

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

14th February 2023

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 14th February 2023** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron

89. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Brooks, C Bunting, H Jones-Seymour and T Monument.

90. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

The Mayor, Councillor H King said that although District Councillor A Webb was unable to attend, she had sent a message saying how happy she was about the transfer of Neatherd Moor to the Town Council as this would make it clearer who the public would need to speak to regarding Neatherd Moor.

The meeting resumed

91. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor H King, announced that he had attended the following events:

20 th January 2023	-	Wellspring Family Centre Food Cabin Launch
25 th January 2023	-	Reopening of Debz Dealz
1 st February 2023	-	Toftwood Social Club New Bar Opening
5 th February 2023	-	Wymondham Civic Service

92. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 th January 2023 were agreed and signed subject to a minor amendment.

93. **Recreation**

a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Recreation Committee meeting** held on **24th January 2023**.

Proposed by Councillor K Cogman, the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 th January 2023 were agreed and signed.
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- b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council:

To consider the principle of converting one of the tennis courts at the Recreation Ground into a Multi-use Games Area (MuGA).

It was agreed in principle converting one of the tennis courts at the Recreation Ground into a Multi-use Games Area. This would be added to the balanced score card for future prioritization.

To consider taking over open spaces from Breckland Council to facilitate improved play provision in the north of Dereham.

It was agreed that the Town Council take over open spaces from Breckland Council at Sandy Lane and Girling Road to facilitate improved play provision in the north of Dereham and request a 10-year maintenance contribution.

To consider matters to be included in the tendering for improved play provision in the north of Dereham.

It was agreed that the selected contractor be required to consult with local residents due to the play equipment being installed in close proximity to residential properties.

It was agreed that the Town Council ask families in the area who have children with disabilities to come forward and make suggestions for equipment which they have found of value, prior to the tenders being sent out.

94. **Heritage & Open Spaces**

- a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 24th January 2023.**

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023 were agreed and signed.

- b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council:

To consider taking over Management responsibilities for the Neatherd from Breckland Council.

It was agreed that the Town Council take over the Management responsibilities for the Neatherd from Breckland Council with a commuted sum of £120,000, commencing January 2024. Councillors felt that although the sum did not reflect the ongoing cost of management that Breckland Council would be passing over, it was still in the public interest for all responsibilities to sit with one authority.

To consider gritting routes.

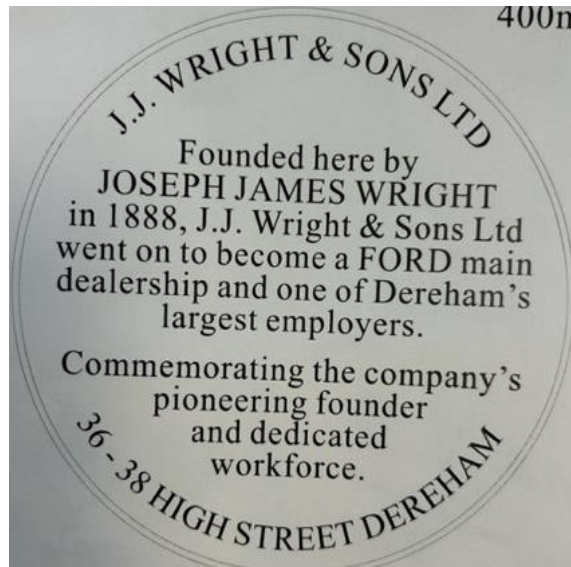
It was agreed that the Town Clerk makes representation to Norfolk County Council to include all bus routes into gritting routes.

To discuss ways to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II. (Cllr King)

It was agreed that in order to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II an avenue of trees in the new country park should be named after her.

To confirm wording for J J Wright Plaque. (Cllr Duigan)

It was agreed that wording for the J J Wright plaque should read as follows:



Councillor P Duigan left the meeting.

95. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning meetings** held on **Tuesday 10th January 2023** and **Tuesday 24th January 2023**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Planning meetings on Tuesday 10th January 2023 and Tuesday 24th January 2023 were agreed and signed.

Councillor P Duigan re-joined the meeting.

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

Proposed by Councillor H King, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed.

97. **To consider, as a temporary measure and only if absolutely needed, to take on secretarial support for the East Dereham Relief in Need Charities. (Cllr Morton)**

It was agreed that the Town Council would take on the secretarial support for the East Dereham Relief in Need Charities as a temporary measure only if absolutely needed.

98. **To consider wording for plaques for Brian Aldiss and John Craske.(Cllr Duigan)**

The draft wording was agreed, subject to the final design being prepared and circulated to councillors for final approval, outside the meeting.

The following draft wording was agreed for the plaque for Brian Aldiss:

BRIAN ALDISS O.B.E.
1925 – 2017
POET, AUTHOR
SCI-FI GRAND MASTER
& Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature
WAS BORN AND LIVED IN
DEREHAM IN THE ROOMS
ABOVE THE FAMILY SHOP
ON THE HIGH STREET AT
ALDISS COURT

The following draft wording was agreed for the plaque for John Craske:

JOHN CRASKE
1881 – 1943
FISHERMAN
AND ARTIST
THE CRASKE FAMILY FISH SHOP WAS
HERE AT No 21 NORWICH STREET
John worked here when he was well
Along with his wife Laura who also
worked in the smokehouse
behind the shop

Chairman

Following the meeting the draft plaques were circulated to Councillors with the following being the final wording.

Final wording for the plaque for Brian Aldiss:

BRIAN ALDISS O.B.E.
1925 -2017
POET, AUTHOR AND
SCI-FI GRAND MASTER
FELLOW OF THE
ROYAL SOCIETY OF LITERATURE
WAS BORN AND LIVED IN DEREHAM
IN ROOMS OVER THE FAMILY SHOP
IN THE HIGH STREET AT
ALDISS COURT

Final wording for the plaque for John Craske:

JOHN CRASKE
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FISHERMAN
AND ARTIST
THE CRASKE FAMILY FISH SHOP WAS
HERE AT No 21 NORWICH STREET
John worked here, when he was well enough,
with his wife Laura who also worked
in the smokehouse
behind the shop