

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

23rd June 2026

At a meeting of the **Markets & Buildings Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7pm.**

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), Z Flint, A Keats ,H King, L King, and R O'Callaghan.

Also present: A Needham (Town Clerk), J Barron (Deputy Town Clerk) and Councillors P Duigan and R Jamieson.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Coleman.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor R O'Callaghan proposed Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor L King; there were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor S Green be appointed Chairman of the Markets & Buildings Committee 2026/27.

4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Councillor R O'Callaghan proposed Councillor H King, seconded by Councillor Z Flint; there were no other nominations. It was agreed that Councillor H King be appointed Vice Chairman of the Markets & Buildings Committee 2026/27.

5. **To consider public engagement with regards to financing the car parks.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council engage with the public further, the committee was particularly interested in understanding who the different users' groups are, how large these groups are, how they currently use the car parks and how any changes including charges could impact each group. Some user groups identified are:

1. Shoppers [consumers of services provided in the Town] (regular visitors and occasional visitors).
2. People who work in the Town Centre.
3. People who work elsewhere other than Dereham.
4. Parking overnight for residential properties.
5. People who volunteer in the town.
6. Tourists (occasional visitors) including coach parking.
7. Nighttime economy visitors.

Town Centre businesses were also considered to be important stakeholders. Councilors recognized that town center businesses were

anxious about any changes being introduced. The Council should also engage with local businesses to better understand their concerns regarding the impact any charges would have on their business, staff/volunteers.

The Committee recommended that parking charging regimes in Fakenham and Aylsham be looked at to see if any lessons could be learnt.

The Committee asked the Clerk to write to Breckland Council asking them to justify what appears to be double taxation.

6. **To consider reconfiguring fly-winchs at Memorial Hall.**

The committee recommended that £20,000 be used to move the controls for the winches at the Memorial Hall to ground level, to remove the need to work at height, for routine operations, and removing the risk of untrained hirers working at height unsupervised.

7. **To provide verbal update on the introduction of Maryn's Laws.**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the introduction of Martyn's Law since the Manchester Arena bombing. Advising that staff and hirers of the Memorial Hall should be made aware of this Law and included in risk assessments. Staff and hirers should be mindful of certain things, suspicious items, escaping or securing/locking down the building in the event of a terrorist attack.

Chairman