

**MINUTES OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY (DUE TO CORONOVIRUS CRISIS) ON MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk  
Mrs E Cave, Youth Town Clerk  
Mr A. Forde for item 20167

**20162. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**20163. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr McDowell explained that he would not take part in item 20153 as a member of Dacorum Borough Council's Development Management Committee. Cllr Hearn would leave the meeting should the discussions in item 20177 consider the Brook Street site.

**20164. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JULY 2020**

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

**20165. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The following matters were reported to the meeting:

- As there had not been a call for an election, a resident could be co-opted to the Council. The position would be advertised using all local media.
- The Craft Yard licence has been granted with useful conditions applied
- A response to the DBC Design Guide was submitted
- A response to the revised Local Council Code of Conduct has been submitted
- VJ day was commemorated without a church service although a wreath was laid by the Mayor.

**20166. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Chairman reported the following:

- The Mayor had attended 2 meetings of Tring Community Centre Trustees. The Centre has been Covid proofed and had now re-opened. The secretary has resigned and future management is to be decided.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> August, the Mayor presented a hamper to the 1000 Instagram follower of the Farmers Market
- A suggestion to hold public meetings of the Council was discussed. Future meetings will be held virtually until further notice
- Members were informed of the plans for the Remembrance Service in light of the coronavirus situation

**20167. TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL FOR AN UPGRADE OF THE SKATE PARK FROM THE YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL CLERK**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm

The Youth Town Council Clerk introduced Archie Forde who was representing a group of young residents wishing to upgrade the skate park on Pound Meadow. The mental health benefits of young people getting fresh air and exercise were highlighted and the need for an upgrade to the existing equipment. He explained that other towns e.g. Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead had recently improved their skate park facilities and it was time to consider doing the same in Tring. It was acknowledged that this would be in conjunction with DBC as owners of the land and it was important to get Dacorum on board. A detailed plan and research into sources of funding would be required. It was suggested that three outline designs were drawn up at different budget levels around which discussion could progress.

Archie was thanked for his contribution to the meeting and the Town Council would give due consideration to the matter. He then left the meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.55pm

**RESOLVED:** For two councillors to be nominated to act as the Council's link with the project

**20168. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public attending or correspondence received

**20169. 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.**

20/02436/FHA Two storey rear extension, internal alterations and landscaping at 10 New Mill Terrace Tring Hertfordshire

HP23 5ET for Miss Harries (Natasha Vernal)

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

20/02572/FHA Construction of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing single storey garage at 32 Lakeside, Tring HP23 5HN for Mr Bowman (Robert Freeman)

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

20/02576/FHA Demolition of existing garden shed and construction of replacement garden building at 60 Beaconsfield Road, Tring HP23 4DW for Mrs Gatehouse (Sally Robbins)

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

20/02484/RET Retention of construction of timber fence to front garden (amended scheme) at 33 Bulbourne Court, Tring HP23 4TP for Ms Griffin (Aneeka Shah)

The Council recommended **REFUSAL** to this application on the same grounds as the previous application given that there were no significant changes to the plans, any fence being out-of-keeping with the streetscape.

20/02589/FHA Single storey front porch. New dormer window to front elevation. Single storey rear extension and garage conversion at 30 Fantail Lane, Tring for Mr and Mrs Miller (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/02612/FHA Two storey front extension and porch canopy at 8 The Meads, Tring HP23 5JF for Mr and Mrs Kempster (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/02666/FHA Loft conversion to include changing the direction of the ridge, rear dormer with three windows and five front velux windows. Ground floor alterations to include installation of three velux windows and new front porch with small pitched roof to match existing at Wayside, Icknield Way, Tring HP23 5HJ for Mr and Mrs Wignall (Martin Stickley)

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

20/02672/TPO Works to sycamore tree at The Courtyard, Rothschild Place, Tring HP23 5FL for Treeline Services Ltd (Aneeka Shah)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the Tree Officers report

20/02686/FHA Two storey rear extension at 19 Mill View Road, Tring HP23 4EP for Mr Carmichael-Johns (Natasha Vernal)

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

20/02691/LDP Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of single storey rear extension and conversion of loft including new rear facing dormer at Tannenhof, Bunstrux, Tring HP23 4HT for Mr and Mrs Hoggett (Natasha Vernal)

The Council **NOTED** this application

20/02763/ADV 1x42" LCD Media Screen at Tesco Stores Ltd, London Road, Tring HP23 5NB for Mr Horwood (Tesco) (Shona Russell)

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

#### **20170. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS**

TRO15265 The Hertfordshire (Temporary Closing of Marshcroft Lane, Tring and Tring Town Restricted Byway No.062) Order 2020 was considered – details were circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To note the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order TRO15265

#### **20171. PREMISES LICENCES**

None received

#### **20172. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- (i) Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- (ii) Allotments & Environment Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

#### **20173. OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Councillor Elley had attended the virtual AGM of Church House which has now re-opened
- Councillors Townsend and Elley had attended a virtual meeting of the Rothschild House Patients Group
- Councillor MacDonald had received a request for funding from Tring Tennis Club which had been passed to the Clerk.

#### **20174. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

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

- (i) Financial Report – details of August 2020 were explained. The first half year report will be available at the October meeting. Some projects had to be put on hold due to COVID19 but it was hoped to resume these shortly
- (ii) The Schedule of Payments was presented for approval

**RESOLVED:** (i) To note the June accounts and quarterly report  
(ii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

**20175. TO ENDORSE THE NALC NATIONAL PAY SETTLEMENT 2020/2021**

Details of the settlement had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To note and implement the new pay scales

**20176. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM RENNIE GROVE**

Details of the request for funding (£718.96) for alarms for nurses working alone at night had been distributed to all members.

**RESOLVED:** To grant the request for funding

**20177. 'DACORUM LOCAL PLAN (2020 – 2038): EMERGING STRATEGY FOR GROWTH' CONSULTATION**

*Councillor Hearn left the meeting at 9.10pm*

The proposed growth for Tring would result in the town expanding by 50% during the period of the plan. Concerns were raised about the location of a new supermarket and the release of Green Belt to the east of the town.

**RESOLVED:** To engage with a local barrister to gain advice on Tring Town Council's response. Further discussion would take place at the Planning Committee meeting on 12th October.

*Councillor Hearn returned to the meeting at 9.17pm*

**20178. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

The Clerk reported that a petition to hold a by-election for the casual vacancy had not been received in the statutory period once the notice of the vacancy had been posted. This meant that the Council could start the co-option process.

**RESOLVED:** To note the commencement of co-option to fill the causal vacancy

**20179. STAFF RECRUITMENT**

The meeting was informed that Ben Cartwright had been appointed as the new Town Warden. He would commence work for the Council in November. Interviews for the Town Clerk position had taken place and a second round of interviews was planned

**RESOLVED:** To endorse the appointment of the new Town Warden

**20180. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

Measures have been implemented to comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Website and Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018. A statement had been posted on the website as required and further measures will

be implemented in due course.

**RESOLVED:** To note the compliance statement posted and the planned measures to improve accessibility

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm

Chairman