

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

A virtual meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021** upon the rising of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

**Present:** Councillors C Bunting (Chairman), A Brooks, P Duigan, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillor S Green and H Bushell, County Councillor W Richmond, Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologise for absence.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor C Bunting put himself forward, seconded by Councillor L Monument. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor C Bunting be Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Councillor A Brooks put herself forward, seconded by Councillor C Bunting. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor A Brooks be Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

5. **To consider renewing lease for Dereham Rugby Club.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council work with the Rugby Club to establish a 25 year lease on the area required for the current rent, with the option for rent reviews when more information was available for comparable rents.

6. **To consider Playing Pitch Strategy and initial actions.**

The Committee recommended asking Breckland Council to consider endorsing the Playing Pitch Strategy.

The Committee recommended implementing a pitch improvement strategy in the spring of 2021 for Toftwood Recreation Ground and Moorgate Rugby field. Such a strategy would include applying fertilizer, aeration and re-seeding at a total cost of £3,000.

7. **Update on Play and Open Spaces Assessment**

This piece of work is not yet complete but the headline information coming out is that:

- 1) There is an overall deficit of open space on 16ha.
- 2) The deficit is greatest in the south of Dereham
- 3) The quality and accessibility of play areas is patchy
- 4) Quality and accessibility is probably worse in the north of Dereham

There are no actions coming forward for consideration at this time, the information is to make Councillors aware of the emerging evidence base.

**Chairman**