

MINUTES OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY (DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CRISIS) ON MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: R. Ransley
P. Elley
P. McDowell
P. Hearn
R. Hollinghurst
N. Nutkins
B. Patterson
H. Piper
C. Townsend
S. Wilkie

Also Present: D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk
L. Housden, Town Clerk

20329. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A. MacDonald given his apologies (prior appointment)

20330. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Ransley declared an interest in planning application 20/04016/FUL & 20/04017/LBC and would not take part in the discussions of that application or vote.

Cllr McDowell declared that he would not take part in item 20335 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee.

Cllr Hearn expressed an interest in Licensing as a member of Dacorum borough Council Licensing Committee and potentially in matters relating to item 20337.

20331. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st DECEMBER 2020

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

20332. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None

20333. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported the following:

- On the 14th January the Mayor attended a virtual meeting of the Chiltern Society to discuss the Local Dacorum Plan. Consequently she has been contacted by people about the neighbourhood plan. The clerk was then asked to explain why we hadn't previously produced a neighbourhood plan and what the difference would be if one was produced.

- The clerk explained that the neighbourhood plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local plan i.e. You mustn't propose less development than the local plan and it can't be in conflict with it. It doesn't have to be identical but musn't undermine it. Where there is a conflict in policies they will look to the most recent document. So if a neighbourhood plan was approved prior to the emerging local plan and the local plan was then agreed that would usually take precedence. It would also have to comply with the existing local plan. It is also very time consuming and expensive. The benefits are a neighbourhood plan could propose alternative sites or higher design standards and a higher percentage of CIL monies would be received by the Council if there was a neighborhood plan in place. It was agreed to be added as an agenda item at the next Planning meeting to discuss.
- The Clerk read an email from a local resident expressing her concerns over street parking between the Frogmore Street car park and Ash Road.
- The Clerk gave an update on the sale of Bulbourne Land. Dacorum Borough Council had requested further clarification on the consent that had been provided from the secretary of the state and the clerk was addressing that.
- The Clerk was investigating whether a claim could be made under the Council's insurance policy for the loss of rent due to COVID 19.

20334. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public attending or correspondence received

20335. 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.

20/04016/FUL &

20/04017/LBC Re-development and conversion of existing garage/flat to form a single new dwelling. Construction of new 4 bed dwelling at Pendley Manor, Station Road, Tring HP23 5QY for Mr and Mrs Acott-Smith (Intan Keen)

Cllr Ransley reminded the Council of her interest in this application and did not take part in the discussions and abstained from voting.

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application

- 20/04047/FHA Two storey side extension, two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. New garage to front of property at Lesanor, Bunstrux, Tring HP23 4HT for Mr and Mrs Ewers (Aneeka Shah)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 20/04063/FUL Extension, refurbishment and conversion of the existing vacant unit to provide 6 residential flats at site at junction of Brook Street and Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5EE for Grace mews LLC (Intan keen)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application but with a comment that there was concern as to the vehicle access to the back and potential noise. It was suggested that the access could be improved by relocating the bike store and some provisions should be put in place to reduce noise.
- 21/00013/FHA Removal of conservatory, proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions at 5 Sulgrave Crescent, Tring HP23 5LG for Mr and Mrs Harrison (Natasha Vernal)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 21/00043/FHA Construction of garden room/office at 16 Kingsley Walk, Tring HP23 5DN for Mr Oswald (Natasha Vernal)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to it not becoming a separate dwelling.
- 21/00118/FHA Single storey porch extension, new fenestration, new roof tiles and render finish at Riccadene, 10 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr and Mrs Edgar (Aneeka Shah)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION**.
- 21/00122/FHA Single storey front extension, loft conversion and associated alterations at 7 Eggleton Drive, Tring HP23 5AJ for Mr Spencer (Aneeka Shah)
The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

Cllr Mcdowell re-joined the meeting, having left for the planning. He made the Council aware that planning application 20/02378/FHA, which the Council had objected to, was being heard by the Development Management Committee on Thursday this week in case a member of the Council would like to attend to speak or should the Council wish to withdraw their objection. It was agreed that Cllr Nutkins would attend.

**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.

20336. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS

Details of:

The Hertfordshire (Various Roads, Tring) (Restriction of waiting) Order 2021

The Hertfordshire (Aylesbury Road and Icknield Way, Tring) 50MPH speed limit) Order 2020 (Order number 8400)

TRO15877 – The Hertfordshire (Temporary closing of Marshcroft Lane, Tring and Tring Town restricted Byway No.062) Order 2021.

RESOLVED: To note the above orders.

20337. PREMISES LICENCES

None received

20338. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee meeting held on 11th January 2021
- (ii) Finance and Policy Committee held on 11th January 2021

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

20339. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Councillor Hearn reported that she had a Tring Charities meeting last week and all of the residents are doing very well under the circumstances.
- Councillor Patterson attended a meeting of the Dacorum Environmental Forum on the 15th January. It was a dedicated meeting to discuss the Local Plan. Everybody was very concerned about the potential loss of the green belt and they were preparing their response. Once we had published the Council response he would like a copy to be sent to their chairman.
- Councillor Townsend was at the Rothschild House patient liaison group's virtual meeting and he raised the issue that to get a vaccine people would have to travel to Hemel Hempstead. They did indicate that there may be some provision to be able to come out later on in the process for some of the frailer members of the community. The chair of the group asked if any of the council members would like to receive a copy of their newsletter and Cllr Townsend will provide the link to the Clerk should anyone like it.

20340. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2020/21

As recommended by the Finance and Policy Committee, the Council finalised the precept request to Dacorum Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

(i) To adopt the budget as presented and to request a precept of £147,577.00 (Band D equivalent £28.39)

(ii) To make an allocation from unspecified reserves to earmarked reserves to cover the costs of a COVID and High Street recovery fund (£5,000)

20341. 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

20342. PARKING RESTRICTION PROPOSALS

The Mayor outlined the parking restriction proposals for the Brook Street (Outside Massey House and Brookside Court) and for Frogmore Street/Dundale Road. (Details of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors were given the opportunity to make comments and discuss each proposal.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to respond to the proposals:

(i) Confirm that the Council is in favour of the proposals to Brook Street

(ii) Option 2 would be the preferred choice in respect of Frogmore Street/Dundale Road.

20343. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Clerk explained that the meeting was currently scheduled for 22nd March 2021 and usually 2 weeks notice would be given in the Town Crier. It was likely in the circumstances that if we kept with this date it would have to be held virtually. The meeting could be held anytime between 1st March and 1st June although if elections went ahead it would either need to be held on the original date or after the first Thursday in May.

RESOLVED: To postpone the Annual Town meeting until the end of May but keep it under review.

(Cllr Townsend left the meeting)

20344. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

A resolution was considered that under section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the following items of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

RESOLVED: To exclude members of the press and public.

20345. DACORUM LOCAL PLAN (2020 - 2038) EMERGING STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

The Council considered the expert's response to the Local Plan consultation and whether that should be added to or amended.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To make a minor amendment to the response but the response should otherwise be left unchanged. The response can be shared with other parties prior to submission.
- (ii) To call an extraordinary meeting on 8th February to ratify the decision to approve and submit the response in open council.

20346. ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

RESOLVED: Members to provide names for nomination together with a short explanatory brief ready for circulation prior to the next Council meeting for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

Chairman