

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

13th July 2021

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 13th July 2021** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), A Brooks, 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, County Councillor W Richmond, District Councillors A Webb and H Bushell, Mr M Webb (aboutDereham).

38. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Bunting.

39. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor H King declared a personal interest in minute 37 as he is Chairman of the Royal British Legion Norfolk.

The meeting was adjourned

District Councillor A Webb advised the meeting that Breckland Council had today launched their Green Grant which would run until the 12th September 2021.

Councillor A Webb updated Councillors on the progress in identifying who is responsible for a ditch which runs along the town's Safari Way. Breckland Council has been reaching out to possible landowners, saying that Breckland will not clear up the land without first identifying an owner, for fear of setting a precedent of interfering with land they do not own.

Councillor A Webb said that she was unable to name the companies concerned and said "Company One has replied saying they believe they are not responsible. Company Two haven't responded yet and therefore are technically in breach of the notice."

It may be the case that both companies had riparian responsibilities for the ditch, with each being responsible for half.

Councillor A Webb continued saying that the next stage is to find out what Company Two's legal team says and that she hoped to provide an update next month.

The meeting resumed

40. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 8th June 2021**.

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor L Monument the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 8th June 2021 were agreed and signed.

41. **Virtual Extraordinary Recreation Committee meeting**
(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 29th June 2021**.

Proposed by Councillor A Brooks, seconded by Councillor K Cogman the minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary Recreation Committee meeting Tuesday 29th June 2021 were agreed and signed.

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

There were no recommendations.

42. **Virtual Extraordinary Finance & Governance Committee meeting**
(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 29th June 2021**.

Proposed by Councillor T Monument, seconded by Councillor P Duigan the minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary Finance & Governance Committee meeting Tuesday 29th June 2021 were agreed and signed.

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

There were no recommendations.

43. **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.

44. **To consider co-opting to fill one vacancy.**
Councillors listened to a short presentation from the prospective Councillors before the voting commenced. Voting was carried out by secret ballot.

It was agreed that Alan Greenwood be co-opted as a Councillor.

45. **Signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant.**

It was agreed that Dereham Town Council would sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant.

Councillor A Brooks left the meeting.

46. **aboutDereham group asked for proposal about a public toilet scheme being discussed at Full Council whether to look into options further Also an update about the working groups work.**

Mr M Webb from aboutDereham gave a short presentation on the possibility of a community toilet scheme being set up in Dereham saying that the aboutDereham Partnership would be willing to help by setting up the scheme, but the Town Council would have to decide how the scheme should be set up and managed.

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor T Monument and put to the vote, the following was agreed:

- The could be benefits of a Community Toilet Scheme as a way of providing more, publicly available toilets in Dereham;
- That the details of supporting a Community Toilet Scheme for Dereham be discussed at the next social and Welfare Committee.
- To accept the offer from aboutDereham to help set up the scheme

47. **To receive a verbal update from Councillor Clarke concerning the area and littering at Safari Way, and a written report on progress and any recommendations to Council.**

Councillor H Clarke advised the meeting that he could add nothing more to the update that District Councillor A Webb had given during public speaking.

48. **To consider temporarily reducing fees for hire of Memorial Hall after Covid restrictions are lifted.**

While Covid restriction have been in place, the Council has reduced fees to reflect the reduced numbers of people who could legally use the venue. With all restrictions being lifted in the next week, some hirers are still anxious about operating at full capacity.

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor K Cogman it was agreed that when all restrictions are lifted, hire fees would be reduced by 50% for four months and then reduced by 25% for the following four months.

49. **To consider planting a small copse with seating area to celebrate the work carried out by all the essential workers during the COVID 19 crisis.**

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should make enquiries with Breckland Council about using or, if necessary, taking ownership of the land at Becclesgate.

Chairman