

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

13th April 2021

At a virtual meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm.**

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, District Councillors A Webb and H Bushell and Merry Halliday Norfolk County Council.

A minutes silence was observed in memory of his Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

96. **To receive apologies for absence.**
There were no apologies for absence.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

District Councillor A Webb told the meeting of Breckland Councils 'Spring Back Business' programme, Breckland Council can offer business support with shop improvement scheme, shop front improvement, Covid safe and adaption grants, continued investment in shopper safety, Expand, Enjoy, Discover Explore campaign, Expanded Enterprise start up scheme, support grants for businesses outside the national scheme. There are a lot of schemes and a lot of grants which do not have to be paid back, information can be found on the Breckland website under Business Support & Talent and email the regeneration team.

Councillor A Webb said that she had received a response from Breckland Council about the strip of land at Safari Way where all the rubbish is, Breckland have said that the factor of land ownership is inconclusive and complex at the moment but they are looking at historical mapping from decades ago. The factor of the boundary line is the sticking point.

Councillor A Webb said that we must do all we can to locate the owner as we do not want to set a precedent of carrying out work on other peoples land, and so please be patient as Breckland Council are doing their best.

Councillor A Webb also mentioned 'Caring for Carers' the next event is on the 24th April and it is learning to tell jokes, it is hoped that this will break the ice and help young carers to engage. A lot of carers do not go out and feel very isolated and need our support.

Councillor P Morton if Councillor A Webb could give any updates on the Jewson site.

Councillor A Webb replied that there had been reports of cattle being kept on part of the site, environmental protection had visited the site and found no laws were being broken by having cattle in there.

Councillor K Cogman asked what was happening with the old Childrens Centre at London Road?

Councillor P Duigan replied that Norfolk County Council were looking to see if they still have a use for it and that they should know more by the end of the month.

The meeting resumed.

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

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor L Monument the minutes of the virtual Full Council meeting Tuesday 9th March 2021 were approved.

99. **Virtual Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting**

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

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, seconded by Councillor P Morton the minutes of the virtual Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting Tuesday 23rd March 2021 were approved.

(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 discuss the restoration of the pargetting on Bishop Bonners Cottages.

It was agreed that the pargetting be lime washed and left white as this was probably how it was originally created.

To discuss littering at Safari Way.

It was agreed that the Town Council write to Breckland Council and ask them to use what powers they have to resolve the matter at Safari Way. It was also recommended that this be broadened out to include other areas of unsightly littering. Ken Hawkins had identified other areas and would make the Clerk aware of each area.

To consider tenanted land being brought into public use as part of the Neatherd Management Plan.

It was agreed that the tenanted land around the Neatherd be brought into public use as part of the Neatherd Management Plan and that the tenants should be given adequate notice.

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

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

101. **To receive a presentation from Merry Halliday regarding the Armed Forces Covenant.**

Merry Halliday gave a presentation explaining the Armed Forces Covenant and what the Council could do should they wish to sign up to it.

The Town Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the relevant committee to be discussed at a later date.

102. **To consider actions to commemorate the work of St Johns Ambulance**

This item was deferred to the next Full Council meeting.

103. **To consider changing Standing Orders to enable virtual meetings to continue after the 6th May 2021**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor H King it was agreed that the May Full Council meeting and the Annual Town Meeting would both be held on the 4th May 2021 and the Annual Parish meeting would be held within the next 6 weeks. All of the meetings mentions would be held virtually. Committee meetings would continue to be held virtually and, unless virtual meetings become permissible the June Full Council meeting would be held in the Memorial Hall.

Chairman