

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

At a meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held at the Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025** upon the rising of the Heritage & Open Spaces Committee.

**Present:** Councillors R Jamieson (Vice Chairman), P Duigan, A Greenwood, and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillors H King and L King, Town Clerk T Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Z Flint.

2. **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor A Greenwood declared an interest in item 7 as he and his wife are allotment holders.

3. **To consider progressing the work to try and acquire additional land for sport.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council progress the work to try and acquire additional land for sport, the next stage would be to conduct a 'call for sites' to see if any landowners would be prepared to dispose of land to the Town Council for sports pitches.

4. **To consider making formal requests to Breckland Council for the land to be transferred to Dereham Town Council.**

The committee recommended that the Town Council make a formal request for the waste land in front of the leisure centre be transferred to Dereham Town Council.

5. **To consider converting one tennis court into a MUGA.**

The committee recommended that one of the tennis courts be earmarked for conversion into a MUGA in preparation for developments transferring commuted sums in lieu of onside sports provision.

6. **To consider tenders for skate park.**

Councillors reviewed the four tenders submitted against the specifications required.

The Committee recommended that an additional £40,000 from 106 funding for sport provision be allocated to the skate park project, bringing the project total up to £250,000. The additional funding would provide more features particularly with regard to younger, less experienced users and users with

disabilities.

The committee recommended Wheelscapes be given the contract to refurbish the skatepark.

The reason for the recommendation is that it was felt that Wheelscapes addressed the requirements set out in the tender brief better than the other submissions.

The committee was keen that Councillors be involved in the engagement to finalise the design. The Committee were keen on delivering engagement with users post completion and would like Wheelscapes to deliver some form of post completion social value engagement.

The committee recommended that £5,000 be allocated towards a post-completion engagement programme. With the details to be agreed at a later date.

**7. To consider reducing hedge on the north side of Moorgate Playing Field.**

The committee recommended that work be carried out to pollard the hedge northside of Moorgate Playing Field to 1m from the ground to encourage thicker growth and replant any gaps with hawthorn.

**8. To consider reduction on Trees on the east side of Recreation Ground adjacent to Station Road.**

The committee recommended that work be carried out on trees on the east side of the Recreation Ground adjacent to Station Road, this work would give the opportunity for the crowns to be fully inspected, reduce the weight and loading on the trees and reduce the risk of failure if defects cannot be seen. It would also keep the canopy from spreading over the carriageway.

**Chairman**