

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

14th January 2020

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 14th January 2020** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors S Green (Chairman), C Bunting, H Bushell, H Clarke, P Duigan, A Grey, K Grey and P Morton.

Also in attendance: County Councillor W Richmond, District Councillor A Webb, Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron and Town Council Officer Gemma Drew.

130. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Brooks, H King, L Monument and T Monument.

131. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned

District Councillor A Webb advised the meeting of Breckland Councils Housing Strategy saying that they would be holding a two-week homeless workshop. She also reported on fly tipping and fly posting.

District Councillor A Webb spoke of the Akash Restaurant (unsightly sites) explaining that Breckland Council are still trying to find out who is ultimately responsible for the building before they can go any further with regards to repairs.

County Councillor W Richmond said that he had been approached by a resident of Dereham who raised concerns about speeding and antisocial behaviour in Baxter Row. County Councillor W Richmond invited the resident to attend the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting which would take place on Wednesday 15th January 2020 7pm at Northgate High School.

The meeting resumed.

132. **To receive announcements.**

The Town Clerk announced that there would be a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

133. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 10th December 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Full Council meeting Tuesday 10 th December 2019 were agreed and signed.

134. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning** meeting held on **Tuesday 10th December 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor P Morton, the minutes of the Planning meeting Tuesday 10th December 2019 were agreed and signed.

135. **Markets & Buildings Committee**
(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 26th November 2019.**

Proposed by Councillor H Clarke, seconded by Councillor P Duigan, the minutes of the Markets & Buildings Committee meeting Tuesday 26th November 2019 were agreed and signed.

136. **To receive and adopt the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor H Clarke, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

137. **To consider grant application.**

Proposed by Councillor S Green, seconded by Councillor P Morton and put to the vote. It was agreed that Dereham Debt Centre be given a grant of £300.

138. **To consider Climate Change working group recommendations.**

The following recommendations were agreed:

- Switch all electricity and gas suppliers to zero carbon non – nuclear (get 3 quotes)
- When refurbishing buildings aim to make them as close to zero carbon as is reasonably possible
- Look at recycling glass bottles at Memorial Hall
- Write to Breckland Council to request Swaffham style recycling bins in town centre
- Consider any zero carbon alternatives when replacing vehicles and mowers
- Council to offer a cycle to work scheme to employees
- Plant a small number of trees on the Neatherd in February 2020
- Continue to challenge planning applications that do not provide good walking or cycling links

139. **To consider restoring ponds and creating new ponds for great crested newts.**

Just before Christmas the Clerk was made aware of a project to restore and create ponds for Great Crested Newts (GCN). The project is jointly run by Norfolk County Council, Natural England and UCL, the project funding has funding to the end of March, but works on ponds really needs to be carried out in January before hibernating GCN begin to migrate back to their breeding ponds.

It was agreed that the following proposed work would start immediately:

1. Clear the two ponds on Abbott's field
2. Clear the two ponds on Etling Green North
3. Create a new pond on the 8 acres

Chairman