

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

23rd July 2019

At a meeting of the **Social & Welfare Committee** held in the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 23rd July 2019** upon the rising of the Markets & Buildings Committee Meeting.

Present: Councillors L Monument (Chair), H Clarke, P Duigan (substitute for H Bushell), S Green, H King and T Monument.

Also present: Councillors A Brooks and C Bunting, Town Clerk T Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Bushell and A Grey.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor P Duigan proposed Councillor H King, seconded by Councillor T Monument. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor H King be Chairman of the Social & Welfare Committee.

Councillor H King took the chair.

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

Councillor H Clarke proposed Councillor S Green seconded by Councillor T Monument. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor S Green be Vice Chairman of the Social & Welfare Committee.

5. **To consider options for Cemetery Lodge.**

The committee considered the potential future use of the Cemetery Lodge now the long term tenant has left. On considering the size of the Lodge, its condition and future liabilities, the committee felt that there was no foreseeable use which the Council might use the lodge for and therefore felt that disposal was the best option. The committee considered a range of options and felt that to both maximise the income to the Council and to protect the setting of the building, the best option with least risk to the Council would be to obtain planning consent for an extension and then to market the property. Councillors felt that when the property is sold covenants and conditions should be placed on the property to protect its setting.

The committee recommended that the Town Council should dispose of the property and in order to maximize the value the Council should apply for planning permission to extend the lodge so that it has 3 decent size bedrooms and associated living space. This would then be brought back to Full Council to finalise the sale and covenant details before being marketed.
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The Committee also recommended that Jeremy Stacey Architects be appointed to come up with a design for an extension which is sympathetic to the existing building and its setting. The aim will be to enhance the beauty of the lodge not detract from it.

6. **To consider Cemetery recycling opportunities.**

The committee recommended that sets of two bins be sited around the cemeteries; the bins would be labelled stating which was for compostable waste and which was for other waste. This would be trialed for a year.

The committee recommended that the Town Council writes to local undertakers asking their views on the future ban of formaldehyde based embalming fluid and bring the responses back to Full Council.

Chairman