

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

27th February 2024

At a meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 27th February 2024** upon the rising of the Heritage & Open Spaces committee.

Present: Councillors K Cogman (Chairman), P Duigan, A Greenwood and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillors H Clarke and Z Flint, Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron,

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Brook, H King and L Monument.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Greenwood declared an interest as his wife has an allotment. Councillors K Cogman and H Clarke declared that they are both District Councillors.

3. **To consider Amendment to Allotment Tenancy Agreement.**

The committee recommended the following clause be included in the allotment tenancy **'To treat all Council staff with courtesy and respect. Verbal abuse or threats towards staff will not be tolerated and could lead to the tenancy being revoked'**.

The committee recommended an additional clause be added to include to protect other tenants, contractors and Councillors from verbal abuse and threats. The wording would be brought back to Full Council.

4. **To consider current process for evicting allotment tenants (Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977)**

The committee recommended that an additional clause be added to the tenancy (if not already there) stating the length of time from the eviction date when all the tenants belonging should be removed.

5. **Update on play areas**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update.

6. **Exclusion of press and public**

Proposed by Councillor K Cogman, 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.

7. **Update on Additional land for sports**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on additional land for sports.

Chairman