

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

9th April 2013

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 9th April 2013** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

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

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, District Councillor W Richmond, Mr R Richmond, Mr & Mrs Whiteside, Mrs Valerie Toll, Mr John Toll, Mr Perry, Tracy Walby, Julie Green, Mr D Beale, Mrs S Wolfe, Mr B Webb, Mrs A Webb, Mr W Gravett, Mr D Wheeler and Mr R Atterwell.

156. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Monument.

157. **Declaration of Interest.**

Councillor H Rogers declared an interest in minute 165 as his wife is the tenant of 62 Norwich Street, Councillor Bowyer declared an interest in minute 164 as she lives at Etling Green and Councillor L Monument declared an interest in minute 162 as there was payment of her mayoral allowance.

The meeting was adjourned for public speaking.

Mr Brian Webb (*Chairman Dereham Windmill Trustees*) thanked the Town Council for all their help and support and advised them that the scaffolding would be erected tomorrow ready for work to start on the windmill.

Mr Roger Atterwell asked the Town Council if any progress has been made with Norfolk County Council regarding the orange barriers outside Hammondlee. He also asked Councillors about the refurbishment of the public toilets at Barwells Court and their location and the location of a bus interchange.

Councillor P Duigan answered saying that he had no further information regarding the orange barriers and that no other area had been designated for a bus interchange other than the centre of town and that the public toilets would get a lot of use.

Councillor R Hambidge said that the location of the bus interchange had been talked about for at least 5 years and the only suitable location was the Market Place and therefore the best place for public toilets would be Barwells Court. He also said that he felt that Dencora should provide public toilets on their development.

Councillor L Goreham said that a few years ago Norfolk County Council had talked about buses coming into town one way.

Councillor P Duigan explained that plans were still in existence but lack of funding made it a low priority for the County Council.

Councillor L Monument advised that the Library had good toilets that could

be used at any time during opening hours.

Mr William Gravett told councillors that the roadway at Neatherd Moor was being made worse by parents picking up their children from school and that he would like to see more repairs carried out and there was a need for more parking. He went on to say that the dustcart now has to reverse down the road and people's drives are being used as a turning point by some motorists.

Councillor L Monument explained that up until a year ago Breckland Council carried out repairs but now they have less funds they have gone to a barrister to get legal advice to see if that have to carry out the repairs.

Mrs Whiteside said that cars were now blocking her driveway and that the oil tanker could not get up to her bungalow to deliver the oil. She also said that due to the state of the road she was unable to get out in her mobility scooter.

Tony Needham (*Town Clerk*) said that byelaw 8 says that there should be no parking and that Breckland Council are responsible for the byelaws.

Mr D Wheeler said that the signs erected by Breckland Council suggest that the roadway is dangerous for pedestrians, if so then something should be done.

Councillor L Monument explained that the signs were only a warning of a risk.

The meeting resumed.

158. **To receive announcements.**

There were no announcements.

159. **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2013.**

Proposed by Councillor K Millbank, seconded by Councillor T Birt, the minutes were agreed and signed.

160. **Finance**

(a) **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2013**

Proposed by Councillor T Birt, seconded by Councillor R Hambidge, the minutes were agreed and signed.

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

The following recommendations were approved by the council without amendments:

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| I. | That the £20,000 funding be released to allow the stocks and sails to be completed as soon as possible. |
| II. | The following grants be awarded: Friends of Dereham Windmill £462.51 to cover the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall for a Fundraising |

	event. Dereham Band £480. Sponsorship for three summer concerts in the Queen Mothers Garden.
III.	That any underspend in the repairs budget for 58 Norwich Street be carried forward into the new financial year.
IV.	That where reference was made to the Chairman of Finance and Governance, this would be followed by 'and the Mayor'.
V.	That the Council obtain quotes from specialist companies who could give a comprehensive review of Internal Audit and financial controls for the Council and that the review should include identifying ways in which the Council could work more efficiently.
VI.	That Douglas Harrow be reappointed as the internal Auditor for 2013/14.
VII.	That the risk assessments for cash handling and banking be written up formally.

161. **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning Meetings Tuesday 12th March.**

Proposed by Councillor K Millbank, seconded by Councillor H Rogers the minutes of the plans meeting 12th March were agreed and signed,

162. **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 K Millbank, the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

163. **To consider constituents concerns regarding the speed of traffic (including buses) on Wellington Road and the fact that the pavements are not wide enough.**

Councillor R Goreham explained that he had been contacted by a resident of Wellington Road who raised her concerns regarding the speed of the traffic on Wellington Road and how vulnerable pedestrians felt on the narrow pavements.

Councillor P Duigan said that he would speak to Paul Selleck at Norfolk County Council regarding this problem and raise it at the next Police Community Action Group.

164. **To consider delegating authority to sign and seal Deed of Covenant relating to the sale of properties at Etling View.**

Postponed as information not received.

165. **To sign lease with @theGallery2012Ltd.**

Councillors agreed that delegated authority should be given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the lease with @theGallery2012Ltd.

166. **To consider signing easement of Oldencroft, Little Neatherd.**

Postponed as information not received.

167. **To consider options for Neatherd Track.**

Councillor K Millbank proposed that the Town Council write to Breckland District Council asking them to remove the bollards at their expense, and that Dereham Town Council take over the car parks on the Neatherd and grade the roadway to certain degree, seconded by Councillor R Hambidge and agreed unanimously.

168. **To consider funding for Barwell Court toilets.**

Councillors agreed that money put aside to purchase land for open spaces in Toftwood should be used as funding for the refurbishment of Barwell Court Toilet and when the land at Fleece Meadow is sold this money should go back into the funding for the purchase of land for open spaces at Toftwood.

Chairman