

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

26th April 2022

A virtual meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held on **Tuesday 26th April 2022** upon the rising of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

Present: Councillors: A Brooks (Chairman), K Cogman, P Duigan, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillors H Clarke, A Greenwood, H King, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and Rhona Fleming (Jeremy Stacey Architects)

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Bunting.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

Item 4 on the agenda was brought forward.

4. **To consider Neatherd Country Park Design.**
Rhona Fleming from Jeremy Stacey Architects gave a presentation on the Neatherd Country Park design. Questions were raised about the where the location of the access to the Country Park would be best suited and also the possibility of there being a running path around the edge of the park. The committee agreed the concept of the park and a more detailed design would be brought back to a future meeting.

3. **To consider agreement for Dereham Rugby Club.**

The committee recommended the following Heads of Terms for agreement for Dereham Rugby Club:

- **Term** – 50 years with a review every 10 years
- **Annual Rent** - £1
- **Times when the Club has use of the pitch and surrounding area –**

Training	Tues	4pm – 10pm
	Wed	4pm – 10pm
	Sun	10am – 2pm
Match Day	Fri	10am - 2pm (match day prep marking lines etc)
	Sat	9am - 6pm Match day to cover start time and pre match training.
- **Pitch Maintenance** – the Rugby Club will pay the Town Council £400 per year towards pitch improvements.
- **Car Park** – Town Council will contribute £500 a year and the Rugby club £200 per year towards the maintenance of the car park.

5. **To consider asking Breckland Council to comply with its duty under Section 10 of the Open Spaces Act.**

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk write to Breckland District Council requesting that they comply with their duty under Section 10 of the Open Spaces Act and repair the play equipment at Sandy Lane. It was suggested that Breckland Council could use the Special Expenses mechanism to pay for the repairs, if they were concerned about the double taxation.

6. **To consider a request to remove a boundary tree at Toftwood allotments.**

The committee recommended that consent to remove the boundary tree be given as per the existing policy.

The committee recommended that the policy be reviewed at committee at a later date.

Chairman