

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE
VICTORIA HALL, AKEMAN STREET, TRING, HERTS HP23 6AA ON MONDAY
18th JULY 2022 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Councillors:	C. Townsend (Chairman)	Present
	P. Elley	Present
	P. Hearn	Present
	R. Hollinghurst	Present
	N. Nutkins	Present
	R. Ransley	Present
	A. MacDonald	Apologies given
	P. McDowell	Apologies given
	S. Wilkie	Present
	H. Piper	Absent
	K. Baker	Present

Also Present:

Mrs L Housden, Town Clerk
Ms C Murray, Deputy Town Clerk
County Councillor Sally Symington
Mr H Makinson (school work placement)
x23 Members of the public

21071. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr MacDonald and Cllr McDowell
(Both had prior engagements)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given.

21072. **TO MAKE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hearn would not participate in the discussions relating to Licensing Applications (Item 21079), if any, as a member of the Dacorum Borough Council Licensing Committee.

21073. **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JUNE 2022**

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

21074. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk reported that:

- At the planning Committee meeting on 4th July the committee considered a planning application at Land at former Marsworth Airfield. Cllr Patterson & Cllr Nutkins visited the site on the following day and there appeared to be no loss of employment within the site planned for development.

21075. **TO RECEIVE SUCH COMMUNICATIONS AS THE TOWN MAYOR MAY DESIRE TO LAY BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor reported that he had attended:

- The Tring Together summer carnival, he had taken part in the parade and later on in the day was very pleased to accept the bee friendly town award for 2022.
- The RAF Halton Annual Reception.

The Clerk reported:

- The intalink vehicle has been booked at the Church Square again. The dates are 18th August, 18th October & 17th November.
- In respect of the proposed sale of land at Bulbourne, notification was received from an architect that Dacorum Borough Council have now submitted their planning application. On checking with DBC the application is yet to be verified and due to the current Planning freeze on approving such applications, it is unlikely to be looked at until late August.
- Tring Town Council had in the past recommended refusal of a planning application at Lilas Wood in Hastoe for a wedding reception. The application was subsequently refused by Dacorum Borough Council. The applicants had appealed the decision to the Planning Inspectorate and that appeal had now been dismissed.
- Wendover Canal had provided a press release notifying of the grants that they had received including Tring Town Council's grant. They had also provided up to date details of their funding requirements and all of these documents had been circulated. It is anticipated that a further request for grant funding will be received from them shortly.
- A June fact sheet from the investment fund CCLA in which some of the council's money is invested has been circulated.
- There was a meeting with a representative of the police, staff members of Tring school and HCC Services for Young People amongst others on Monday 11th July regarding anti-social behaviour in Tring. Notes from that meeting will be circulated to council members once finalised.
- On 14th July there was an engagement meeting with the Head of Water Networks and area manager for Thames Water. It was mainly to familiarise them with the Council and have a point of contact should the Council need their assistance. It is hoped that this will become a quarterly meeting with another meeting scheduled for late September which other local Parish Clerks will be invited to attend.

One point of interest was that they advised that within the next 6 months they intend to carry out an assessment to determine the current and future impact of water supply and a separate one on drainage and waste water in Tring. This would include the implications if Tring were to grow as per the draft local plan and they are aware of the Marshcroft Lane proposal. If anyone has any questions that they would like to raise with Thames water please send these to the clerk.

21076. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Standing Orders were suspended at 7:36 pm **by resolution** to allow members of the public present to speak.

- Dacorum Borough council Nick Hollinghurst confirmed that he would be listening to the audience's views but not expressing an opinion at this stage as he sat on Dacorum Borough councils development management committee.
- A large number of residents spoke in objection to planning application 22/01962/MFA construction of class E discount food store with car parking at Sears Drive, Tring. A summary of their main concerns included:
 - Land is currently designated for industrial use.
 - Pressure on infrastructure including unsuitable access on a shared residential road
 - Not in keeping with the surroundings
 - Increased traffic and congestion
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Air, Light and Noise Pollution
- The Hertfordshire County councillor asked the town council to consider adding to their response to the above planning application that if DBC were minded to grant the application then a roundabout should be added to the site, the single access should be rationalised and widened. The 50mph speed limit on the main road should be reduced to at least 30mph and a crossing should be added to Sears Drive together with double yellow lines opposite the entrance.

Standing Orders were resumed by **resolution** at 7:54 pm.

21077. **PLANNING APPLICATION:**

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.

22/01715/FHA

Construction of rear conservatory. 13 Sears Drive Tring Hertfordshire HP23 4GZ **Re-consideration, planning officers comments have been circulated regarding the ground floor plan.**

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

22/01962/MFA Construction of Class E discount foodstore with associated car parking, landscaping, engineering and drainage works. Land At Sears Drive Tring Hertfordshire HP23 4JY

The Council recommended **REFUSAL** of this application on the following grounds:

- This land has not been proposed as a suitable plot for a supermarket on the emerging local plan
- Land is currently designated for industrial use.
- Pressure on infrastructure including unsuitable access on a shared residential road
- Not in keeping with the surroundings
- Increased traffic and congestion
- Pedestrian safety
- Air, Light and Noise Pollution

22/02044/FHA Demolition of garden building and construction of a single storey extension to existing rear extension. 13 Henry Street, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 6BH

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

22/02049/TCA T1-T2: Works to trees T3: Felling of tree. 12 Charles Street, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 6BD

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

22/01800/FHA Construction of outbuilding at end of garden. 4 Bulbourne Road, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5HF

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

22/01999/DRC Details as required by condition 5 (Brick and flint wall) attached to planning permission 21/00359/ROC (Variation of condition 2 attached to appeal decision APP/A1910/W/18/3198959 (following refusal ref 4/01977/17/FUL (Construction of 4 new dwellings with amenity space, car parking and cycle storage. Private gated access drive. Proposed new retaining wall of contiguous piling and stepoc block retaining wall with

green wall and native tree and shrub soft Landscaping).
Land Adjacent 22 Brook Street Tring Hertfordshire

The Council **NOTED** this application

22/01986/FUL

Installation of 1 new CCTV camera onto the Rothschild Building of the NHM. In addition, 7 cameras will be upgraded to 4 K smaller cameras. One additional new camera is proposed for the new section of the building. British Natural History Museum Akeman Street Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6AP

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

22/01987/LBC

Installation of 1 new CCTV camera onto the Rothschild Building of the NHM. In addition, 7 cameras will be upgraded to 4 K smaller cameras. One additional new camera is proposed for the new section of the building. British Natural History Museum Akeman Street Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6AP

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

22/02100/FHA

Hip to gable loft conversion with rear dormer, first floor extension. 21 New Mill Terrace Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5ET

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

22/02130/FHA

Front porch front dormer two storey rear extension. 12 Harcourt Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 5JJ

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

22/02112/FUL

Portal Steel Framed Agricultural Storage Barn Tring Grange Farm Cholesbury Road Tring Hertfordshire HP23 6JQ

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

22/01869/LBC Conversion of coach house to gym, dry and garden store. Conversion of cellar to Utility/Store, Conversion of outdoor WC to shower room. 94 Western Road, Tring Hertfordshire HP23 4BJ.

The Council deferred making a recommendation of this application till the next meeting as no papers were available to review

22/02045/DRC Details as required by condition 13 (Remediation site completion report) attached to planning permission 21/00359/ROC 21/00359/ROC (Variation of condition 2 attached to appeal decision APP/A1910/W/18/3198959 (following refusal ref 4/01977/17/FUL (Construction of 4 new dwellings with amenity space, car parking and cycle storage. Private gated access drive. Proposed new retaining wall of contiguous piling and stepoc block retaining wall with green wall and native tree and shrub soft Landscaping). Land Adjacent 22, Brook Street, Tring, Hertfordshire.

The Council **NOTED** 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.

RESOLVED: To note the planning decisions received

21078. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

Details of the following Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders were considered:

- (i) TRO20014 The Hertfordshire (Temporary Closing of Longfield Road, Tring) Order No.2 2022
- (ii) TRO20068 The Hertfordshire (Temporary Closing of Tring Town Public Footpath No 81) Order 2022

RESOLVED: To note the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders received

21079. **PREMISES LICENCES**

None received.

21080. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- (i) Planning Committee held on 4th July 2022
- (ii) Buildings, Assets & Infrastructure Committee held on 4th July 2022 (The date error on the heading had been corrected prior to the meeting)

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the minutes listed above.

21081. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members gave reports of meetings attended when representing the Council:

- Councillor Elley reported that the Friends of Tring Church Heritage (FOTCH) family fun day had been a great success. Membership was declining as they had not been able to recruit during the COVID-19 period.
- Councillor Ransley reported that the Tring Sports Forum had not yet had a meeting.
- Councillor Townsend had made contact with Churches Together in Tring and hoped to be invited to the next meeting.
- Councillor Wilkie gave an update on the Tring Community Centre. All members had now been registered with the charity commissioner. They had an interim ofsted visit that had gone well. The accounts were good for both the community centre and the nursery. The nursery was currently full. Only one tender had been received for the works to the gardens so they needed to obtain two more.
- Councillor Hollinghurst reported that the summer carnival run by Tring Together had a record number of attendees and money taken at the gates. She had spoken to some of the visitors and they had all praised the event.

21082. **TRING YOUTH TOWN COUNCIL**

The Youth Council Report was circulated.

RESOLVED: To acknowledge the Youth Town Council report.

21083. **FINANCES:**

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 June 2022 and first quarterly accounts were explained (ii) A request was made for delegated authority to be given to the Clerk & Deputy Clerk to process July's and August's payments of accounts during the August 2022 recess.(iii) The Schedule of Payments was presented

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the June accounts and quarterly report
- (ii) To approve delegated authority be given as set out above.
- (iii) To approve the Schedule of Payments

21084. **RIALTAS ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

A report proposing the purchase of Rialtas Allotment Management Software to streamline the process was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To purchase Rialtas Allotment Management Software.

21085. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

It was proposed that Cllr Piper be removed from the staffing and employment committee to make the numbers accurate. It was proposed that Councillor Baker as the new co-opted councillor be added as a member of the Planning Committee, Buildings, Assets and Infrastructure Committee and Finance and Policy Committee.

RESOLVED: To agree to the changes as set out above.

21086. **ANNUAL GARDEN COMPETITION**

Tring Town Council is holding a competition for the best front gardens in Tring.

Categories are:

- Best large garden
- Best small garden
- Best front garden in Eight Acres.

The garden must be visible from the front pavement; judges do not need to access the property. The judging criteria will be:

- sustainable planting for year round interest
- evidence of recycling and water conservation
- good colour and mix of plants - “bee friendly”

RESOLVED: to note the actions required and to acknowledge that the competition will be announced via social media.

21087. **THE ANNUAL ALLOTMENT COMPETITION**

Judging has taken place with the presentation at the Allotments Association summer show on 23rd July 2022.

RESOLVED: to note the position.

21088. **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.

21089. **CHURCH SQUARE**

A report was circulated setting out (i) three quotes to lower the kerb at the back of the Church Square and explaining the options available to finance the works. (ii) three quotes to carry out repairs to the flower bed at Church Square (iii) A local horticulturist together with volunteers from Tring Community Garden had offered to plant the flower bed (once repaired) as part of a voluntary community project.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To appoint T Clubb & Son Ltd (£5,450) to carry out the lowering of the kerb and fund the cost from CIL monies after consultation with the public via social media and on the notice board.
- (ii) To appoint Jay Howes (£2,125) to carry out the repairs to the flower bed as they were the lowest of the two similar quotes and had a good reputation.
- (iii) To note and approve of the arrangements regarding planting of the Church Square flower bed.

21090. **MARKET HOUSE**

Two quotes that had been received as part of a tender exercise were considered but both were significantly higher than anticipated.

RESOLVED: To see if the specification of works can be reduced to the more urgent works required and then carry out a fresh tender exercise.

21091. **BULBOURNE ALLOTMENTS**

An update was provided regarding arrangements that had been discussed with tenants.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note and agree the arrangements that have been made.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman