

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

28th May 2019

At a meeting of the **Social & Welfare Committee** held in the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 28th May 2019** upon the rising of the Markets & Buildings Committee Meeting.

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

Also present: Town Clerk T Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Morton.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To consider Community car rule for the under-16s.**

The committee recommended that the charge for a Community Car journey would be the same price regardless of the age of the passenger.

4. **To Consider Community Car scheme rules for compassionate visits.**

The committee recommended that requests for compassionate journeys should be judged on a case by case basis in the discretion of the co-ordinator taking into consideration individual circumstances and availability of drivers. Priority should always be given to medical journeys.

5. **To consider Christmas Lights switch on event.**

The committee agreed that this would be looked into further and ask other organisations if they would be willing to help. Councillor H King said that he would contact the Royal Anglian Association and Mid Norfolk Railway and ask if they would be able to help on the day and the Town Clerk would contact About Dereham regarding any possible volunteers. Councillor L Monument agreed to contact Alison Webb to ask if she had any contacts or ideas for events for the switch on event.

This would all be brought back to the next Full Council meeting when a decision would be made.

6. **To consider Cemetery rules with regard to items on graves.**

The committee recommended that any items that are not classed as offensive will be allowed providing they are placed on the plinth of the headstone, and do not overhang the plinth.

7. **To consider possibility of organisations /religious groups purchasing the burial rights to a block of grave spaces.**

The committee recommended that organisations/religious groups should be allowed to purchase burial rights in blocks of grave spaces. The burial rights would be sold at parishioner rates, if any bodies being interred were non parishioners then the balance would be paid at that time. This would be the non-parishioner rate minus the parishioner rate at the time of the funeral. Any requests for ten or more plots should be brought back to the Social & Welfare Committee.

Chairman