough
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 following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

- 4/01061/18/TCA Permission granted for works to T1 willow at 42 Friars Walk, Tring HP23 4AP
- 4/01151/18/FHA Permission granted for demolition of rear conservatory, construction of rear single storey extension and building over existing garage and WC to create new first floor at 30 Drummond Ride, Tring HP23 5DF
- 4/01170/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey side and rear extension at 9 Drummond Ride, Tring HP23 5DE
- 4/02899/17/TPO* (Amended plans) Permission granted to fell T1 at Convent of St Francis de Sales Preparatory School, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DL
- 4/01212/18/FHA Permission granted for first floor front extension and garage conversion. Single storey rear extension at 17 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ
- 4/01378/18/FHA Permission granted for construction of single storey front bay, a single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing rear projection and relocation of front entrance to side at 45 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE
- 4/01415/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey front extension at 7 Fantail Lane, Tring HP23 4EN
- 4/01442/18/LBC Permission granted to remove existing concrete roof tiles and replace with new slate roof tiles at 3 Park Road, Tring HP23 6AT
- 4/01337/18/FHA Permission granted for proposed side and rear single storey extensions and garage conversion at 4 Cherry Gardens, Tring HP23 4EA

- 4/01463/18/FHA Permission granted for single storey front extension, first floor side extension over garage and single storey rear extension at 3 Beacon Way, Tring HP23 5LF
- 4/01275/18/FHA Permission granted for retrospective application for the installation of railings around existing flat roof and construction of open porch at The Walled Garden, 26 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19333. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The details of TRO1189 circulated prior to the meeting were discussed. During the discussion Cllr Hollinghurst, in his role as local County Councillor, advised the Members that contracts were listed in the Hertfordshire County Council schedule of repairs for 2018/19 for the refurbishment of the High Street. The Clerk will advise Hertfordshire Highways of this and the Christmas Festival.

RESOLVED: To note TRO1189 and to inform Hertfordshire Highways of the inappropriate times for the closure

19334. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received

19335. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 9th July 2018
- (ii) Building & Assets Committee held on 9th July 2018

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19336. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr S. Hearn advised that no work had been possible on Meadow Brook because of the weather. As a Dacorum Councillor he attended a meeting at Tring School (with Cllrs Mrs Hearn, Mrs Ransley, and Hicks) to hear details of their refurbishment of the swimming pool
- Cllr Mrs Conway attended the rededication of the War Memorial (as did Cllrs Townsend, Wilkins and Hicks)
- Cllr Nutkins expressed his desire for speed restrictions to be introduced at the bridge in Little Tring and he was concerned at the possible reclassification of Browns Lane
- Cllr Bowden informed Members of the imminent release of plans to extended the Silk Mill Community Centre
- Cllr Mrs Ransley attended the Dacorum Borough Council 'Fly the Flag' ceremony. She expressed concern at trying to find affordable alternatives for the Beavers Swimming Club whilst the swimming pool development takes place
- Cllr Grace noted the letter sent by Tring Sports Forum concerning Sports Planning Need to Dacorum Borough Council

During the reports there was a discussion on the level of primary school admissions across the Town and access to places. It was agreed that more information was required and this should be a Council agenda item.

19337. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED: To note the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June & 4th July 2018

19338. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The monthly income and expenditure
- An outturn forecast for 2018/19 after the first quarter
- The Schedule of Payments

The Clerk highlighted that at present it was not necessary to adjust the budget forecast for the year, subject to the re-letting of the first floor offices in Market House. He will provide further details on the management costs of Old School Yard.

RESOLVED: To approve the Schedule of Payments

19339. GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM SIGNPOST & YOUTH ENQUIRY SERVICE AND RENNIE GROVE

The Clerk briefed the Members on the basis of the applications (details circulated prior to the meeting).

RESOLVED: To award £1,160 to Signpost and £500 to Rennie Grove

19340. THE PROJECT TO REDEVELOP THE NORA GRACE HALL

Cllr S. Hearn left the meeting before this item commenced

The Mayor and the Clerk briefed members on their recent meetings with possible architects for the project. It was noted that capital grants are currently not available from the Lottery.

The following were points raised during a discussion of the report circulated prior to the meeting:

- Any development had to be as flexible as possible in order to cater for changing needs
- The Council need an agreed strategic aim for the project
- Getting the right governance structure is critical – it is not something that can easily be changed
- Working with partners e.g. health to provide therapies not only makes necessary services available but could also be a source of funding
- A historic perspective behind the hall is one of access and inclusiveness
- It is important to establish a baseline – the costs of a like-for-like replacement of the Nora Grace Hall