

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

8<sup>th</sup> August 2023

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Councillors H King (Chairman), A Brooks, H Clarke, K Cogman, C Coleman, P Duigan, A Greenwood, H Jones-Seymour, L Monument, P Morton and R O'Callaghan.

Also in attendance: Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

41. **To receive apologies for absence.**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Green.
42. **Declaration of Interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest.

*The meeting was adjourned*

County Councillor P Duigan told the meeting that Norfolk County Council would be installing a changing places facility in the alley way by the side of Dereham Library, this would have toilet facilities, for children, young people and adults with profound or multiple disabilities, which are fitted with specialist equipment including a hoist and changing bench.

County Councillor P Duigan continued by saying that National Highways would be carrying out work on the underpass near Moorgate between December and February to try and establish why it continues to flood.

*The meeting resumed*

43. **To receive announcements.**  
The Mayor, Councillor H King, announced that he and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor L Monument had attended the following events:

14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	NCC Chairmans Annual Summer Reception
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Eckling Grange Diamond Anniversary Celebrations
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	'School of Rock' opening night at the Memorial Hall

44. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed subject to a minor amendment.
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45. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Extraordinary Full Council meeting** held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed.

46. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Planning meetings held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Planning meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed.

47. 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.

48. To receive any updates/reports from County Councillors:

**From County Councillor Duigan – Update organising an NCC officer to come to a meeting and talk about congestion at Tavern Lane and Westfield Lane Railway Bridge** (Cllr Greenwood).

County Councillor P Duigan said that once the Dumpling Green application has been received by Norfolk County Council then a member would come and speak to the Town Council.

Councillor H Clarke asked if there were any further updates on the London Road site.

County Councillor P Duigan replied that he had received a couple of emails that he would forward on to Town Councillors and that it was now looking like the site could possibly be used as a local inclusion scheme

Councillors A Brooks asked if the building was taken over by Childrens Services would the cost of the revamp of the building which has sat empty for at least four years come out of the Childrens Services budget.

County Councillor P Duigan said that he did not have the answer to that question.

Councillor A Greenwood asked if Norfolk County Council could at least Smarten up the site as it has now become an eyesore.

County Councillor P Duigan said he would see about getting the car park weeded.

49. To consider a proposal that full council agendas should include two standing items: Reports from District Council and Reports from County Council. (Cllr Coleman)

Proposed by Councillor P Morton, seconded by Councillor C Coleman, it was agreed that the full council agenda would include the two following standing items: Reports from District Councillors and Reports from County Councillors. This would be reviewed in six months

Councillor A Brooks asked if written reports could be sent out with the agendas so that the contents can be digested before the actual meeting.

50. To consider writing to George Freeman raising concerns for the public open spaces that have been included in the Breckland Bridge business plan are being considered for disposal. To request that, as the MP, he puts pressure on Breckland District Council to retain all open space and remove these pieces of land from the Breckland Bridge Business Plan. (Cllr O'Callaghan)

Proposed by Councillor R O'Callaghan, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to George Freeman to request that, as the MP, he puts pressure on Breckland District Council to retain all open space and remove these pieces of land from the Breckland Bridge Business Plan.

**Chairman**