

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

22nd October 2019

A meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held in the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019** upon the rising of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

Present: Councillors K Grey (Chair), A Brooks, C Bunting, P Duigan, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillors H Clarke and A Grey, County Councillor W Richmond, Town Clerk Tony Needham and Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Green.
2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To receive a verbal update on tender for additional outdoor playing space.**
The Town Clerk gave a verbal update advising that the tenders had been sent out to 4 consultants and that he is hoping to have the tenders ready for the Full Council meeting in December.

Councillor A Brooks left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

A representative from Dereham Saints Football Club addressed the committee advising them of some serious incidents that have been happening on and near their club hut and pitches. The security fencing has had a hole cut in it allowing access, goal posts damaged and covered with dog faeces, spikes placed in the goal mouth and adults and children being threatened.

This is a rapidly growing club with members of all ages and genders but it may face closure if this behaviour continues

The committee advised that Dereham Saints report all of these incidents and any further incidents to the police and Breckland Council antisocial behaviour team. They should also attend the next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting being held on Monday 28th October 2019 starting at 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

Councillor K Grey said this would be put on the November Full Council agenda to be discussed regarding what action the Town Council may be able to take to help prevent any further incidents.

The meeting resumed.

4. **To discuss concerns raised regarding Lineside.**

Councillor K Grey said that she had been contacted by a resident who had concerns with regards to motorbikes being ridden on the play park at Lineside.

Both Councillor K Grey and A Grey visited the play park and said that they had found no evidence to show that any motorbikes had been there.

The Town Clerk had visited the site on a previous occasion and had also seen no evidence of motor bikes being on the park.

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk writes to the resident concerned giving him advice that each incident should be logged and reported to Breckland antisocial behaviour team and the police. The Town Council would liaise with Breckland Council regarding any appropriate action. The Town Council would erect signs forbidding motorcycles.

The Town Council will look into the costings of possibly installing a barrier at the entrance to the park.

5. **To discuss issues around adoption of Colin McLean Trust land near Dunlop Road.**

There is a large area of land (around 20 acres) which was due to be transferred from the original owner to Breckland Council as part of a planning obligation. Breckland were then to maintain it as a public open space in perpetuity.

The way the planning obligation is worded, the obligation to maintain the land as public open space seems to be an obligation on Breckland Council on taking ownership of the land rather than the developer taking ownership of the land.

There are concerns that this has never been transferred to Breckland Council and they are not honouring the original planning obligation.

The committee recommended that the Clerk write to Breckland Council asking what action they are taking to get this land into public ownership and to confirm that the land is protected as public open space in perpetuity.

Chairman