

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

25th January 2022

At a virtual meeting of the **Markets & Buildings Committee** held at 7pm on **Tuesday 25th January 2022**.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), H Clarke, A Greenwood, H King and T Monument.

Also present: Councillors P Morton, C Bunting and P Duigan, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and Town Council Officer Gemma Drew

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **To consider a request to trade in Dereham Market Place on a non-market day.**

The committee recommended that the request to trade in Dereham Market Place on a non-market day be granted for a trial period of three months when it would then be reviewed by the committee. The agreement would include caveats with regards to possible anti-social behaviour and the clearance of any litter arising from the trade so that the trial could be ended if a nuisance was being caused.

- 4 **To consider opening up the scheme for young market traders to those of all ages, with the following stipulations:**

The committee recommended that the scheme for young market traders be mirrored with an additional scheme for over 25s. The scheme would now consist of:

- For new traders there will be 3 x 18–25-year-olds and 3 x over 25-year-olds.
- Rent free pitch for 3 x months
- Dereham residents prioritised
- Not to be in competition with any existing stalls
- Subject to available space.

5. **To review Memorial Hall charges.**

The committee recommended that the charging structure be simplified with Bronze, Gold and Platinum packages to be implemented along with a simple hourly rate, with the meeting room based on the cheaper midweek prices from the current scheme. The revised scheme with amendments from the committee would be brought back to the next Full Council meeting.

The aim of the scheme is to simplify the process, regular hirers should not be paying more than they were previously paying. The Committee recommended that officers had delegated authority to make minor adjustments to the scheme if it was found that a hirer was having to pay more under the new scheme than the old scheme.

6. **To consider placing a request for parking at Dereham Memorial Hall on the priorities list.**

It was agreed that a request for parking at Dereham Memorial Hall is placed on the priorities list.

Chairman