

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT VICTORIA HALL, AKEMAN STREET, TRING, HERTS HP23 6AA on MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2022 at 7.30 p.m

Present: Councillors: C. Townsend (Chairman)
P. Hearn
R. Hollinghurst
P. Elley
H. Piper
R. Ransley
B. Patterson
A. MacDonald

Absent: A. Caps

Also Present: Members of public x2
Peter Elwin (Speaker for Wendover Canal Trust)
Mrs L Housden, Town Clerk

20800. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Nutkins (Prior engagement), Councillor Wilkie (Prior engagement) and Cllr McDowell (COVID19 concerns)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given.

20801. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hearn would not participate in the discussions relating to Licensing Applications (Item 20809), if any, as a member of the Dacorum Borough Council Licensing Committee.

20802. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th DECEMBER 2021

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

20803. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

County Councillor Symington has now provided an idea as to costings both to fence part of Hastoe Lane verge to prevent parking and for the proposed cycle/walking pathway improvements. This information will be presented at February's Buildings and Assets Committee meeting when discussing CIL monies.

In the Planning Committee on 10th January, the committee was told that Woodland Weddings had lodged an appeal to the Secretary of State against Dacorum Borough Council's refusal of planning permission at Lila's Wood. The deadline to make any additional comments has now been extended to the 27th of January. However, the comments originally made by Tring Town Council will be automatically forwarded to the planning inspector for their consideration and it isn't usual practice for the Council to make further comments.

20804. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk reported:

1. The architect appointed for the Nora Grace Hall replacement has created an initial design based on the working party suggestions. They will be presenting this design at the Buildings and Assets Committee meeting on 7th February and if Councillors would like to have an input they are encouraged to attend.
2. An email has been circulated that was received from Generator Group regarding their proposals for Land South of Aylesbury Road, together with their most recent briefing brochure for information purposes.
3. Correspondence had been received from the landscape consultant encouraging the Council to share the landscape report with Dacorum Borough Council and the public sooner rather than later so that it doesn't become out of date.
4. There will be a dinosaur exhibition (which is a partnership between Tring Town Council, DBC, Tring Together & the Local History Museum) in the memorial gardens on Thurs & Fri. 17/18th February between 10 am - 3 pm. Councillors are encouraged to attend the event and spread the news of the event.

20805. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE WENDOVER CANAL TRUST:

Tring Urban District Council deposited 6,000 tonnes of household waste in a 300 yard stretch of the canal during the period 1919 - 1929. The cost to remove this waste is now a reduced amount of £320,000. Their proposal is for Hertfordshire County Council, Dacorum Borough Council and Tring Town Council to commit to £25,000 of funding (possibly from CIL monies) for the next four years starting from 2022/3.

Councillors confirmed how commendable the project was but it was unlikely that they would commit to payments stretching over years. The amount requested was also unrealistic for the size of the Council.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the presentation and to give further thought to the request.

Peter Elwin left the meeting.

20806. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

standing orders suspended at 7.50 pm

- A member of the public spoke in respect of application reference 21/04769/MFA. The current boundaries were very close to their property window and the development would move these further away. They would be happy with the development provided the boundaries remained as stipulated on the plans.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.52 pm.

20807. PLANNING APPLICATION:

The Council considered planning applications that had been referred by the 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.

21/04769/MFA Construction of residential care home (Class C2) and ancillary facilities including access arrangements, car parking, amenity space, landscaping and associated works at land at Miswell Lane, Tring HP23 4JU for Montpelier Estates (Robert Freeman)

The Council recommended **REFUSAL** of this application on the grounds that there does not appear to be any plans to widen Miswell Lane. The road would need to be widened right up to the junction with Icknield Way and in the other direction to Windmill Way to include pedestrian access. A condition should be added or an S106 Agreement entered into to ensure that this takes place.

22/00007/TCA Works to trees at 1 Dunsley Place, Tring HP23 6JL for Mr Jones (Imogen Botrill-Down)

To be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting as no plan was available.

22/00006/TCA Works to goat willow (T1) at 11 Henry Street, Tring HP23 6BH for Lace (Imogen Botrill-Down)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the views of the conservation officer.

22/00008/TCA Works to trees at 2 Grace's Maltings, Tring HP23 6DL for Mr Jones (Imogen Botrill-Down)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the views of the conservation officer.

- 22/00004/TCA Fell sycamore tree at St Joseph's Residential Care Home, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DH for Mrs Horton (Imogen Botrill-Down)
- To be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting as no reason for the works had been provided.
- 21/04815/FHA Front porch and conversion of existing garage into a sitting room with an additional storey above at 55 Hunters Close, Tring HP23 5PQ for Ms Celnik (amended scheme) (Tristan Goldsmid)
- The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 22/00070/FHA Proposed loft conversion with roof height increase and addition of rear-facing dormer at 87 Grove Gardens, Tring HP23 5PY for Mitesh Mashru (Heather Edey)
- The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

The members of the public left the meeting.

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.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

20808. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS

None Received.

20809. PREMISES LICENCES

None received.

20810. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee held on 10th January 2022
- (ii) Finance & Policy Committee held on 10th January 2022

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above

20811. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of organisations they represent on behalf of the Council:

- Cllr Elley - Friends of Old church House (FOTCH) were starting to arrange fundraising events again and were planning their family fun day.
- Cllr Hollinghurst - Tring Local History Museum has been awarded Full Accreditation by Arts Council England. This demonstrates that the museum is managing its collections properly, engaging with visitors, and are governed appropriately. It will enable them to borrow items of interest from other museums

and should put them in a better position to obtain grants. The dinosaur event will also be outside the museum as well as the memorial gardens which will hopefully attract more visitors.

- Cllr Hearn - Had attended a Tring Charities meeting but there was nothing to report.
- Cllr Ransley - Had attended a Tring Community Centre committee meeting on 14th January. They were a fairly new committee and were working on getting the paperwork up to date.
- Cllr Townsend had been in touch with Churches Together in Tring to obtain a piece for the Town Crier.

20812. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022/23

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 £157,442.21 (Band D equivalent £30.15)
- (ii) To make an allocation from unspecified reserves to earmarked reserves for Allotment Water Pipes (£5,000)

20813. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

- (i)
 - Expenditure for the month was high but CIL or s106 monies were being used for the more expensive items and if these were ignored the expenditure was less than last year.
 - Rental income and recharging of utilities had been received this month.
 - A Quarter 3 Financial report had been circulated showing the year to date & predicted year end position. Expenditure was less than last year and income higher. It was predicted that there may be a small surplus at the year end.
- (ii) A request was made to increase the limit of the Councils BAC's facility to £15,000.
- (ii) The Schedule of Payments was presented for approval.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To accept the Clerk's Financial Statement.
- (ii) To authorise the Council's BAC's facility to be increased as proposed.
- (iii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

20814. GRANT APPLICATION FROM COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS/EAST OF ENGLAND AMBULANCE CHARITY FUND

Details of the application were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To award Community First Responders/ East of England Ambulance Charity Fund £500 to help fund recovery medical life-saving equipment.

20815. POLICY REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Finance & Policy Committee and are presented to Council for approval:

- (i) **Media Policy (New Policy)** - To adopt the new policy.
- (ii) **Protocol on the recording and filming of Council and Committee Meetings** - Proposed amendments agreed.
- (iii) **Social Media Policy** - No changes necessary
- (iv) **Complaints Policy** - No changes necessary
- (v) **Community Engagement Policy** - Proposed amendments agreed and in addition the removal of 'Dementia Friendly Tring' from paragraph 3 (2b).
- (vi) **Equality and Diversity Policy** - Proposed amendments agreed
- (vii) **Information and Data Protection Policy** - Proposed amendment agreed
- (viii) **General Privacy Notice** - Proposed amendments agreed
- (ix) **Model Publication Scheme** - No changes necessary
- (x) **Information available under the publication scheme** - Proposed amendments agreed and any documents no longer in existence to be removed.
- (xi) **Document Retention and disposal policy & list** - No changes necessary

RESOLVED: To adopt the above policies with any amendments referred to above

20816. DACORUM LOCAL PLAN (2020-2038) STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

A report circulated prior to the meeting proposing minor amendments to the Landscape Report and a recommendation as to when to discuss the Local Plan with Dacorum Borough Council Officers.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To agree with the amendments to the Landscape Report and a revised report be obtained.
- (ii) To share the revised report with Dacorum Borough Council & place a copy on the website.

20817. PARKING PROPOSALS IN TRING

It was considered if Tring Town Council should be responsible for arranging a public meeting with Dacorum Borough Council and the County Council to discuss parking scheme options for Tring.

RESOLVED:

Not to arrange the proposed meeting as Tring Town Council did not have the resources nor the responsibility to do so. However, the Council would be happy to get involved if one of the other organisations arranged the meeting.

20818. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

A report was circulated setting out the national plans to mark the event together with initial proposed plans for Tring.

RESOLVED: To note the plans proposed to mark the event.

20819. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

A resolution was considered that under section 1(2) 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.

20820. ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD

RESOLVED: Nominations were provided ready for a vote at the next Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 08:45 pm

Chairman