

# DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

14<sup>th</sup> May 2013

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 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, S Green, R Hambidge and K Millbank.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Deputy Town Clerk Jillian Barron, District & County Councillor W Richmond, Mr R Richmond, Mr Cripps and Martin George (EDP).

169. **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Rogers and T Monument.

170. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

*The meeting was adjourned for public speaking.*

County and District Councillor W Richmond advised Councillors that there was funding available from the Heritage Fund should they wish to apply for funding to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the zeppelin raid on Dereham. He also said that he would be arranging a meeting between himself, Paul Sellick and the Town Clerk to discuss issues on behalf of the Town Council.

*The meeting resumed.*

171. **To receive announcements.**

The Town Clerk advised Councillors that Norfolk County Councillor Paul Gilmour sent his apologies for this meeting.

172. **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor M Fanthorpe, the minutes were agreed and signed subject to the following amendment in public speaking 'Councillor L Monument advised that the Library had good toilets that could be used at any time during opening hours'

173. **Recreation**

(a) **To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.**

Proposed by Councillor K Millbank, seconded by Councillor L Monument, the minutes were agreed and signed subject to the following amendment in minute 4 'providing the Mayor can hand out the prizes).

(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:

- i. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the resident of 51a London Road asking for confirmation that they are the owners of the property but not

the garden wall. Once this has been confirmed the Council will take down the wall and replace it with a two strand wire fence.

- ii. It was agreed that Breckland Council be given permission to hold a fun run at the Recreation Ground providing that the Mayor can hand out the prizes.
- iii. It was agreed that if Breckland Council does not amend the Land Registry entry then the Town Council should pursue the matter with the Land Registry and incur the cost of preparing any submission.
- iv. It was agreed that the community be asked for nominations and these nominations be brought back to the June committee meeting.

174. **Heritage & Open Spaces**

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

Proposed by Councillor P Duigan, seconded by Councillor K Millbank the minutes were agreed and signed.

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

Councillor P Duigan proposed that £900 be granted to Dereham Antiquarian Society to help with running costs, this was seconded by Councillor M Fanthorpe and agreed.

The following recommendations were approved by the Council without amendments:

- i. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between the Town Clerk, Councillor P Duigan, Dereham Antiquarian Society and the curator of Gressenhall Museum to understand the details of the request and bring a recommendation to Full Council.
- ii. It was agreed that a questionnaire be drafted to find out what concerns the residents of the Neatherd have regarding the track and parking at the Neatherd, a draft brought back to the May Full Council meeting for approval.

175. **To receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning Meetings Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, seconded by Councillor K Millbank, the minutes of the plans meetings 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 were agreed and signed.

176. **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 accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

177. **To consider sending a formal invitation to both newly elected County councillors with the object of discussing and resolving NCC related issues within Dereham and town matters in general (Cllrs R Goreham, L Goreham, M Fanthorpe)**

Councillor R Goreham proposed that a letter be sent to the new County Councillors inviting them to attend Town Council meetings, they should also be sent a list of the

dates for all council meetings.

178. **To sign deed of easement for Oldencroft (Neatherd).**

The easement for Oldencroft (Neatherd) was sealed and signed.

179. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Proposed by Councillor L Monument, 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.

180. **To consider sale of part of Fleece Meadow.**

The Clerk updated the meeting as the progress regarding the sale of Fleece Meadow, Councillors viewed a letter sent on the 9<sup>th</sup> May to Mr Rogers, notifying him that we were looking to him to complete the purchase without further delay.

The Clerk reminded councillors that if the sale does not proceed, then the planning consent would lapse at the end of October if there was no meaningful start on site. If the planning consent lapsed, a new application would need to be made at a future date under existing planning policies. Under current policies, a new application would need to include affordable housing which would significantly reduce the value of the site. Therefore to maintain the value of the site, the Council would need to take steps to carry out what would constitute a meaningful start on site.

This work would initially involve:

- An appraisal of the planning conditions and agree with the Planning Authority what work would constitute a start on site, this would cost around £325.
- Preparation of a scheme for the works (ready to tender) which would cost around £525.

Councillor T Birt proposed that the Council takes action immediately to secure the planning consent so that the land can be marketed in future years. The Clerk should endeavour to identify the minimum works needed to protect the planning consent and that the proposed scheme should be brought back to Council for approval. This was agreed

Chairman