

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

At an **Extraordinary Meeting** of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023** in the Council Chambers, Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Councillors H King (Chairman), H Clarke, C Coleman, P Duigan, L Monument, P Morton and R O'Callaghan

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham

41. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Greenwood, A Brooks and K Cogman

42. **Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor C Coleman declared a Personal Interest as she has had involvement with both AboutDereham and the TPWG.

43. **To review the Town Plan Working group (TPWG)**

The Town Plan Working Group is a Partnership between Dereham Town Council and AboutDereham. It was established in January 2021 in response Breckland Council initiating their Future Breckland, Town Delivery Plans (TDPs). The Working Group was initially set up for 12 months.

Councillors discussed the future operation of the TPWG. They recognised that it had been a useful forum for an exchange of views, particularly with regard to the Dereham Town Delivery Plan. The majority of Councillors felt that now was a good time to allow the TPWG to come to a natural end.

Councillors recognised the importance of a "strong voice for Dereham" and the desire of the voluntary sector to add weight to the Council's voice. They agreed that there was no reason why future joint working arrangements could not take place where this would add value and be beneficial to the Town.

In order to maintain and improve communications with AboutDereham, it was suggested that the Town Council and AboutDereham could have regular meetings possibly twice per year to exchange information and views.

The Council would write to the Chairman of AboutDereham.

**Chairman**