

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

10th January 2023

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 10th January 2023** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

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

Also in attendance: Emma Crampton and Caroline Bidewell (Breckland Council), Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron.

81. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Bunting, S Green, H Jones-Seymour, L Monument and T Monument.

82. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor H Clarke declared an interest as he is an allotment holder.

The meeting was adjourned

Councillor H Clarke raised his concerns regarding the gritting of road and the provision of grit bins. Councillor H Clarke asked County Councillor P Duigan if he could confirm that the gritting routes were a lined with the bus routes.

The Town Clerk, Tony Needham suggested that Councillor P Duigan request an overlay from Norfolk County Council of the gritting routes over the bus routes to see if they are aligned.

Councillor H Clarke advised the meeting that the refurbish play area at Sandy Lane had been opened on Friday but unfortunately, he had been unable to attend.

Councillor A Brooks said that although she was pleased that the play area at Sandy Lane had been refurbished, she was disappointed that there was only one bench without a back and that one is really low and, on a slope, there are no facilities for the disabled. She raised concerns over the safety of the gate leading into the play area as she feels that it is dangerous as there is no restriction on it with a long delay before it closes giving young children time to leave the play area via the gate which is very close to the a very busy road. There is also no signage stating who is responsible for the play equipment or who to contact.

The meeting resumed

83. To receive announcements.

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

6th January 2023 - Meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner

84. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022.

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 were agreed and signed.

85. **Finance**

- a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Finance Committee meeting** held on **20th December 2022**.

Proposed by Councillor A Greenwood, the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th December 2022 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 grant applications.

The following grant applications were agreed:

Organization	Purpose	Amount	Comment
Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall	Towards 8 events in 2023	£1,000	
Dereham Baptist Church	Contribution towards new boiler	£1,000	

To consider precept requirements for 2023/24.

The Precept for 2023/24 be set at £1,090,604. This would mean an increase in a Band D Council Tax of £8.89 per year or 5%, with fees and charges also increasing by 5%.

To consider selling nutrient neutrality credits.

The Council agree in principle to selling nutrient credits in an opportunity arose. With any agreement being brought to Full Council for agreement.

To consider changes to machinery fleet.

The Council agreed to selling the digger and pick-up then using the funds to purchase a mini tractor with implements. The Clerk would review the merits of purchasing new over second hand and bring recommendations to next Finance and Governance Committee.

86. **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.

87. **To consider endorsing Breckland Council's - Future Breckland Project.**

Proposed by Councillor H King and put to the vote, it was agreed unanimously that the Town Council would endorse the broad priority areas for the Town Centre investment and agree the approach to the governance arrangements with Breckland Council.

88. To request a report from the county councillor on congestions at Tavern Lane and Yaxham Road.

Councillor A Greenwood raised his concerns on the growing congestion at Tavern Lane and Yaxham Road, he asked County Councillor P Duigan if there was a bigger plan to look at the roads to the south of Dereham.

Councillor A Greenwood asked Councillor P Duigan for a position statement on Tavern Lane and the Town Council could input on this.

Councillor P Duigan said that he would look into this further and report back to Full Council. Councillor P Duigan was also asked to arrange a meeting with an officer from Norfolk County Council to discuss the congestion issues.

Chairman