

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024** in the Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Councillors H King (Chairman), K Cogman, R O'Callaghan, Z Flint, H Clarke, S Green, P Morton, A Greenwood, C Coleman, L Monument and P Duigan.

Also in attendance: District Councillor A Webb, Town Clerk T Needham and Deputy Town Clerk J Barron.

**131. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Brooks.

**132. Declaration of Interest.**

Councillors K Cogman, R O'Callaghan and H Clarke declared an interest as they are District Councillors.

*The meeting was adjourned*

District Councillor A Webb gave an update on the Akash restaurant stating that there were legal issues that were causing the delays.

Councillor Webb advised Councillors that there had been some rough sleepers on the Neatherd Moor, the ones sleeping in a car had been offered accommodation in a B & B which they had accepted but the single male sleeping in a tent was not eligible to be housed but was being monitored. She continued by saying that the damaged benches in the Queen Mothers Garden were being reinstalled, gave an update on the D Day grants and asked if the plaque on the Ginko tree on Fleece Meadow could go back up.

*The meeting resumed*

**133. To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor H King announced that he and the Deputy Mayor had attended the following events:

- 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Turn the town Purple Day – Civic Service
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Breckland Civic Reception
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 - Litter Pickers – Great British Spring Clean

The Town Clerk said that there would be a meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm at the Memorial with the potential buyers of the Maltings.

Councillor C Coleman advised that there would be a Partnership Meeting with George Freeman at Church House on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.45pm.

134. To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Proposed by Councillor H King, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed and signed subject to a minor amendments.

135. **Markets & Buildings**

- a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Markets & Buildings Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Markets & Buildings Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed and signed.

- b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendation was agreed and approved by the Council:

**To consider working with Breckland Council to install footfall monitors in the Market Place.**

It was agreed that the Council would contribute the sum of £1,890 over 3 years for the monitoring of footfall and traffic in the Market Place.

136. **Social & Welfare**

- a) To receive from the Chairman, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Social & Welfare Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, the minutes of the Social & Welfare Committee meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments .

- b) To discuss any matters arising and vote on any recommendations listed below.

The following recommendations were agreed and approved by the Council subject to minor amendments:

**To consider Flag Flying Policy/Guidance**

It was agreed that additional flag flying days could be requested to:

- 1) support and raise awareness of worthy causes where it is associated with a community event taking place in Dereham on the day the flag would be raised and will not conflict with another flag day.
- 2) commemorate a significant anniversary e.g. 10 years of a Dereham organisation or a Dereham Branch of a national organisation, provided this does not conflict with another flag day.

It was agreed that it would not normally consider agreeing to requests to light the War Memorial in coloured light. And requests to change the colour of the lights would be referred to committee.

137. **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.

138. **To review Standing Orders**

This item was deferred to the next Full Council meeting.

139. **To receive any updates/reports from members of the Council who are County or District Councillors.**

Councillor R O'Callaghan said that there would be a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April with Breckland Council to discuss the updated Town Delivery Plan.

**Chairman**