

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUILDINGS AND ASSETS COMMITTEE
OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET
HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2017 At 8.00 pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs O. Conway (Chairman)
J. Bowden
M. Hicks
N. Hollinghurst
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins (Ex Officio)

Also present: Cllr H. Grace
Cllr Mrs P. Hearn
Cllr S. Hearn
Cllr Mrs R. Ransley

Mr M. Curry (Town Clerk)
Mrs D. Slade (Deputy Clerk)

2 Members of the public

18612. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Townsend and Hills gave their apologies (Prior appointment). Cllr Hollinghurst substituted for Cllr Townsend.

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given

18613. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs P. Hearn & Cllr S. Hearn (present but not members of the committee) disclosed a prejudicial interest with regard to item 18622 and withdrew from the Chamber when that item was discussed.

**18614. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE BUILDINGS & ASSETS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2016**

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

18615. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None

18616. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

18617. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 8:02pm

Mrs Child, Tring Together, explained that their need for the Market Place on the night of the Christmas Fair could not be accommodate by other means.

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 8:03pm

18618. TO CONFIRM THE TOWN COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN TDLH&MS'S HERITAGE PLAQUES SCHEME

Following earlier agreement in principle to participating in the scheme the Council authorised the Clerk to sign the agreements for plaques on Council property. A review of the wording of the Local History Museum plaque was requested.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to authorise the agreement with Tring and District Local History & Museum Society in regard to heritage plaques.

18619. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO USE THE MARKET PLACE AS A TEMPORARY ICE RINK DURING THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Members discussed the proposal but concluded that whilst they liked the idea, they could not accommodate the proposal on the night of the Christmas Festival and the Council would honour its commitment to the Christmas Festival.

RESOLVED: To decline the proposal.

18620. THE RENEWAL OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRING TOGETHER FOR THE NORA GRACE HALL DUE 1ST APRIL 2017

The Clerk explained the background to the papers circulated prior to the meeting and how the intention was to enter into a long term agreement that reflected the needs of the community and would facilitate fund raising. Cllr Bowden's advice has noted and his future input would be welcomed. Cllr Mrs Hearn will be seeking advice from Community Action Dacorum. The agreement should include clauses covering a situation, should it arise, that it is no longer viable to repair the hall.

RESOLVED: To renew the agreement with Tring Together as proposed

18621. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL PLAY GROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Copies of the inspection reports were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no high priority items. The Town Warden will incorporate the recommendations in his schedule as appropriate.

RESOLVED: To note the reports

18622. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL CHANGE OF USE AT THE MARKET PLACE

The Clerk explained the assumptions made when preparing the figures included in the report circulated prior to the meeting and outlined the conclusions. The project could not be progressed further until resources at Dacorum Borough Council were available to assist. No expenditure commitments would be made. An agreement on managing the site would include the ability to close the Market Place for other purposes. Confirmation is required that the proposed change of use would not prejudice alternative uses in the future. The commitment to obtain community support for any permanent change of use was confirmed.

18432. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

To consider a resolution in the following terms: That under section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the subsequent 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 support the resolution as given to exclude the public & press

18623. POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF THE COUNCIL'S HOLDINGS AT BULBOURNE

The Clerk briefed the Members on the investigation into possible future uses.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with Dacorum Borough Council to explore the options further

The meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman