

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019 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
Mrs R Ransley
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

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

3 Members of the public

19614. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Nutkins gave his apologies (family circumstances)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

19615. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Conway explained that she would not take part in item 19620 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Control Committee.

19616. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2019

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

19617. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk reported that the developer of St Francis House has amended the tree planting scheme, replacing the tulip tree with a hornbeam.

Cllr Hollinghurst, in his role as County Councillor, had contacted the Library Service with regard to Mr Morehouse's request concerning the proposed Book Festival.

The results of 'Meet Your Council' were given – the majority being related to Highways issues. These have been reported.

19618. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor attended, on the 1st March 2019, the Mayor of Dacorum's Civic Reception at Shendish Manor and on the 24th March 2019 AVDC Civic Service at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury.

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- Notice of the death of Sybil Young, widow of Ronald Young Mayor of Tring in 1977/78, on 17th March 2019
- A letter from a parishioner thanking the Council for the replacement of the path between the bottom of Morefields and Silkmill Way and the replacement of the speed humps of Grove Road. Concern was also expressed at the possible presence of Knot Weed
- A complaint that a landscape gardening company was taking soil along Donkey Lane to deposit it on the Highway for later collection. It was reported to the Rights of Way Officer at Dacorum Borough Council. He has spoken to those involved and is monitoring the situation. Minimal damage has been caused with no ruts and the contractor will reseed the grass.

19619. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Standing orders were suspended by **resolution** at 7:41pm.

The applicant (4/00560/19/FHA) explained the reason for the application was to provide access and a fire escape for their rooms when they move into residence with their daughter.

Standing orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7.43 pm.

19620. (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.

4/00487/19/ROC	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission 4/02152/17/MFA - construction of two new dwellings. Transfer of land to the west to Dacorum Borough Council for the extension of the existing recreation ground (Amended scheme) at land adj. Okeford Drive, Tring HP23 4EX for Rivergate Homes Ltd
	The Council resolved to recommended no objection to this application
4/00394/19/FHA	Installation of 12 solar panels to roof at 3 Hastoe Farm Barns, Browns Lane, Hastoe, Tring HP23 6QD
	The Council recommended no objection to this application
4/00560/19/FHA	Rear sited garden access stairs to first floor at 7 Harcourt Road, Tring HP23 5JJ for Mr and Mrs Mackintosh
	The Council recommended no objection to this application, but, recognising the complexity of the proposal in planning terms, deferred to the Case Officer's expertise

- 4/02911/18/LDE FOR INFORMATION ONLY Use of part of barn for residential accommodation at Purple Heather Farm, Cholesbury Road, Tring HP23 6PD for Mr Cosby
- The Council **noted** this application (with no objection)
- 4/00597/19/LDP Ground floor rear extension at Jessamine House, King Street, Tring HP23 6BE for Mr and Mrs Savitsky
- The Council **noted** this application (with no objection).
- 4/00322/19/FHA *Amended/additional plans* Single storey front and rear extensions and replacement ground floor window at 5 Elm Tree Walk, Tring HP23 5EB for Miss Haines
- The Council recommended **refusal** of this application on the grounds that the arrangement of the front door rendered access impractical. It would be detrimental to the amenity of the property. It was noted that this recommendation was contrary to the Council's initial recommendation – that arose through an inconsistency within the original plans

(ii) LIST OF DECISIONS BY DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council noted the following decisions by Dacorum Borough Council.

- 4/03264/18/TCA Raise no objection to fell tree at 7 King Street, Tring HP23 6BE
- 4/03255/18/FHA Permission granted for amended/additional plans Part single, part two-storey rear extension with alterations to the roof. Enlargement of front extension and roof at 19 Grove Park, Tring HP23 5JL
- 4/00111/19/FHA Permission granted for single storey rear extension at 21 Verney Close, Tring HP23 5LB
- 4/00199/19/FHA Permission granted for replacement porch, single storey side and rear extensions, two storey side/rear extension and demolition of garage at 23 Dunston Hill, Tring HP23 4AT
- 4/00115/19/FHA Permission refused for loft conversion incorporating hip to gable to rear elevation at 2 Thomas Gardens, Tring HP23 5FN
- 4/03258/18/TCA Raise no objection to works to trees at Bishop Wood Church of England Junior School, Frogmore Street, Tring HP23 5AU
- 4/02937/18/FHA Permission granted for two storey side and single storey front and rear extensions at 2 The Meads, Tring HP23 5JF

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

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

19621. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

TRO12810 Temporary Closing of B4635 Western Road/High Street and TRO12820 Temporary Closing of Miswell Lane were considered.

RESOLVED: To note the temporary traffic regulation orders

19622. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

None received.

19623. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Town Plan & Infrastructure Committee held on 4th March 2019
- (ii) Planning Committee held on 11th March 2019
- (iii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 11th March 2019

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

19624. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Hicks visited, as a Dacorum Borough Councillor, an exhibition held by the Local Health Authority on hospital provision. There would be the refurbishment of Watford Hospital, but no new hospitals and either Hemel Hempstead or St Alban's hospitals would be closed
- Cllr Wilkins took part in Meet Your Council' with Cllrs Hills & Townsend. He said there was positive feedback on the Town and appreciation of the one hour's free parking. He also thanked Cllr Hearn for providing the floral displays on the railings at the entrance to the High Street
- Cllr Townsend went to a Rothschild Surgery Patients' Liaison Group meeting. Falls because of uneven pavements was discussed. There was also an announcement that the Rothschild House Group and Berkhamsted Group Practice had reached an agreement to work together from 1st July 2019
- Cllr Hollinghurst expressed his disappointment with Network Rail's Tring station upgrade & public information event. It was scant, with just a little information on the installation of lifts & new bridge. No mention of toilets. The Clerk was asked to write to Network Rail.

Cllr Hollinghurst, in his role as County Councillor, explained that Hertfordshire County Council had referred Arriva Buses to the Traffic Commissioners for its poor performance across the county. The 500 service will be managed locally from Aylesbury – so there are hopes for improvements in the service. Cllr Hollinghurst also commented on the level of pollution Arriva buses made. The Clerk was asked to write to Arriva about this and to enquire about routine testing

- Cllr Bowden reported that the Silk Mill Community Centre's windows were being replaced with double glazed units on 10th April. He also told how the new CCTV funded by the Town Council had led to arrests following an assault

- Cllr S. Hearn attended the Mayor of Dacorum's Civic Reception where he gave an address. He told Members of FOTCH's initiative to fund external lighting of the Church as a boost to tourism. Contributions were being sought from businesses.

19625. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 were circulated. Several members of the TYC will be leaving at the end of the academic year. Cllr Hills will attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the Youth Town Council minutes

19626. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Reports on the following were circulated prior to the meeting:

- The Clerk's Financial Statement
- The schedule of payments

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

19627. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE RIDGEWAY SCOUT GROUP

Details of application were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To award the Ridgeway Scout Group £1,000 toward the cost of flooring the hut

19628. THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Draft Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were circulated prior to the meeting incorporating changes recommended by the internal auditor and to reflect changes made to the NALC Model Standing Orders. Cllr Townsend advised of some typographical errors.

RESOLVED: To approve and adopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented

19629. THE NORA GRACE HALL PROJECT

The report from the Nora Grace Hall Working Party was discussed (it was circulated prior to meeting).

RESOLVED: (i) To note the progress made and planned by the Nora Grace Hall Working Party
(ii) To extend the current management agreement with Tring Together for two years

19630. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: 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

19631. THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S INSURANCE

Details of the quotes received were circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that steps were being taken to ensure the building sums assured were sufficient.

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from BHIB

19632. THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

RESOLVED: To approve the nomination from the Finance & Policy Committee

The meeting closed at 8:43pm

Chairman