

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

At a virtual meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020** at **7.30pm**.

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and County Councillor W Richmond and District Councillor A Webb.

15. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Monument as she was having problems with her internet.

16. **Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor C Bunting declared a personal interest in agenda item 21.

*The meeting was adjourned*

*Councillor L Monument joined the meeting.*

District Councillor A Webb said that she had been advised that there were trees dying on the Neatherd and the branches are hanging down, she has sent this information to Simon Taylor-Avery at Breckland Council and as managers of the moor they will sort it out.

Councillor A Webb also mentioned that the play equipment at Neatherd Moor was in need of painting.

The Town Clerk said that the staining of the play equipment had been started but unfortunately there was not enough stain to complete it and due to lock down we had been unable to get anymore.

Councillor H Clarke said that he had been saddened to hear that there had been vandalism at the Neatherd Moor play park.

Councillor P Morton wondered why the play area near the football club was sealed off and not accessible.

District Councillor A Webb said that Councillor P Morton should email the planning department at Breckland Council as the contractors should not do this.

Caleb Francis advised that he had joined the meeting in order to apologise for some vandalism he had caused to one of the planters in the Market Place, he apologised and offered to pay any costs occurred to put it right.

County Councillor W Richmond congratulated Councillors S Green and P Duigan on becoming Mayors and Deputy Mayor.

He then advised the meeting that the 'Welcome to Dereham' had now been installed.

Councillor S Green queried the sign and location of the sign saying 'Welcome to

Derehm/Toftwood.

Councillor P Duigan said that he still has his £6000 to spend on Highways improvements, although he has had one request for a 'Hedgehog Crossing' on Stone Road. He said that he thought that Councillor C Bunting had asked for something but he could not remember what that was.

Councillor C Bunting said that it was traffic calming survey and signs.

County Councillor W Richmond said that this would come under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

*The meeting resumed*

17. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the virtual **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green the minutes of the virtual Full Council meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved.

18. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the virtual **Annual Town** meeting held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the virtual Annual Town meeting Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were approved subject to Councillor H King being added as attending.

19. To receive as correct and sign the minutes of the virtual **Planning** meeting held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the virtual Planning meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 were approved.

20. **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 accounts to be paid were agreed

21. **To consider a grant applications.**

The following grants were agreed:

Organisation	Amount Agreed	Total cost	Reason for Grant	Youth Leaders	Comments
Dereham Theatre Company	£500	£750	To purchase equipment for rehearsal studio that will help protect members from Covid 19, once they are able to commence		

			rehearsals		
Norfolk Citizens Advice	£5000	£38,000 (Dereham Office)	To help cover the running costs of the Dereham Office		

22. **To consider Town priorities and key projects for Breckland Council.**

It was agreed that the attached list of priorities and key projects be sent to Breckland Council.

23. **Exclusion of Press & Public**

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan 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

24. **To consider Cllr L Monument continuing to lead on outstanding staffing matters.**

Councillor A Grey proposed that the lead on outstanding staffing matters should be taken by the Mayor, Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor P Duigan and a recorded vote was taken.

Those in favour: Councillors P Duigan, P Morton, H Bushell, S Green, T Monument, L Monument, A Grey, K Grey and H King.

Those not in favour: Councillor A Brooks.

It was agreed that the Mayor, Councillor S Green takes the lead on outstanding staffing matters.

**Chairman**