

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

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

20042. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members present

20043. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McDowell stated that as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee he would not take part in item 20048.

Cllr Elley declared a personal interest in item 20048 application 20/00298/FHA and took no part in the discussion

20044. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27th JANUARY 2020

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

20045. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

- The precept demand was submitted to Dacorum Borough Council
- The Council's response to the NALC consultation on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments was submitted
- The clauses relating to the possible reassignment of the lease (Market House Ground Floor) have been reviewed
- The latest issue of the Town Crier has been printed and circulation started
- A briefing on the Ivinghoe Division Freight Strategy has been received from Buckinghamshire County Council. A meeting to clarify the proposals was held with the lead officer prior to it being considered by the Planning Committee on 9th March. Our County Councillor, Nick Hollinghurst will be invited to join the discussion

20046. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended the following events:

- 4th February 2020 Loneliness Event at Pendley (Age UK Dacorum)
- 8th February
 - Opening of Winery at Silk Mill Business Park
 - Tring Park School (Mayor of Dacorum)
- 19th February Tring Together Group Action meeting at Nora Grace Hall

The Mayor reminded Members of the VE Day Celebration on Friday 8th May and the importance of the Council having a good representation. She also reported that details of a meeting with James Doe, Assistant Director Planning, Development & Regeneration, to discuss parking in the conservation area were being finalised.

She gave details of the Tring Volunteer Recruitment Fair being held by Support4Dacorum and #Team Herts at the Nora Grace Hall on Thursday 12th March between 1:00pm and 2:30pm.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan Briefing meeting Monday 2nd March 10:00am in the Council Chamber of the Forum, Hemel Hempstead (Maximum of 3 delegates) – Cllrs Nutkins & Caps to attend with the Clerk
- HAPTC are holding a Health, Wellbeing & the Environment conference at Harpenden Town Council on Friday 20th March 9:30am – 3:00pm (Free) – Cllr Cap to attend
- An update was received from the OWL Card Minder project
- There is a ‘Meet the Council’ session on Friday 8th March 10:00am to 1:00pm. A rota of Members is required – the Deputy Clerk will liaise with Members

20047. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.45pm

A neighbour’s representative spoke in opposition to planning application 4/02170/19/FUL. He explained that two modifications had been made to an earlier submission: the design of the proposed building had been altered by removing the full width glass wall and changing the access to the proposed property. He felt that these did not materially affect the shortcomings of the proposed development i.e. there was nothing left of the original building except a small amount of ruins (a situation that had existing for many years) and so the proposal was a new build not a renovation. The proposed access was prominent and in poor condition – a better and more hidden access would be possible from Gadmore Lane. The application was out-of-keeping with the A.O.N.B.

The applicant’s agent (20/00283/FUL) explained how the land in question, owned by the applicant, was part of Footpath 83 and gave access to Rosebank & Woodside only. It was being abused and damaged primarily through poor signage. The application to provide post & rails gate with signage was to

protect the land's value as a wildlife corridor. The position will be such to retain three car parking spaces to access the cemetery

The applicant (20/00282/FUL) speaking on his own behalf and also for Nos. 56 & 58 Wingrave Road, who have similar applications, told the Council that the applications were to secure safe off-road parking given the scarcity of parking within the neighbourhood. The materials to be used were chosen to harmonise as closely as possible with the buildings. The development would also enable the installation of electric car charging points.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.55pm

20048. (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.

20/00216/FUL	Change of use from B1 (Pharmacy store) to C3 (2 bed flat) at 3 Dolphin Square, Tring HP23 5BN for Miss Rutter (Waypoint Asset Management Ltd) The Council recommended no objection to this application
20/00243/FHA	Two storey front and side extensions and internal alterations at Westoe, 51 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NW for Mr and Mrs Masters The Council recommended no objection to this application
20/00245/FHA	Loft conversion to form chalet bungalow at 14 Mill View Road, Tring for Mr Fanthorpe HP23 4ER The Council recommended no objection to this application
20/00253/TPO	T1: Beech. Reduce lateral spread of crown by 2-3 metres. T2: Oak. Reduce lateral spread of mid to upper crown by 1-2m to blend with top of crown. Remove dead wood over rear garden and strip stem to approx. 20ft. T3: Lime. Historic health issues. Please note: large parts of upper crown are dead and stem is colonised by fungal infection at 2 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JT for Mr Jones The Council recommended no objection to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report on the health of the tree and the safety of the public
20/00267/LDP	Loft conversion with a rear dormer and roof lights to the front elevation at 100 Longfield Road, Tring HP23 4DE for Mr Ibbotson The Council recommended no objection to this application
20/00272/TPO	Works to trees at Arts Educational School, Tring HP23 5LX for Mr Twitchen

- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report
- 4/02170/19/FUL Re-building and conversion to form holiday let and hobby studio accommodation at The Cow Barn, Holloway Cottage, Track from Gadmore Lane to Hastoe Grove, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6LS for Mr and Mrs Edwards
- The Council **recommended no objection** to this application but subject to the historic importance of the existing structure
- 20/00283/FUL Construction of posts and rail fence with signage to either side of Donkey Lane at Rosebank, Donkey Lane, Tring HP23 4DY for Ms Durrant
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 20/00298/FHA Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement two storey side extension and part two storey and single storey rear extension at 25 Windmill Way, Tring HP23 4HH for Mr and Mrs Jones
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 20/00299/FHA Single storey rear infill extension. Alterations to entrance door and porch and realignment of the garage front elevation. Replace existing balcony with a Juliette balcony. Addition to roof light to the front elevation. Remove timber shed at West Leith Bungalow, West Leith, Tring HP23 6JR
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 20/00282/FUL Alterations to front garden and boundary wall to create off road parking space and formation of new access from public highway including dropped kerb at 57 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE for Mr Pawlett and Mrs Cook
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 20/00288/FUL Alterations to front garden and boundary wall to create off road parking space and formation of new access from public highway including dropped kerb at 56 Wingrave Road, Tring HP23 5HE for Mrs Butterfield
- The Council recommended **no objection** to this application
- 20/00313/FHA Single storey side and rear extension at 21 Grove Park, Tring HP23 45JL for Mrs Martin
- 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.

- 20/00031/TPO WITHDRAWN Works to trees at 2 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JT

- 19/02821/FHA Permission granted for one and a half storey side and rear extensions, replacement roof over existing swimming pool and new basement at Keepers Cottage, Kiln Road, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6PE
- 19/03040/FHA Permission granted for demolition of outhouse to the end of the terrace house, rebuild on new footings with an additional first floor to receive an en-suite bathroom to an existing bedroom at 17 Goldfield Road, Tring HP23 4AZ
- 20/00020/TCA Raise no objection to works to trees at 1 West Lodge, Park Road, Tring HP23 6BU
- 19/03250/FHA Permission granted for single storey front and side extensions at 76 Icknield Way, Tring HP23 4HY

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

20049. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Details of the following orders were circulated prior to the meeting:

- TRO14325 - that length of Little Tring Road, Tring from its junction with B489 Lower Icknield Way south eastwards to its junction with B488 Icknield Way, a distance of approximately 1546 metres
- TRO14335:
 - the B4635 Western Road/B4635 High Street roundabout, Tring from its junction with Langdon Street clockwise for its entire length
 - that length of Christchurch Road, Tring from its junction with the B4635 Western Road/B4635 High Street roundabout north westwards for a distance of approximately 10 metres
 - that length of B4635 Western Road, Tring from its junction with the B4635 High Street/ Christchurch Road roundabout south westwards for a distance of approximately 10 metres
 - that length of Langdon Street, Tring from its junction with the B4635 Western Road/ B4635 High Street roundabout south eastwards for a distance of approximately 10 metres
 - that length of Station Road, Tring/Aldbury from its junction with Beggars Lane north eastwards and eastwards for a distance of approximately 645 metres.

RESOLVED: To note the temporary traffic regulation orders received

20050. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

20051. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 10th February 2020
- (ii) Buildings & Assets Committee held on 10th February 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

20052. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllrs Ransley & Nutkins visited Wigginton Park noting the adult fitness trail. It was suggested that a similar provision in Tring was explored
- Cllr Townsend has liaised with Rothschild Surgery – nothing to report; the focus has been on measures to restrict the coronavirus and the consolidation of the practice.
- Cllr Elley attended FOTCH and Old Church House meetings.
- Cllr Caps attended Tring Together's Business Forum
- Cllr Nutkins, whilst he did not attend the Justice and Peace Group meeting, reported the Town Feast being organised on 7th March.
- Cllr Patterson attended the DEF. There were interesting talks by the Head Teacher of Gaddesden Primary School on promoting awareness of the countryside and environment and by the Woodland Trust on opportunities to plant trees.

20053. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: to note the minutes as presented. Cllrs Nutkins & McDowell will attend the next meeting on 11th March 2020 at 4pm.

20054. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (i) To consider the Clerk's Financial Statement
- (ii) To certify the Schedule of Payments

RESOLVED: (i) To note the Clerk's Financial Statement
(ii) To certify the Schedule of Payments

20055. A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT

A draft was circulated for comment prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked for any amendments or additions to the draft, which were then considered.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to finalise the statement in light of the comments made during discussion and to send to the Local Plan Task & Finish Group for consideration

20056. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: To exclude members of the press and public from the meeting for consideration of the following items for the reasons given in the motion

20057. THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

A candidate was selected to receive the award following a discussion and vote. A councillor was nominated to arrange attendance of the winner at the Annual Town Meeting