

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

23rd July 2024

At a meeting of the **Markets & Buildings Committee** held at the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 23rd July 2024** at 7pm.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), H Clarke, H King, L Monument, and R O'Callaghan.

Also present: Councillors P Duigan and Z Flint, Town Clerk A Needham and Town Council Officer G Snow.

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

Agenda item 4 was discussed prior to Agenda item 3, pending Councillor R O'Callaghan's arrival.

3. **To consider a policy regarding offering live animals as prizes (Cllr O'Callaghan).**

Councillor R O'Callaghan informed the Committee that The RSPCA has been campaigning to have the practice of offering live animals as prizes banned. Giving away live animals as prizes has been banned in Scotland, and 70 Local Authorities in England and Wales have banned the practice on land they control.

The Committee recommended that a Policy be implemented to ban the giving of live animals as prizes on Council owned land.

4. **To consider incentivising additional traders on Tuesday Markets.**

The Committee recommended to incentivise the Dereham Tuesday Market by offering new and current Tuesday Market traders the first 10ft of a pitch at £5 per Tuesday market for a 6 month period, with additional costs for larger stalls. It was also recommended that conditions be put in place to ensure traders attend on a regular basis. This would then be reviewed in 6 months' time.

Councillor R O'Callaghan arrived and apologised for lateness.

5. **To discuss improving parking control at Memorial Hall, Old Cemetery and Recreation Ground.**

The Committee were made aware that with the introduction of parking charges on Breckland car parks, cars could potentially be diverted to other parking opportunities. Some of the risk will be dependent on the final

charging regime for Breckland Council's off-street parking, the committee considered the merits of preparing a strategy so that the Council would be ready to act once the charging regime is known.

The Committee recommended that parking control options for the Memorial Hall car park be looked into as a priority, such as a barrier with keypad access, as this location is the biggest concern with the easiest potential solution.

The Committee also recommended that parking control options for the Recreation Ground car park be looked into, such as time restrictions.

Details of options for both the Memorial Hall and the Recreation Ground are to be brought back to a future Markets & Buildings Committee Meeting for consideration.

6. Update on footfall counters.

The Clerk, updated the Committee to advise that after investigation, NCC were reluctant to place footfall cameras on lamp columns. An alternative option of placing a camera on the Assembly Rooms beneath the clock has been identified as a suitable location. Listed building consent would be required, but this is not expected to be a barrier.

7. Updates on Council Workstreams.

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the following:

- Memorial Hall fire risk assessment updates.
- Minor roof leaks

Chairman