

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: G. Wilkins  
J. Bowden  
Mrs O. Conway  
H. Grace  
Mrs P. Hearn  
S. Hearn  
M. Hicks  
P. Hills  
N. A. Hollinghurst  
N. Nutkins  
Mrs R. Ransley

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

6 Members of the public  
2 Members of the National Trust (Item 18954)

**18943. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None Received

**18944. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Mrs Hearn & Mrs Conway explained that they would not take part in item 18951 and 18953 as members of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

**18945. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

**18946. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported the following matters:

- The inaugural meeting of the Friends of Millennium Wood has been held and was very successful with seven attendees and the prospect of more wishing to be involved in the project
- Meadowbrook
  - The ash trees damaging the path have been removed and Herts Highways are now able repair the path
  - The Canal Feeder Clearance
    - Quote for the bankside work has been received (£1,200)
    - The quote for removing the silt is still awaited
- Bulbourne Land Registration
  - The Land Registry is retrieving its records from their archive
  - The records should be available shortly to discuss the registration
- Pond Close:
  - The proposed removal of one of the trees has been deferred in light of the cost £1,000 (because the work can be delayed)

- The project details for the crowd-funding part of the playground are being developed
- Duckmore Lane Grasskeep – the aim is to have an agricultural tenancy on place from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- A meeting of the Road & Home Safety Group is being arranged
- Cala Homes have been in contact about a public consultation event and meeting the Council. Their aim is to have an application for site LA5 in Tring ready for submission towards the end of the year

**18947. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

Functions that were attended in the civic role as Mayor:

26th Sep RAF Halton - passing out parade  
27th Sep Rennie Grove Hospice AGM at Chartridge  
28th Sep Unveiling of Heritage Plaque at Rothschild Place, Tring  
6th Oct AGM Beavers Swimming Club at Nora Grace Hall  
14th Oct Apple Fayre Parade on Church Square

- 18948. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public present at the meeting to speak with regard to planning applications 4/01569/17/MFA Amended/additional plan 40 dwellings Convent of St Francis De Sales Preparatory School, Tring.

Dacorum Borough Council have refused the application having included these amendments in the original application as they were not deemed significant enough to warrant the further consultation.

- 18949. PLANNING APPLICATION:** to consider the planning application 4/01569/17/MFA Amended/additional plan 40 dwellings Convent of St Francis De Sales Preparatory School, Tring.

See above

- 18950. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public present at the meeting to speak with regard to planning applications 4/02221/17/MFA Construction of ten new dwellings on land to the rear of the Old Silk Mill, Brook Street, Tring.

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 7:40pm to allow members of the public to speak.

Residents of Kingsley Walk spoke in opposition to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed access was dangerous through poor vision out onto a busy road; this is compounded by the large number of pedestrians including school children and the elderly crossing the road at that point; and inadequate space for large vehicles to turn e.g. refuse lorries. Five recent accidents were reported as having happened on Brook Street over a recent period.

- The size and scale of the proposed development – the height of the proposed dwellings (which were out of keeping with the neighbourhood) and the density being over development of the site
- The development would break an important green corridor
- Loss of daylight and privacy – the recent groundwork close to the wall precluding an effective screening of the site by trees

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 7:48pm

**18951. PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Council considered planning application 4/02221/17/MFA that had been referred by Dacorum Borough Council for observation of this authority.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend refusal of this application on the grounds that the proposed access was inadequate and dangerous.

**18952. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public present at the meeting to speak on other matters.

No members of public present wished to speak.

**18953. 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.**

4/02426/17/FHA	Single storey side extension, conversion of garage loft space into habitable accommodation and cellar (amended scheme) at The Carhouse, Redwing Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6JH for Katherine Allen Architects  The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02440/17/FUL	New permanent advertisement signage and change of use from photography studio and shop to private dining chef's table restaurant (A3) and bar (A4) with wine tasting cellar at 74 High Street, Tring HP23 4AF for Mr Garnsworthy  The Council recommended refusal of this application on the grounds that it represented an unacceptable loss of a retail unit in the High Street
4/02441/17/ADV	New permanent advertisement signage at 74 High Street, Tring HP23 4AF for Mr Garnsworthy  The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/02442/17/FHA	Single storey rear and first floor side extensions and rear dormer window at 5 Hastoe Row, Church Lane, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LU for Mr and Mrs White  The Council recommended no objection to this application

- 4/02451/17/FHA Single storey rear extension at 54 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE for Mrs Robertson  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02467/17/FHA Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension. Construction of new single storey extension and rear extension, first floor rear extension, front gable end and two dormer windows at Tremillion, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 5HJ for Recherche Property Management Ltd  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02475/17/TCA Works to trees at Little Cloud, Park Road, Tring HP23 6BU for Mrs Geoghegan  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02474/17/FHA First floor rear extension, installation of sliding doors at rear at 14 Henry Street, Tring HP23 6BH for Mr Ludewig  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02504/17/FUL Demolition of existing detached house and car port. Construction of a new replacement dwelling at South Acres, Chesham Road, Wigginton, Tring HP23 6JE for Mr & Mrs S. Thakkar  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02505/17/FUL Convert existing car parking bays to gravel retention parking bays and upgrade existing access road and circulation areas. Tring Park Car Park, Hastoe Lane, Tring, HP23 6AP for Ms L. Neicho, The Woodland Trust  
The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 4/02551/17/FHA Part two storey and part single storey front and rear extensions, rendered finish to existing brickwork. (revised scheme) at 4 The Beeches, Tring, HP23 5NP for Mr & Mrs Julian Cacchioli  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02547/17/FHA Replacing existing doors and windows on ground floor at rear and side of house, changing existing window openings to full height door / window openings. New velux windows to existing rear dining area at 6 Kay Close, Tring, HP23 5AF for Mr David Blackam  
The Council recommended no objection to this application
- 4/02554/17/FHA Removal of existing dormer. Replace with larger dormer at Hamilton House, King Street, Tring, HP23 6BE for Mr R. Stevens

**LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

**PLAN REF. NO.**

4/01806/17/FUL	Permission granted for construction of detached dwelling at land at 35 Grove Road, Tring HP23 5HA
4/02176/17/TPO	Permission granted for works to trees at 18 Osmington Place, Tring HP23 4EG
4/01715/17/FUL	Permission refused for a change of use from residential flat to sunbed shop at 70A Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB
4/02122/17/FHA	Permission granted for a single storey rear extension at 27 Meadow Close, Tring HP23 5BT
4/02265/17/FHA	Permission granted for a single storey front and side extension at 14 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ
4/01680/17/FHA	Permission granted for loft conversion with front, rear and side velux windows, and rear juliette balcony with obscure glazed screen at 40 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DG (amended/additional plans)
4/02027/17/FUL*	Permission granted for the demolition of existing building. Construction of 4 no.5 bedroom dwellings at Hastoe Riding Stables, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LP
4/02118/17/FHA	Permission granted for a single storey flat roof extension to rear of property to replace existing UPVC conservatory at 15a Pheasant Close, Tring HP23 5EQ
4/02121/17/FHA*	Permission granted for annex at 27 Meadow Close, Tring HP23 5BT

\* This decision was contrary to the views of the Council, although permission for 4/02121/17/FHA contained a condition that satisfied the Council's objection.

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

**18954. ASHRIDGE ESTATE MONUMENT DRIVE CAR PARK PROJECT**

The Chairman welcomed Jennifer Smith and Emily Smith from the National Trust who gave a presentation and answered questions on the National Trust's project to improve the parking at Ashridge Estate Monument Drive.

The objectives of the project include better conservation of the historic environment; better protection of habitats, wildlife and archaeology; and a better visitor experience

**18955. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

None received

**18956. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

None received

**18957. STANDING COMMITTEES**

The minutes of the following meetings were considered:

- (i) Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
(The text '1 Myrtle Cottages' in the latter was to be deleted)

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

**18958. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

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| Cllrs Mrs Conway | attended the Beavers and Royal British Legion Women's Section AGMs   |
| Cllr Mrs Hearn   | announced the death of Mr Colin Barnard, a former Director of Planning at Dacorum Borough Council. He had worked closely with the Town Council and supported several projects including the purchase of Tring Park |
| Cllr Wilkins     | attended a meeting of the Tring & District Local History & Museum Society  |

**18959. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:** To note the minutes received.

**18960. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL RETURN FOLLOWING SCRUTINY BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk reported that the external auditor had raised no issues or comments (A copy of the signed Annual Return was circulated prior to the meeting).

**RESOLVED:** To approve and accept the Annual Return.

**18961. THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TO CERTIFY THE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk explained the half-year review and out-turn forecast circulated prior to the meeting. No change to the budgeted position was required.

**RESOLVED:** (i) To approve the schedule of payments as circulated  
(ii) To authorise a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Day wreath

**18962. GRANT APPLICATION FROM BEAVERS SWIMMING CLUB**

This item was deferred to the Finance & Policy Committee meeting to be held on Monday 6th November 2017.