

**MINUTES OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY (DUE TO
CORONAVIRUS CRISIS) ON MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also Present: D. Slade, Deputy Town Clerk
M. Curry, Town Clerk (Existing)
L. Housden, Town Clerk (Newly Appointed)
Candidates for Co-option:
Neil Boustred
Joe Stopps
David Moore
Brian Paske
Susan Lanning
Sheron Wilkie
1 Member of the public

20292. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr A. MacDonald and Cllr P. McDowell given their apologies (prior appointments)

20293. TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20294. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2020

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

20295. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None

20296. TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported the following:

- The Mayor attended the Christmas review for Rennie Grove Hospice.
- Together with Vivianne Child of Tring Together the Mayor had judged the shop window competition. The winner was the charity shop who had displayed small versions of all of the shops in the high street. These would be given to the respective shops in return for a contribution to charity.
- The mayor attended the shop local event in town that had good attendance and people were complying with the social distance rules.

- The Mayor had attended the farmers market and had given a hamper to the winner of the raffle.
- Thanks was given to the Clerk for his service to the Council before his retirement.

20297. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.44pm

- Mr Wallis, the director of developments at Tring Sports Forum, spoke in respect of the draft Local Plan. Tring Sports Forum would like to cooperate with the Council as much as possible in respect of responding to the Local Plan Consultation. They would like to comment on the provision of sports facilities and favourable locations. They would like a combined approach to be agreed, as much as possible by the 7th February and for DBC to recognise Tring Sports Forum as a body to be included in negotiations, if the Council could assist with this. He proposed that Tring Sports Forum provide plans to be reviewed by the Council. He believes a lot of problems could be satisfied if a good solution and layout could be found for Dunsley Farm.

Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.53pm

20298. 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.

20/03536/FUL RE-CONSULTATION The construction of a new agricultural field entrance at Land opp. Hastoe Cross Cottage, Church Lane, Hastoe HP236LU for Mary Harris (Natasha Vernal)

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

20/03647/ROC Variation of Condition 8 (approved plans) attached to permission 20/01109/FUL (construction of a new dwelling at Lomgfield, Aylesbury Road, Tring HP23 4DH for Mr Ames (Martin Stickley)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application but with comments made to Dacorum Borough Council that the property backs onto the Conservation area so it would be prudent for a conservation officer to have sight of the application. Cllr Townsend would also like it noted that he voted to reject this application.

20/03675/FUL

and

20/03676/LBC External alterations to outbuilding, upgrading of car park, fences and new landscaping at Ardenoak House, 101 High Street, Tring HP23 4AB for Mr Whitlock (Sally Robbins)

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

20/03691/FHA Single storey rear extension and porch to front at 44 Morefields, Tring HP23 5EU for Ms Davis (Melissa Martin)

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

20/03702/TPO Works to trees at 38 Nathaniel Walk, Tring HP23 5DG for Blackman (Melissa Martin)

The Council recommended **REFUSAL** of this application because the fact the tree is resulting in shade to the garden is not sufficient grounds to fell the same.

20/03750/FUL Remodelling of windows and access door to the existing single storey building, to include two sky lights to existing pitched slate roof and isolated timber cladding. New sash window casements to replace single glazed windows to North East elevation. Additional steps to be provided to create dual access to the existing front entrance. Formation of external shed at lower garden level to accommodate a provision for garden toilets and servery at The Grand Junction Arms, Bulbourne Road, Bulbourne, Tring HP23 5QE for Mr Schooling (Robert Freeman)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION**.

20/03751/FHA Replacement of existing conservatory roof, doors and windows at 12 Nursery Gardens, Tring HP23 5HZ for Mr Dobson (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/03763/FHA Side and rear storey extension, addition of internal lift and other alterations at 8 Goldfield Road, Tring HP23 4BA for Ms and Mrs Meaghan and Nicola Kall (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/03769/FHA Single storey infill extension with pitched roof at 28 Cobbetts Ride, Tring HP23 4BZ for Mr Makhloufi (Aneeka Shah)

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

20/03816/FHA Single storey front extension and internal alterations at 3 Goldfield Road, Tring HP23 4BA for Mr and Mrs Taylor-Smith and Warburton (Aneeka Shah)

The Council recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application but with a comment asking for a replacement tree.

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 and the **rejection** of application 19/02588/MFA Permission refused for material change of use of woodland and agricultural land to a wedding venue, including all chattels, structures, trackway and other materials associated with such use between May to September for 15 events per annum at Lilas Wood Wick Road Wigginton Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6HQ.

20299. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS

Details of TRO15740 – temporary closing of B4635 High Street, Tring were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the TRO15740.

20300. PREMISES LICENCES

None received

20301. STANDING COMMITTEES

- (i) Planning Committee meeting held on 7th December 2020
- (ii) Allotment and Environment Committee held on 7th December 2020
- (iii) Staffing Committee held on 9th December 2020

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

20302. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Councillor Nutkins reported that Michael Demidecki of the Justice & Peace Group was from home from hospital.
- Councillor Townsend was shown around by Mrs Richardson of the Wendover Arms Trust and she has asked to come to speak to the Council to give an update on how works are progressing on the Wendover Arms and the Council will receive full details at that meeting. He also attended the Tring Together Christmas Fayre as deputy Mayor.
- Councillor Patterson went with Councillor Nutkins to visit the local firm that makes the eco-friendly bricks and a full update on that will be given at the next Climate Change Working Party.

- Councillor Hollinghurst, reported that the Tring Local History and museum society were delighted to open their doors at the Christmas Fayre and had around 60 visitors. They are concerned with the proposals to move the museum in the Local Plan.
- Councillor Hearn said that the Christmas Fayre was a great effort on behalf of Tring Together and Vivianne Child should be officially thanked on behalf of Tring Town Council. In her role on Tring Charities, she has been keeping in touch with her residents on regular occasions.

20303. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

- (i) In respect of expenditure, the van has been purchased and is now in use. In terms of income, we have received the CIL payment for the first half of the year.
- (ii) The Schedule of Payments was presented for approval
- (iii) Still waiting for the tax base from Dacorum Borough Council but they have given indications what the Council Tax Support Grant & the Concurrent Services Grant will be. The advice on the Warden Grant is a zero increase in line with the Local Government announcement on freezing local government salaries which may result in spare funding as the salaries in the budget may be less.

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

20304. COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

- The Clerk explained the voting process.
- Each of the six candidates for Co-option gave their representations.
- The Council voted

RESOLVED: To appoint Sharon Wilkie for the Councillor vacancy and she signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

20305. 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.

20306. DACORUM LOCAL PLAN (2020 - 2038) EMERGING STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

- (i) To receive the recommendations from the working party circulated prior to the meeting.
- (ii) To consider options to publicise the consultations

RESOLVED:

- (i) To accept the working party's recommendations.
- (ii) Suggestions to publicise the consultation included:
 - Email to other organisations with agreed wording and links to the Dacorum Borough Council links.
 - Take out an advertisement.
 - Posters on our notice boards.
 - On our website.
 - Post to everything Tring.
 - Post to our Twitter feed.
 - Press release (Radio station or Gazette)
 - Weekly roundup on everything Tring
 - Stall on market/farmer's market
 - Hold a meeting on 14th January 2021 and invite groups to attend to give their views on the consultation to Tring Town Council.

20307. STAFFING COMMITTEE

To receive the decision of the Staffing Committee held on Wednesday 9th December 2020.

RESOLVED: To accept the decision subject to the final sum being as expected.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Chairman