

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

8th February 2022

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 8th February 2022** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), H Clarke, K Cogman, P Duigan, A Greenwood, H King, and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and District Councillor Alison Webb.

102. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Brooks, C Bunting, L Monument and T Monument.

103. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor H Clarke declared a non -pecuniary interest as he is an allotment holder.

The meeting was adjourned

District Councillor A Webb said that there had been an increase in youth violence and a meeting would be held at Elizabeth House at 11am on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 to discuss possible place for youths in Dereham to meet.

District Councillor A Webb also gave a brief update on the Household Support Fund which is there to help those that have difficulties paying their bills.

The meeting resumed

104. To receive announcements.

The Mayor, Councillor S Green said that he had not attended any civic events recently, but there had been a zoom meeting with George Freeman MP which the Deputy Mayor, Councillor H King had also attended to discuss the Norfolk Research Triangle.

105. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021 and Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 3 rd August 2021 and Tuesday 14 th December 2021 were agreed and signed.
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106. Virtual Markets & Buildings Committee meeting

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 25th January 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Virtual Markets & Buildings Committee meeting Tuesday 25 th January 2022 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 consider a request to trade in Dereham Market Place on a non-market day.

It was agreed that the request to trade in Dereham Market Place on a non-market day be granted for a trial period of three months when it would then be reviewed by the committee. The agreement would include caveats with regards to possible anti-social behaviour and the clearance of any litter arising from the trade so that the trial could be ended if a nuisance was being caused.

To consider opening up the scheme for young market traders to those of all ages, with the following stipulations:

It was agreed that the scheme for young market traders be mirrored with an additional scheme for over 25s. The scheme would now consist of:

- For new traders there will be 3 x 18–25-year-olds and 3 x over 25-year-olds.
- Rent free pitch for 3 x months
- Dereham residents prioritised
- Not to be in competition with any existing stalls
- Subject to available space.

To review Memorial Hall charges.

It was agreed that the charging structure be simplified with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum packages to be implemented along with a simple hourly rate, with the meeting room based on the cheaper midweek prices from the current scheme. The revised scheme with amendments from the committee would be brought back to the next Full Council meeting.

The aim of the scheme is to simplify the process, regular hirers should not be paying more than they were previously paying. The Committee recommended that officers had delegated authority to make minor adjustments to the scheme if it was found that a hirer was having to pay more under the new scheme than the old scheme.

107. Virtual Social & Welfare Committee meeting

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 25th January 2022.**

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Virtual Social & Welfare Committee meeting Tuesday 25th January 2022 were agreed and signed.

(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 Commemorative Citizens award for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It was agreed that the Town Council purchase 30 medals for the Jubilee citizens award, which would be specially minted at a cost of approximately £600.

It was agreed that there should not be a specific criteria for the Citizens award, each submission would be judged on the impact that the person volunteering has had on the community and environment.

To consider a policy for only approved stonemason to erect memorials in Dereham cemeteries.

It was agreed that the Town Council have a policy that only approved stonemasons erect memorials in Dereham cemeteries.

It was agreed that to be an approved stonemason for Dereham Town Council the stonemason would be required to have a professional qualification or membership of a professional body and who agree to abide by the Town Council rules and that all memorials comply with the current British Standard.

108. To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid 11th January 2022 and February 8th 2022.

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

109. To request update from County Councillors on outstanding footpath issues. (Cllr P Morton)

Councillor P Morton asked County Councillor P Duigan if there had been any progress on the outstanding footpath issues. Councillor P Duigan said that he was hoping to arrange a zoom meeting in the next month with Frances Salway from Norfolk County Council and open the meeting up to other Councillors and the Footpath Warden, Ken Hawkins to discuss the outstanding footpath issues.

Councillor P Duigan was also asked if there were any updates on what was going to happen to the Children's Centre on London Road, he had no further updates.

110. To discuss Queen Mothers Garden project (Cllr H Clarke)

Councillors were asked for their reasoning as to why Dereham Town Council should contribute to the refurbishment of the Queen Mothers Garden project

Councillor P Duigan said that the Queen Mothers Garden was an important space in Dereham and that working with Breckland Council would give confidence to the public. If left the space would become fallow, so the Town Council should support Breckland Council.

Councillor A Greenwood said that if the Town Council didn't invest then the Queen Mothers Garden would deteriorate. People see this space as an asset but it needs to be made more people friendly.

Councillor H Clarke that the Queen Mothers Garden is a piece of Dereham's history and therefore should be safeguarded. This could become a quiet place for rest and reflection.

Councillor K Cogman said that Breckland Council must agree that they will not allow the Queen Mothers Garden to fall into disrepair again.

It was agreed that Dereham Town Council would pay £20,000 towards the Gold Scheme of the Queen Mothers Garden Project.
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Chairman