

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

28th April 2026

At a meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 28th April 2026** upon the rising of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee.

Present: Councillors Z Flint (Chairman), P Duigan, A Greenwood and R Jamieson.

Also in attendance: Councillors H King & L King, Town Clerk T Needham, Deputy Town Clerk J Barron and Town Council Officer G Snow.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Morton.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
Councillor A Greenwood declared an interest in item 3 as he and his wife are allotment holders.
3. **To consider including a new rule to the Allotment Tenancy Agreement regarding planting trees on an allotment plot.**

<p>The Committee recommended that a new rule be added to the Allotment Tenancy Agreement stating that any new fruit trees must be planted at least 3m in from any plot boundary and must be of dwarf fruit stock. This new rule would not be implemented until after the next Recreation Committee Meeting so Councillors can consider any objections received before proceeding.</p>

The reason for this recommendation is not to continue to permit plot holders to plant fruit trees, but to ensure they are planted so as not to negatively impact neighbouring plots.

4. **To discuss what may be nascent changes to Breckland's local plan policies relating to developer contributions to Open Space Provision.**
Councillors expressed their concern with the changes to the emerging Local Plan Policies and requested that the Town Clerk continue to engage with Planning Policy Officers at Breckland District Council more formally regarding the development of the Policy for Outdoor Playing Space Provision.
5. **To consider drawing down section 106 funding for sport provision to improve facilities at Dereham Saints Football Club.**

<p>The Committee recommended that the Council draw down 106 money for Dereham Saints in order for them to improve sports provision at the club by providing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) New porta-cabin type changing facilities and club house.2) Verti draining – and overseeding this should improve drainage and permit greater use of the pitches.
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- 3) Permanent ball retention system – which will provide greater flexibility with regards to pitch orientation and prevent balls entering private gardens.

Councillors requested to see the designs for the porta-cabin facilities.

Chairman