

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

8th November 2022

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

Present: Councillors H King (Chairman), A Brooks, H Clarke, K Cogman, P Duigan, S Green, A Greenwood, H Jones-Seymour, L Monument, T Monument and P Morton.

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

62. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Bunting.

63. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor H Clarke declared a personal interest as he is an allotment holder.

A minute's silence was held for former Mayors Marjorie Harvey and Julian Crutch.

Councillor H Clarke paid tribute to Julian Crutch saying that Julian had been born in Oxford and his father had been Deputy Mayor of the city. Julian spent most of his life in the book trade, meeting many writers and celebrities. Councillor H Clarke continued by saying that he knew Julian after he had finished being a Councillor but he was still active in many areas of the town working with Mencap, the CAB and was also a past Chairman of the Mid Norfolk Labour Party.

Julian was a lifelong Quaker and devoted family man who was very proud of his two daughters.

Councillor H Clarke finished by saying that three words sum up Julian – witty, knowledgeable and compassionate.

Councillor L Monument said Councillor H Clarke had said a lot about Julian and went on to say that Julian had been a member of the Twinning Association and as a twinner enjoyed life immensely. Councillor L Monument finished by saying that Julian was a much-respected father and a real character.

Councillor L Monument also paid tribute to Marjorie Harvey, saying that she had been a founder member and back bone of the Twinning Association. Marjorie was a strong and cheerful woman who didn't suffer fools lightly, she was also a good friend.

Councillor P Duigan said that he had met Julian at the 1999 elections and even though they were on opposing sides Julian was always very friendly. Julian was a devoted father to his daughters and could not have been a better father.

Councillor P Duigan reminisced of when Julian was Mayor and upon attending a Full Council meeting Julian open a bag which he thought contained his Mayoral chain only to find a bunch of bananas, having picked up the wrong bag.

Councillor P Duigan said there will never be another one like Julian.

Councillor P Duigan also paid tribute to Marjorie Harvey saying that he had only met her once or twice but that once she had finished being a councillor, she still

continued to attend meetings as a member of the public. Marjorie was devoted to the town and retained a lot of interest in it.

The meeting was adjourned

County Councillor W Richmond said that there would be 20mph signs installed on Crown Road before the end of the year.

The Mayor, Councillor H King presented the Jubilee Awards to Susan Ferguson and Paul Sandford.

Keith Mersh, chairman of Love Dereham gave a presentation explaining some of the things that they provide:

- ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Crib - Caring Relatives in Bereavement
- Let's Chat - Mon – Thurs at Green Pasture Hub
- CAP - Christians Against Poverty
- Community Fridge - Green Pastures Hub
- Community Lunch - Dereham Baptist Church

Keith advised the meeting that CAP were looking to hold a Life Skills course in the New Year to teach people how to shop, cook and budget more wisely and to help people get back into work.

Keith explained some of the plans for the future which included:

- Launderette
- Showers
- Children's Clothing Exchange
- Signposting to other agencies
- Youth/Children's provisions

Some existing buildings could be used for some of these projects, but the Community Pantry needs a bigger building, somewhere where people will know where to go to. Keith said that he had been looking at the former Sure Start Centre on London Road and was hoping to have an answer about that building by the end of October but he has not had any news. This would be an ideal building in an ideal geographical location.

PC Benton from the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Team addressed the meeting explaining that following the SNAP meeting there were two priorities:

- Tackling vehicle related ASB in Tesco's and industrial area - 4 or 5 Section 59s (anti-social driving in a public place) had been issued.
- e-scooter anti-social behaviour – over 18's caught riding an e-scooter without insurance will have the scooter taken away, youths under 18 receive a warning first and will have it taken away on the second offence

Officers are now issuing tickets to car drivers with loud modified exhausts.

The meeting resumed

64. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor H King, announced that he had attended the following events:

October

29 October Community Crafters Fancy Dress Afternoon – Ellenor Fenn
30 October Civic Service & Reception

November

4 November Hunstanton Mayor's Reception
8 November Talk at The Partea Hut

65. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 11th October 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 were agreed and signed.

66. **Personnel**

a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Personnel Committee meeting** held on **25th October 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor H Jones-Seymour, the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting on Tuesday 25th October 2022 were agreed and signed.

b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendation was agreed and approved by the Council:

Update on staffing matters.

It was agreed to modify a pay scale as detailed in the confidential report.

67. **Heritage & Open Spaces**

a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting** held on **25th October 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting on Tuesday 25th October 2022 were agreed and signed subject to 'frequency of' being removed from the recommendation on tree surveys.

b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council with exception to the bids for the parish Partnership 2023/24. Councillor S Green proposed that the bus shelter for Station Road, between Morrisons and the Recreation Ground be removed from the proposed bid due to the lack of bus traffic on that road and to look at options on Hillcrest Avenue instead. This was second by Councillor P Duigan and agreed.

To consider Town Council representation on the Dereham Heritage Trust.

The Town Clerk write to Dereham Heritage Trust advising that it was felt that a representative from the Town Council may no longer be appropriate and inviting them to give a report to the committee twice a year.

To consider bids for the parish Partnership 2023/24.

The following proposals were agreed for the Parish Partnership Scheme – 2023/24:

- 1 x three bay cantilever bus shelter with half end panels for Norwich Road, between the accesses to Hornbeam Drive and Dereham Town Football Club
- 1 x bus shelter for Hillcrest Avenue.
- 2 x two bay cantilever bus shelters no end panels for Yaxham Road, near the access and opposite Handel Drive.
- 1 x two bay cantilever bus shelters no end panels for School Lane, near the access to Boyd Avenue

Total cost to the Town Council £9000.

To consider changes to frequency of formal tree surveying.

That formal tree surveying be carried out annually.

68. Recreation

- a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022.**

Proposed by Councillor K Cogman, the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting on Tuesday 25th October 2022 were agreed and signed.

- b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council

To consider giving an in-principal approval for changing facilities on Toftwood Recreation Ground to be replaced with a permanent structure.

The council give an in-principal approval for changing facilities on Toftwood Recreation Ground to be replaced with a more permanent structure.

To consider actions to be taken to protect any Breckland Council owned open space in the Breckland Bridge business plan.

The Town Council apply to the Local Planning Authority for pieces of land to be considered at risk and in need of protection as Local Green Spaces (LGS) in the Local Plan.

To consider actions that can be taken to protect the Breckland Council owned open space at Gilpin's Ride.

Gilpin's Ride be included in the application to the Local Planning Authority as a Local Green Space.

69. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning meetings** held on **Tuesday 11th October 2022** and **Tuesday 25th October 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Planning meetings on Tuesday 11th October 2022 and Tuesday 25th October 2022 were agreed and signed.

70. To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed.

Chairman