

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

22nd April 2025

At a meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** upon the rising of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee.

Present: Councillors Z Flint (Chairman), P Duigan, A Greenwood, R Jamieson, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillor H Clarke, Town Clerk Tony Needham, and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Brooks.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Vice Chairman**

Councillor Z Flint proposed Councillor A Greenwood, seconded by Councillor P Monument. There were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor A Greenwood be Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee 2024/25.

4. **To discuss funding for the refurbishment of the Skate Park.**
The committee discussed the funding for the refurbishment of the skate park and the various off-site committed sums either being held by Breckland Council or due to be received in the coming years.

The committee recommended that off-site committed sums for sport be used to refurbish the skate park then the same level of funding be set aside in an ear-marked reserve our additional open spaces and sports provision.

The committee discussed the provision of equipment for children with mobility impairments, felt that this be looked at in more detail and the possibility of a specific reserve of disabled play equipment be considered as part financial year end.

5. **To consider policy on boundary trees.**
The committee agreed that no changes should be made to the Council's tree policy at this moment in time.

The committee recommended that where the evidence is clear that a tree is a boundary tree it be treated as such, but where there is some doubt, that the tree be treated as being the town council's sole responsibility. This would not be a policy but guidance to be reviewed when sufficient evidence has been accumulated.

Chairman