

DEREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

12th December 2017

At a meeting of the **Full Council** held on **Tuesday 12th December 2017** in the Assembly Rooms at **7.30pm**.

Present: Councillors H Bushell (Chairman), A Bowyer, H Clarke, P Duigan, B Frith, L Goreham, R Hambidge, C Jordan, L Monument and P Morton.

Also in attendance: Town Clerk Tony Needham, Town Council Officer Thelma Jackson and County & District Councillor W Richmond.

85. **To receive any World War One centenary commemorations.**

On this centenary we remember:

Rifleman Perival Robert Eglon
9th Battalion – Rifle Brigade
Died 13th December 1917 in Flanders

Private Sidney Victor Gray
587th Mechanical Transport Company – Army Service Corps
Died 16th December 1917 in France

Private John Norman Monument
7th Battalion – Norfolk Regiment
Died 8th December 1917 in Le Cateau Military Hospital, France

86. **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Millbank and T Monument.

87. **Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned.

Councillor P Duigan said concerns had been raised about the Konect 4 bus, and that Norfolk County Council were looking at all the subsidised bus services. A resident of Toftwood explained that she relies on buses for trips to the doctors and to the hospital, she also had concerns about elderly villagers getting into the town to do shopping. Councillor P Jordan replied that Norfolk County Council were consulting with the public and no decision about cutting any services had been made. Councillors encouraged members of the public to respond to the consultation.

District Councillor A Webb reported that on 29th November she had attended a SNAP meeting and drink driving, speeding and drugs are the priority issues for the police in December. Councillor Webb also said that she had attended the Planning Committee at Breckland Council on Monday 11th December when she raised concerns about sewerage, housing density and play space on the planned Orbit housing development. Councillor Webb then reported that the windmill

volunteers have raised £5000 towards the painting of the windmill and she expressed her appreciation of public support for the windmill. The Mayor Councillor H Bushell thanked all the windmill volunteers.

District and County Councillor W Richmond reported that as part of the county budget consultation he had put forward concerns about the cutting of gritting routes and asked for vehicular height and width restrictions for St Nicholas Street.

88. **To receive announcements.**

The Mayor, Councillor H Bushell announced that she had attended the following events:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 20 th November 2017 | - | An evening with St Nicholas bell ringers |
| 22 nd November 2017 | - | Police liason meeting |
| 24 th November 2017 | - | Cancer Care where she met Councillor Duigan who had lunch there |
| 26 th November 2017 | - | Hunstanton Civic Service |
| 28 th November 2017 | - | Forget Me Nots at Dereham library |
| 3 rd December 2017 | - | Dereham Christmas Lights event |
| 6 th December 2017 | - | Mens Shed at Dereham library |
| 8 th December 2017 | - | Northgate School meeting the children and looking at traffic issues |
| 9 th December 2017 | - | Song for Christmas at Dereham Memorial Hall |
| 10 th December 2017 | - | St John's Ambulance awards and service at Swaffham church |
| 11 th December 2017 | - | Norwich Street ATC centre awards |

Councillor Bushell then told the meeting that Councillor Goreham would not be giving Christmas cards this year but had made a donation to the Mayor's charity.

89. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 14th November 2017.**

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell. seconded by Councillor A Bowyer, the minutes of the Full Council Tuesday 14 th November 2017 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments.

90. **Finance & Governance.**

(a) To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell. seconded by Councillor R Hambidge, the
--

minutes of the Finance & Governance meeting Tuesday 5th December 2017 were agreed and signed subject to minor amendments.

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

The Town Clerk clarified that the total cost of painting the windmill would be £15,000, the windmill volunteers had raise £5,000 towards the cost and the Town Council would make up the £10,000 shortfall.

The following recommendations were approved and agreed by the council.

To consider grant applications.

The following grants were recommended:

Organisation	Amount recommended	Purpose
The Milestone Society	£25	Repainting 1869 Etling Green Milestone and attach cast-iron plate.
Dementia Friendly Dereham	£500	Pay for qualified trainer to offer dementia training, production of information leaflets and promotional flag.
Dereham Band	£300	To cover cost of two afternoon concerts in Queen Mothers Garden.

To consider grant applications for WW1Commeration.

Organisation	Amount recommended	Purpose
Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall	£755	To support the production of 1 st WW themed play coming to Memorial Hall
St Nicholas Church	£630	For display boards and reproduction of photographs and records for 1 st WW display.

To consider Revenue Budgets 2018-19.

The Committee considered the revenue budget the recommendations are attached to the minutes.

To consider increases to fees and charges for 2018-19.

The Committee recommended the following changes to fees:

Allotments 3%, Burial Fees 3%, Assembly Rooms room lettings 3%, Memorial Hall lettings 3%, Tennis Court fees 3%

To consider the 5 year Capital/ Project Budget.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Council make up the

shortfall in funds to enable the Windmill to be painted and that the Clerk would check the cost and report this to Full Council in December.

To consider Precept Requirements 2018-19.

The Committee considered the costs and risks facing the Council in 2018 through to 2023.

The Committee recommended that in order to meet the Council's budget requirements and allow funding for future projects that Council Tax be increased by 4% from £140.41 per year to £146.03 per year,

91. To receive, confirm as correct and sign the minutes of the **Planning** meeting held on **Tuesday 14th November 2017** and **Tuesday 28th November 2017**.

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor L Monument the minutes of the Planning meeting Tuesday 14th November 2017 were agreed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor L Monument the minutes of the Planning meeting Tuesday 28th November 2017 were agreed and signed subject to a minor spelling amendment

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

Proposed by Councillor H Bushell, seconded by Councillor C Jordan the list of accounts paid, the Financial Statement and list of accounts to be paid were agreed and signed.

93. **To consider consultation to install sewer pipe on Neatherd Moor.**

Councillor P Morton said that Anglian Water have a statutory right to lay pipes where required, however we should ask them to ensure the Moor is restored to the same state or better. The Clerk T Needham explained that the majority of the pipe would be 'tunneled' but we could ask for improvements to the surface of the track.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk contact Anglian Water and suggest they may want to contribute to some improvements on the Neatherd.

94. **To consider a response to Norfolk County Council consultation.**

Councillors discussed Norfolk County Council's consultation regarding cuts to subsidised bus services and to the gritting routes.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would send the following collective response from the Town Council to Norfolk County Council YOUR BIT TONY.

95. **Exclusion of Press & Public.**

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.

96. **To consider work undertaken by Create Consulting.**

Proposed by Councillor R Hambidge, seconded by Councillor A Bowyer, it was agreed to initiate a claim against Create Consulting.

Chairman