

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

27th January 2026

At a meeting of the **Markets & Buildings Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7pm.**

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), A Keats, H King and L King.

Also present: Councillors P Duigan, Z Flint, P Morton and R Jamieson, Town Clerk A Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Coleman and R O'Callaghan.

2. Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To Consider response to Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) consultation.

The committee recommended that the Council supports the PSPO in principle but recommended that examples of what is classed as anti-social behavior would be helpful and that signage of what the restrictions are should be installed around the proposed area. Also the designated area should be extended to include Becclesgate play area, Fleece Meadow, and Morrisons. The Clerk is to be asked to look at rewording the section as it relates to bicycles.

4. Update regarding Memorial Hall roof tiles and to consider and make recommendations for any action.

The Town Clerk gave an update on the poor condition of the roof tiles on the Memorial Hall.

The committee recommended that the Council seek legal advice regarding the failing roof tiles and holding the manufacturers who provided the tiles to account.

The committee recommended getting a detailed drone survey of the tiles arranged to establish the extent of the issues. This would be arranged after legal advice has been received.

5. To consider the principle of installing solar PVs on the Memorial Hall (meeting room) roof.

The committee did not disagree with the principle of installing solar PVs on the Memorial Hall (meeting room) roof, and agreed that Councillor P Morton continue obtaining quotes for the installation of solar panels, the economic consideration would be taken to the Finance and Governance Committee.

6. **To consider engaging an architect to progress the Breckland Land Transfer.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council progress the transfer of the land near the Leisure Centre by commissioning Rhona Flemming to produce a master plan for the site. and that a soil analysis is carried out on the land.

The committee recommended that given the history of the Leisure Centre site, investigations into possible historic contamination be carried out so that the Council understands the possible risks before any transfer.

7. **Update on Barwell Court Toilets, to consider and make a recommendation regarding handrails.**

The Town Clerk updated the meeting on repeated vandalism of the grab rail in the disabled toilet.

The committee recommended that a heavy-duty retractable handrail be fabricated and installed into the disabled toilet at Barwell Court..

8. **To discuss some issues relating to the transfer of car parks.**

The committee discussed the following:

- Limiting residential parking.
- Long stay parking is at the rear of the Cherry Tree car park and short stay at the front.
- Enforcing short stay shoppers parking.

9. **To acknowledge receipt of funds from the Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall**

The committee acknowledged receipt of £2,000 from the Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall. The funds would be retained in an earmarked reserve for the purpose of promoting children's shows.

Chairman