

MINUTES OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY (DUE TO CORONAVIRUS CRISIS) ON MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk
L. Housden, Town Clerk (Newly Appointed)
3 Members of the public

20211. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members present

20212. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 20218 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 in matters relating to the development of Brook Street, Tring

20213. TRING TOGETHER - CHRISTMAS IN TRING

Vivianne Child explained that Tring Together intend to hold a "Shop Local" event on 5th and 6th December 2020 between 3:00-7:00pm. There will be Christmas Markets (Old School Yard and Market Place), street entertainment and concerts. All events will be actual and virtual. It will be a local event for local people.

The Council thanked Tring Together for their contribution to the well-being of Tring residents and wished them every success with the event. Adherence to government guidelines was paramount and the contingency of holding the event online was welcomed.

Vivianne Child left the meeting at 7.45pm

20214. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2020

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

20215. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

The following matters were reported to the meeting:

- A proposal for the skate park on Pound Meadow had been circulated to members for information

20216. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported the following:

- A letter had been received from Michael Curry (Clerk to the Council) announcing his retirement at the end of the year. The retirement was accepted and thanks given to Michael for his valuable contribution to the smooth running of the Council
- Lydia Housden (the newly appointed Clerk to the Council) was listening in the virtual meeting this evening
- Information on the consultation from London Luton Airport re. proposed expansion had been circulated prior to the meeting.

20217. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.50pm

No members of the public wished to address the meeting at this time. No correspondence had been received from members of the public bringing matters to the attention of the Council (excluding planning applications that would be dealt under that agenda item).

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.51pm

With the Approval of the Council Standing Orders were suspended at 8.15pm to allow a member of the public to address the meeting, who, because of technical issues, had been prevented from speaking earlier.

She apologised for the technical issues which had prevented her from speaking earlier and expressed her interest in the Council's response to the DBC Draft Local Plan and support for Tring Together's Christmas initiative.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.16pm.

20218. 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.

20/03030/FHA Single storey rear extension and addition of parapet to existing flat roof at 24 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EE for Mr and Mrs Campkin (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/03072/FHA Conversion of double garage into study & storage area with new windows, entrance door and roof light at 5 Minall Close,

Tring HP23 5BH for Mr and Mrs Connelly (Andrew Parrish)

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

20/00979/FUL Construction of new dwelling connected to existing semi-detached properties. External refurbishment of existing two properties (renewal application 4/01574/17/FUL) at 3 Grove Farm Cottage, Marshcroft Lane, Tring HP23 5PP for Regis Group (Jane Miller)

The Council recommend **REFUSAL** of this application due to insufficient alteration from previous application to warrant a change of opinion. Therefore, loss of amenity to resident of middle terrace property and inadequate parking provision.

20/03086/FHA Proposed single storey side/rear extension. Alterations to windows. Demolition of existing side gate and wall at 5 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BE for Rob Haddock (Colin Lecart)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the comments of the Conservation Officer

20/03115/TPO Reduce horse chestnut by 1-2 metres and this by 10% at 33 Christchurch Road, Tring HP23 4EF for Mr Brown (Aneeka Shah)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the comments of the Tree Officer

20/03116/TPO Work to tree at 33 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NW for Mr Ridgeway (Aneeka Shah)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the comments of the Tree Officer

20/03127/LBC & 20/03176/FUL Proposed parapet to party wall to enable future roof maintenance and safe fire and sound separation of number 82 from number 83 at 81-82 Akeman Street, Tring HP23 6AF for Aurient (Neil Robertson)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application as an engineering solution to the problem with the state of the roof. It is hoped that the comments of the resident of 83 Akeman Street will be taken in account when deciding the outcome of this application

20/03176/FHA Single storey rear extension and internal alterations at 46 Chiltern Way, Tring HP23 5LD for Mr and Mrs McInerney (Sally Robbins)

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 decisions by Dacorum Borough Council which were circulated to members on a weekly basis.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

20219.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS

Details of TRO16NH Brook Street – Waiting restrictions at Massey House and Brookside Court were circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLVED: To note the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order TRO16NH

20220.

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S TAXI LICENSING POLICY

The draft policy had been circulated to members prior to the meeting for comment

RESOLVED: To note the comprehensive policy with a recommendation that maps of the sites of taxi ranks in the Borough are added as an appendix

20221.

PREMISES LICENCES

None received

20222.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Local Transport Plan Committee held on 5th October
- (ii) Planning Committee meeting held on 12th October 2020
- (iii) Building and Asset Committee held on 19th October 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above. The minutes of Local Transport Plan Committee will be amended to include a reference to “The Railway Sheds as a means of carrying out remedial work at Tring Station”.

20223.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Councillor Elley had attended the virtual meeting of FoTCH
- Councillor Hollinghurst has received concerns from TDLHMS about the proposal to re-site the Museum if the Brook Street site is developed

20224.

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The External Auditor have completed their review of the Council’s Annual Governance Review & Accounts (AGAR) 2019-2020 and returned the completed Section 3 of the AGAR – the External Auditor Report and Certificate).

They found that the information in Sections 1 & 2 of the AGAR was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters came to their attention to cause concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. There were also no other matters they wished to draw to the attention of the Council.

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was posted on the Council’s website and notice board in accordance with the relevant legislation

RESOLVED: To note the external auditor's report with thanks to the staff for their efforts in achieving a successful outcome.

20225. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Deputy Clerk briefed the Council on the following matters as a report had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i) The first half year report will be discussed by the Finance and Policy Committee as part of the budget setting process
- (ii) The Schedule of Payments was presented for approval

RESOLVED: (i) To accept the Clerk's Financial Report
(ii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

20226. 'DACORUM LOCAL PLAN (2020 – 2038): EMERGING STRATEGY FOR GROWTH' CONSULTATION

Notes on the meeting with DBC officers held virtually on Monday 12th October 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The following issues will be pursued as a preliminary to the Council's response to the consultation:

- 1. Number of dwellings – can the numbers be justified?
- 2. Why build on the Green Belt around Tring – timing of release?
- 3. Capacity at Tring School – to be determined
- 4. Infrastructure mitigation – sustainability issues in Berkhamsted and Tring Local Transport Plan

RESOLVED: (i) To co-operate with partners (Tring School, Tring Together, Sports Forum, Chiltern Society, Chilterns AONB) to produce a response from Tring which represents the whole community
(ii) and to inform residents of the consultation and encourage participation.

20227. 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.

20228. QUOTATIONS FOR SURVEY WORK AT NORA GRACE HALL AND POND CLOSE

Two quotations had been received (4 tenders had been issued) of which one was non-compliant. Dialogue with Tring Together would continue to ensure co-operation as the project moves forward.

RESOLVED: To accept RSK Environment as the Council's preferred supplier, but delegated authority to Councillor McDowell to negotiate best value to achieve the outcomes specified in the invitation to quote.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman