

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

22nd September 2026

At a meeting of the **Social & Welfare Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 22nd September 2026.**

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

Also present: Town Clerk T Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R O'Callaghan.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
Councillor H King declared an interest in agenda item 4 as he is a member of the Royal British Legion.
3. **To discuss and consider making recommendations with regard to the options for new ashes plots.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council offer the options ashes plots 600 x 900 mm which can accommodate up to 4 interments or 600 x 600 mm which can accommodate 2 interments; the slabs covering the plots would be mounted on pressure-treated timber boards.

The committee recommended that the fee for 600 x 600mm (two ashes interment) remains the same at £332 and the fee for 600 x 900mm (four ashes interment) be £400.

The 600 x 900mm slab would also allow more room for flowers and memorabilia.

4. **To discuss and consider making recommendations with regard to vigils and the like at the War Memorial.**

The committee recommended the Town Council introduce the following policy 'The Town Council does not permit any activity at the War Memorial or the cobbled area opposite the Memorial other than those activities which commemorate UK armed conflicts or the death of the Monarch, which is either arranged by Dereham Town Council or Dereham based organisations.

5. **To discuss and consider making recommendations with regards to new doors at Barwells Court Toilets.**

The committee recommended that the Council gather data to understand the how much the toilets are used. This would involve paying a casual member of staff to manually count at particular days and times to estimate usage over the week.

Chairman