

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

28th September 2021

At a virtual meeting of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee** held on **Tuesday 28th September 2021** at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors P Duigan (Chairman), K Cogman, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, Town Council Officer Gemma Drew and Councillor H Clarke.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Bunting and A Brooks.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
Councillor P Morton declared a personal interest in item 6.
3. **To consider wording for a plaque to commemorate JJ Wright.**
The committee discussed possible wording but were concerned that this could not be condensed down enough to fit on a blue plaque. Some of the committee thought that this was not the best way of commemorating Dereham's industrial past and that a board marking the former sites in town explaining the history may be better or even a brown heritage plaque to mark the building.
It was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk would make more enquiries and a possible mock-up of the potential wording on a plaque and bring it back to the next Heritage and Opens Spaces committee meeting.

Councillor P Duigan left the meeting during item 3 owing to technical issues and Councillor P Morton took the chair, Councillor P Duigan returned to the meeting for item 4 and resumed the chair.

4. **To discuss a criteria for selection of suitable subjects for plaques.**

The committee recommended that the criteria set by English Heritage (shown below) be used as guidance subject to the possibility of changes being added in the future.

People:

- The person should be deceased and at least ten years should normally have passed since their death
- The person should have made a significant contribution to the history of Dereham or be eminent through their profession or calling
- Their time in Dereham must have been a significant period, either in duration or importance, within their life and work
- The plaque is situated on the building with which they are associated, either as their home or place of work and in a prominent position. If

the building is listed permission, will be needed from Breckland District Council before proceeding

- There should only be one plaque dedicated to that person within Dereham

Events to be commemorated should:

- Have occurred at least twenty years ago
- Be instantly recognizable to the majority of the general public
- Have significance to the town of Dereham

Locations or particular buildings should:

- Be known locally or nationally as of especial significance and worthy of lasting recognition
- Have visible remains intact

Animals and fictitious characters will not be considered for commemoration.

5. **To review what tree/ hedge planting could be carried this autumn/ spring.**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised the committee that an order of 10 trees were being delivered on Friday. Councillors were assured that locations had been identified for the trees, which would be stored safely until staff had time to plant them. It was agreed that other planting could wait until staff shortages were resolved.

6. **To discuss speed bumps.**

Councillor P Morton raised his concerns regarding the speed bump at the entrance/exit of the carpark at Neatherd Moor, he considered the speed bump to be too high which was encouraging drivers to leave via the wrong exit which meant driving on the wrong side of the road for a short distance at speed. Councillor P Morton suggested that this speed bump be removed and two speed bumps be installed along the straight part of the track to slow vehicles down when approaching the area where children play and to make it easier for vehicles to use the correct exit when leaving the car park.

It was agreed that a site visit would be helpful. A time would be fixed to suit as many of the committee as possible and the results of this would be brought back

to a future Heritage and Open Spaces committee meeting.

Chairman