

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

12th October 2021

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 12th October 2021** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), A Brooks, C Bunting, H Clarke, K Cogman, P Duigan, A Greenwood, H King, L Monument, T Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, Town Council Officer Gemma Drew, County Councillor W Richmond and District Councillors A Webb and G Bambridge.

73. **To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence

74. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

District Councillor A Webb reported back on the play area at Sandy Lane stating that the play area was locked due to all the play equipment being faulty apart from one swing and that all play areas still owned by Breckland Council were going to be reviewed.

Councillor A Brooks asked if a sign could be put up explaining why it has been closed.

Councillor P Morton asked what was actually being reviewed?

District Councillor G Bambridge replied that he has asked officers to review all play areas and report back on how many there were and what equipment was on them, he would then talk to Breckland Council members in Dereham and the Town Council.

Councillor S Green asked if there was a time frame, to which Councillor G Bambridge replied that he had three assistant directors working on this.

District Councillor A Webb said that some members of the public had commented that the play equipment at the Neatherd needed painting, the Deputy Clerk replied that she was aware of this and it was listed as work that needed to be carried out. Councillor A Webb continued by advising the meeting that Breckland Council were now offering Mental Health training courses and the details for this could be found on their website.

County Councillor W Richmond advised the meeting that he and the Town Clerk had contacted the Natural Environment Team at NCC regarding tree planting on the Neatherd Moor. The trees being established through natural regeneration will be considered for the 1 million trees for Norfolk initiative.

Councillor K Cogman asked Councillor P Duigan if he had any further news on what was happening with the Children's Centre on London Road? Councillor P Duigan replied that Childrens Services were having a look at what properties they

rent and how they use them and to 'watch this space'.

The meeting resumed

It was agreed to change the order in which the items were considered at the meeting. Item 7 on the agenda was taken as the next item.

75. Update on Safari Way.

District Councillor G Bambridge said that he did not have much to add to his last report regarding the litter in the ditch. He said that this is an unfortunate situation, usually you can find out who a land owner is within 2 to 3 weeks but this one was proving more difficult, he continued by saying that he believes Breckland Council are getting closer to finding out who owns the land at Safari Way and when they do there are certain actions they can take. He continued saying that the hedge may be a problem as it is over 100 years old and the wire fencing is not necessarily boundary, also riparian law says that land owner own land to the centre of a ditch this is not always the case but he is hopeful Breckland Council will find out the ownership and will forward the outcome to the Mayor and Clerk to circulate.

76. To receive announcements.

The Mayor, Councillor S Green announced that he had attended the following events:

4th September 2021 - Royal British Legion 100th Anniversary Show
6th September 2021 - High Sheriff of Norfolk's Reception at Cromer Pier
14th September 2021 - Gemini Open Day
15th September 2021 - Battle of Britain Service at War Memorial Dereham
10th October 2021 - Dereham Civic Service

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor H King announced that he had attended the following event:

24th September 2021 - Wymondham Civic Service

77. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 14 th September 2021 were agreed and signed.

78. Virtual Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 28th September 2021.**

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Virtual Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting Tuesday 28 th September 2021 were agreed and signed.
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(b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom.

The following recommendation was agreed and approved by the Council:

To discuss a criteria for selection of suitable subjects for plaques.

It was agreed that the criteria set by English Heritage (shown below) be used as guidance subject to the possibility of changes being added in the future.

People:

- The person should be deceased and at least ten years should normally have passed since their death
- The person should have made a significant contribution to the history of Dereham or be eminent through their profession or calling
- Their time in Dereham must have been a significant period, either in duration or importance, within their life and work
- The plaque is situated on the building with which they are associated, either as their home or place of work and in a prominent position. If the building is listed permission, will be needed from Breckland District Council before proceeding
- There should only be one plaque dedicated to that person within Dereham

Events to be commemorated should:

- Have occurred at least twenty years ago
- Be instantly recognizable to the majority of the general public
- Have significance to the town of Dereham

Locations or particular buildings should:

- Be known locally or nationally as of especial significance and worthy of lasting recognition
- Have visible remains intact

Animals and fictitious characters will not be considered for commemoration.

79. To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of account to be paid were agreed.

Councillor A Brooks left the meeting.

80. To consider quote for flooring for offices.

It was agreed that the flooring for the offices be purchased from Dereham Tiles and Carpets and be fitted by Initial Flooring as per the quotes.

81. Exclusion of Press and public.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor H King it was agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting

on the grounds that the Business to be transacted is confidential and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

82. **To discuss staff matter.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor S Green it was agreed in principle that the Town Clerk would be reimbursed for a proportionate amount of leave due to continuing to work from home while being on annual leave.

Chairman