

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

14th December 2021

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 14th December 2021** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and District Councillor Alison Webb.

91. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Bunting and H Clarke.

92. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mike Webb (aboutDereham) addressed the meeting thanking the Town Council for all their support for the Wayfinding Signs which he said had been crucial. He also thanked Carolyn Coleman and Sue Walker-White for their help in the project. A picture of Neatherd Moor Then and Now was presented to the Town Council.

Ann Bowyer (Dereham Windmill) said that the Windmill is owned by the Town Council and the Trustees of the Windmill would like a councillor to be a representative on their committee. The committee meets 7 or 8 times a year and the AGM will be held in February, if any one interested please would they let her know.

District Councillor A Webb said that the windmill was a great example of communities working together.

The meeting resumed.

93. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor of Dereham, Councillor S Green announced that he had attended the following events:

12 th November 2021	-	Breckland Mayors Meeting
22 nd November 2021	-	Northgate High School presentation of road safety banners from Sowerbys.
28 th November 2021	-	Christmas Lights Switch on.
8 th December 2021	-	Hosted a visit from the High Sheriff
11 th December 2021	-	Took part in a Community Litter Pick

94. **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 9th November 2021 were agreed and signed.

95. **Virtual Personnel Committee meeting**

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 23rd November 2021.**

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the virtual Personnel Committee meeting were agreed and signed.

(b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom.

96. **Virtual Finance & Governance Committee meeting**

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 7th December 2021.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the virtual Finance & Governance Committee were agreed and signed.

(b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom and vote on recommendations.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council:

To consider grants.

Organisation	Agreed grant	Total cost	Reason for grant	Comments
Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall.	£500	£1200	Towards the cost of holding a 'Dereham Day' at Dereham Memorial Hall, to re-invigorate and stimulate interest and activity in community organisations and events in Dereham, post lockdown.	Recognition of grant required

Revenue Budget.

The draft revenue budget was reviewed with the following amendments:

The draft revenue budget that was presented be approved with the following amendment: Building Repairs and Maintenance and Rates are increased by 4% rather than 2%

To consider 4-year Project and Capital and Precept Requirements for 2022/23.

Committee reviewed the 4-year Projects and Capital budget with amendments

The 4-year Capital and Project budget be approved with the following additions: ongoing maintenance of the Old Becclesgate Play area when transferred from Breckland Council and an allowance to provide a Community Toilet Scheme.

In considering the council's projected expenditure and commitments for the next 4 years it was agreed a precept of £1,021,907 which equates a 4.9% increase, (£8 a year) on a band D property.

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

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

98. **Safari Way littering - Full update /progress.**

Councillor S Green said that he was pleased that the litter had now all been cleared from this site and that the over grown trees and roots had been noted.

99. **To request update from County Councillors on outstanding footpath issues. (Cllr Morton)**

Councillor P Morton asked County Councillor P Duigan if he has any response from the County Council regarding the footpath issues.

County Councillor P Duigan said that there had been one meeting and he was hoping for another in the New Year which he was hoping that the Footpath Warden Ken Hawkins would be available to attend. He continued by saying that maybe the issues could be brought to the next Heritage & Open Space Committee meeting.

Councillor P Morton said that maybe one or two items should be concentrated on and get them done before moving on to the next, he also requested a zoom meeting be held with the County Council before the end of February.

100. **To consider commenting on the Breckland Council Statement of Community Involvement. (Cllr Morton)**

Councillor P Morton said there would be minimal consultation with the Town Council due to the time scale and suggested that a planning working group should be set up to look at the Breckland Council Statement of Community Involvement.

101. **To consider youth consultation questionnaires. (Cllr Cogman)**

Councillor K Cogman said that she would make contact with Northgate and Neatherd High Schools and look at the results of the questionnaires in the New Year and look at going further a field.

District Councillor A Webb said that Breckland Council would also like to be involved.

Chairman