

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

24th July 2018

A meeting of the **Recreation Committee** held in the Assembly Rooms on **Tuesday 24th July 2018** upon the rising of the Heritage and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

Present: Councillors A Bowyer (Chair), P Duigan, K Millbank and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Councillor L Monument, Tony Needham Town Clerk and Jillian Barron Deputy Town Clerk.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Bushell and L Goreham.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To elect a Chairman.**

Councillor K Millbank proposed Councillor A Bowyer, seconded by Councillor P Morton. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor A Bowyer be Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**

Councillor P Duigan proposed Councillor K Millbank, seconded by Councillor P Morton. There were no other nominations, it was agreed that Councillor K Millbank be Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee.
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5. **To consider scheme for refurbishment of Toftwood Play area.**

The committee recommended to accept the Russell Play tender for the refurbishment of Toftwood Play area, subject to some changes in the provision of play equipment which would be delegated to officers to negotiate.
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6. **To consider process of bringing land at the Neatherd into public use.**
This item was deferred and should be included in the Norfolk Wildlife Trust management plan.

7. **To consider beginning the process of identifying land in the south of Dereham to address the shortfall in open space in the south of Dereham.**

The committee recommended that the Town Clerk be authorised to approach NP Law to gain written guidance. Using this guidance the Town Clerk should develop a brief for consultants to identify suitable locations and send the brief out to suitable consultants and invite tenders. These would then be brought back to council to consider the next steps.
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8. **To consider assisting Dereham and District Allotment and Gardeners association to boost membership.**

The committee recommended that £500 be used from the Allotment maintenance budget to support a promotional membership offer. This would operate as follows: the Allotment Association offer a limited offer for up to 70 new members of buy first year and get the second year free membership, the council would then cover the cost of the second years membership.

9. **Exclusion of Press & Public**

Proposed by Councillor A Bowyer seconded by Councillor K Millbank it was agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting on the grounds that the Business to be transacted is confidential and publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest

10. **To consider controlling parking at the Recreation Ground in Dereham.**

The committee recommended that the properties that back directly onto the car park be offered a licence to park in the car park at the Recreation Ground, the charge for a licence would be £50 per car for a five year period, with a maximum of two licences per household.

11. **To consider response to ongoing query regarding Lineside.**

The committee recommended improving the play area at Lineside by installing some new play equipment and benches. Proposal and cost would be brought to Full Council in August.

Chairman