

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: R. Ransley (Chairman)  
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  
5 Members of the public

**20003. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J. Bowden gave his apologies (illness).

**RESOLVED:** To accept the apologies for the reasons given

**20004. 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 20009.

Cllr Nutkins declared a prejudicial interest in item 20009 application 20/00084/FUL

**20005. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

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

**20006. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

- The meeting scheduled with Southern Gas took place and remedial work was agreed as appropriate. A further meeting with the team responsible for the work is awaited. Agreement in principle to a grant from Southern Gas towards a town event – one to boost business in the High Street - was received
- DBC's proposals for Parking Charges were considered and accepted at the Finance & Policy meeting held on the 13th January
- The Finance & Policy Committee approved the purchase of a van for the Ground Staff

- The bench for Pond Close and a picnic table for Meadowbrook have been ordered
- Street Naming - the Town Council's suggestions were sent to DBC
- Polling Station Consultation – the Town Council's response was sent to DBC (the meeting was informed that DBC have agreed to move the polling station to Nora Grace Hall from Bishop Wood School)

**20007. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor attended the following events:

- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – opening of John Bly's Showroom in Tring
- 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Christmas Carols on Forge Car Park organised by Tring Lions

The Clerk reported receipt of the following correspondence:

- VE Day Celebrations – Tring will be participating in National events and all Councillors are encouraged to attend. The Day will be organised by Tring Together.
- A request for the use of the Market Place during building work at the Shell garage has been received. A decision was delegated to the Mayor and Chair of F&P.

**20008. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.22

The applicant (20/00011/FUL) explained the reasons for the proposed change of use. He outlined the history of the site in Berkhamsted and his plans for Horseblock Farm, Heath End.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.47pm

**20009. (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.**

19/03259/FHA	Alterations to profile (rear) and loft conversion. Replacement of roof covering and rendering of walls/paint finish. Installation of open canopy to frontage. Removal of chimney stack at 7 Station Road, Tring HP23 5NG for Mr and Mrs Foskett
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The Council recommended **no objection** to this application although the loss of the chimney and the effect on ventilation in the house was raised.

20/00011/FUL Change of use of part of storage building to a veterinary surgery at Horseblock Farm, Heath End, Berkhamsted, HP4 3UF for James Joliffe

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

20/00031/TPO Works to trees at 2 Mortimer Hill, Tring HP23 5JT for Leszek Marcinowicz

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application subject to the Tree Officer's report

20/00032/FUL Replacement of existing manual gate with an automated vehicular and pedestrian gate at land adjacent Okeford Drive, Tring HP23 4EX for Mr Morrison

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

20/00081/FHA Single storey rear extension at 12 Weavers Road, Tring HP23 4EZ for Mr Thomas

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

20/00084/FUL Change of use from nail bar to nail bar at ground floor/ basement and beauty/hairdressers at ground/first floor at 54 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB for Mr Singh

The Council recommended **no objection** to this application

19/03118/FUL Change of use of an existing storage barn to a 4 bedroom dwelling house with car parking, gardens and a refuse/ recycling bin enclosure, secure cycle storage at land adj. Hastoe Hill House, Hastoe Hill, Hastoe, Tring, Herts HP23 6LR for Mr James Lloyd Townshend

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.

19/03168/TCA Raise no objection to works to gleditsia tree at 10 Graces Maltings, Tring HP23 6DL

19/02700/FUL WITHDRAWN Change of use from one B1 use to two B1 uses at 54 Western Road, Tring HP23 4BB

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

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

**20010. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

None received

**20011. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

None received.

**20012. STANDING COMMITTEES**

(i) Local Transport Plan 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

(ii) Planning Committee 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

(iii) Finance and Policy Committee 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes listed above except item (ii) which was deferred

**20013. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Cllr Townsend has been in contact with Rothschild House surgery. He had given them advice on seeking CIL funding from DBC to accept residents from LA5
- Cllr Nutkins had attended a meeting of the Justice and Peace Group
- Cllr Patterson has attended a steering group meeting of DEF to discuss the future of the group.

**20014. TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** to note the minutes as presented. Cllr Nutkins will attend the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 4pm.

**20015. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2020/21**

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

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the budget as presented and to request a precept of £144,682.84 (Band D equivalent £28.39)

**20016.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
- (iii) To authorise expenditure of £100 for the Climate Change networking event 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

**20017.A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT**

An indicative example was circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman explained the purpose of the document and its lack of standing in planning terms. However, it was a clear statement of the principles that new development should follow.

Members should send comments as soon as possible to the Deputy Clerk to collate for consideration by the Cllrs Ransley, Townsend & Nutkins prior to the presentation of a draft to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To prepare a draft statement that reflected Tring Town Council's principles for consideration at the next Council meeting

**20018. NALC CONSULTATION – STRENGTHENING POLICE POWERS TO TACKLE UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS**

There was a discussion of the proposals. The following points were agreed:

- The existing powers are sufficient – a view held by many Police & Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables
- The fundamental problem is insufficient pitches. Following the changes to definitions introduced in 2015, revised housing needs assessments are required. With these, it would be hoped that principal authorities can tackle the deficit. The proposals are directed at the symptoms not the cause
- There is also a need for District Councils to work together more closely e.g. protocols should be in place to facilitate an unauthorised encampment near the border being relocated to the adjacent district
- Notwithstanding the above, there was a sense that property owners should not have to suffer financially by an unauthorised encampment
- There was a fear that whilst making trespass a criminal offence, this would open up 'mission creep' to areas where that would be totally disproportionate

**RESOLVED:** That the Council was strongly opposed to any increase in Police powers

**20019.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

**20020.LEASE RENEWAL – 1ST FLOOR MARKET HOUSE**

**RESOLVED:** (i) To extend the lease at the current rent  
(ii) Clarify the Council's position re. reassignment of the lease

**20021.THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD**

**RESOLVED:** (i) To adopt the shortlist of nominations  
(ii) Those Members who made a nomination to prepare a short explanatory brief ready for circulation prior to the next Council meeting for consideration

The meeting closed at 9:22pm

Chairman