

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

8<sup>th</sup> January 2013

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

**Present:** Councillors L Monument (Chair), T Birt, A Bowyer, P Duigan, M Fanthorpe, R Goreham, R Hambidge and T Monument.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, District Councillor W Richmond, Mr R Richmond and Mr G Bambridge.

116. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Green, K Millbank, L Goreham and H Rogers.

117. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

*The meeting was adjourned for public speaking.*

Councillor R Hambidge asked Councillor P Duigan how active the new recycling centre was.

Councillor P Duigan replied it was as active as had been expected; he also advised that the Broadband Contract had now been signed.

*The meeting resumed.*

118. **To receive announcements.**

Councillor A Bowyer informed the meeting that she had attended the reopening of the newly refurbished Foxley Ward at Dereham Hospital.

119. **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor T Birt, the minutes were agreed and signed subject to the following amendments in minute 102. 'District' be added in front of 'Councillor Richmond' and the word 'Twining' be changed to 'Twinning'.

120. **Finance**

(a) **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

(b) To receive a report from the Chairman, discuss any matters arising therefrom and vote on recommendations.

Proposed by Councillor T Birt, seconded by Councillor R Hambidge, the minutes were agreed and signed subject to the following amendment 'Councillor S Green' being added as present.

The following recommendations were approved by the Council without amendments:

- i. Grant Applications:
  - Dereham & Dist Allotment Society - £175
  - Dereham Cricket Club - £500 (To be released when club raise additional funding)
  - Dereham Cancer Care - £500
  - Sing together - £250
- ii. That £10,000 buildings repair budget, the following would be priori for this year
  - New fire alarm system for the Assembly Rooms (part funded from Headborough Trust)
  - Refurbish Cemetery Bier
  - Repair corner of Churchyard Wall
- iii. That £2800 be budgeted for to purchase a new mower deck and a new strimmer.
- iv. That £20,000 be reallocated to Memorial Hall construction to cover additional items and to refer these items back to the Market and Buildings Committee to consider.
- v. That any underspend from 2012/13 in allotments and grants be carried forward into the 2013/14 financial year.

121. **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning Meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor M Fanthorpe, the minutes of the plans meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were agreed and signed.

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

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor T Birt, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of account to be paid were agreed and signed.

123. **Exclusion of Press & Public**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor R Hambidge, 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.

124. **To Consider Sale of part of Fleece Meadow.**

The developers purchasing the plot had requested a discount on the asking price because the unstable soil conditions encountered on site increased the build costs, and that without the discount, the project would be unviable. Councillors considered the option of not offering a discount but felt that would delay the sale and could even result in a lower offer. Councillors noted the independent appraisal recently conducted by Savills estate agent of the market value of the site. The appraisal concluded that any offer over £200,000 is a good return in the current market conditions. Councillors therefore agreed to accept an amount to ensure that they would not receive less than £200,000 once agents fees have been taken into consideration.

Proposed by Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor P Duigan and put to the vote, it was agreed that the final offer of £205,000 be put to purchaser.

Chairman